

SA929989

Early Victorian Cased Miniature Baleen Telescope by WE & F Newton of Fleet Street

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA929989****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian pocket field telescope with baleen cover and original Morocco leather case by WE & F Newton, Fleet Street, London. This super miniature brass six draw telescope has a one-inch diameter objective lens with a rare red and black striped baleen covered barrel and original brass end cap. The case is covered in original dark red leather with eye hook closers and a red velvet sectioned interior. The contents also include the original stand with barrel clasp and end cap which reveals a threaded screw rather than legs, making it practical for use in the field where it may be screwed down into a tree branch for stability. The set is completed with an additional eye piece lens. The origins of the Newton business can sensibly begin with Nathaniel Hill, a self-described "globe maker and engraver" who worked at The Sun & Globe on Chancery Lane from 1746 to 1764 and amongst a number of apprentices took on a Thomas Bateman. Bateman's early working dates are unclear but he eventually succeeded his former master maintaining the same address and in turn took on a John Newton from Hitchin as his apprentice in 1774. By 1781 it seems that Bateman's business had b...

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