

SA926864

Miniature Bracket Clock By Elkington & Co

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA926864****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Description

A very small and charming bracket or mantel clock in a carved mahogany case with an engraved silvered roman dial. The eight day movement strikes the hours on a gong, with an associated mahogany wall bracket. A mantel clock by Elkington & Co can be found in the Royal Collection, having previously been owned by Queen Mary. The firm Elkington & Co. is one of the most important names associated with the production of silver plate and decorative objects in England in the 19th century. Formed as a silversmith in Birmingham in 1836, the business was the creation of its founder George Richards Elkington (1800-1865) who although initially trained as a maker of silver-mounted scent bottles, progressed his career with experiments to improve gilding techniques. By the late 1830's Elkington began to apply the principals of electro-metallurgy to gilding and plating with silver and by 1838 he had discovered and patented a new way to bond silver onto the surface of another metal using electricity. The firm of Elkington rapidly went into the full-scale production of silver electroplated wares and received all important financial backing from Josiah Mason in 1842 to the extent that the f...

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