

SA946769

Victorian reading stand by W.Tonks & Sons Birmingham

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA946769****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 114 cm (44.9")

Description

Stamped to the underside with the eight-pointed 'sun' trade mark and the initials WT&S. Circa 1890. The cast iron base still retains its original castors and remains of original paint finish. The central pole is topped with a ribbed brass finial and supports the fully adjustable oak reading tray. All working smoothly. Height 114cm Notes: WT&S, W. Tonks & Sons, manufacturer of architectural hardware, art metalware, campaign metalware and ecclesiastical metalwork. William Tonks founded this firm circa 1790, they went on and won gold medals at the 1851 and 1862 Exhibitions in London and in 1855 at Paris. A larger factory in Moseley Street was opened in the early 1860s. By 1869 they had developed the eight-pointed 'sun' trademark with the 'WT&S' initials. By the 1900's these initials had been dropped.

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