

SA991549

An important Vernier
Theodolite by Elliott Bros. of
London - signed 'J F Bateman'

Price

GBP 675

| USD \$912 | EUR 789

Item Reference: SA991549

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 38.5 cm (15.2")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

This fine vernier theodolite by Elliot Bros of London was until recently in the collection of a retired optical engineer, and it was one of several instruments Culvertons were invited to purchase. Not only, is it a highly decorative example of 19th Century instrument making, but it is also inscribed twice with the signature 'J F Bateman'. The significance of this signature only became apparent after some research. This vernier theodolite appears to have belonged to the celebrated English civil engineer John Frederick Bateman. [Wikipedia John Frederick La Trobe Bateman FRSE FRS MICE FRGS FGS FSA (30 May 1810 – 10 June 1889) was an English civil engineer whose work formed the basis of the modern United Kingdom water supply industry. For more than 50 years from 1835, he designed and constructed reservoirs and waterworks. His largest project was the Longdendale Chain system that supplied Manchester with much of its water since the 19th century. The construction of what was in its day the largest chain of reservoirs in the world began in 1848 and was completed in 1877. Bateman became "the greatest dam-builder of his generation". Bateman also worked on water supply systems...

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