

Impressive Charles Baker compound microscope

£645



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Height: 52 cm (20.5")

Width: 16 cm (6.3")

Depth: 25 cm (9.8")

Description

An impressive compound microscope by Baker of 244 High Holborn with original mercury glass mirror and a selection of additional lenses, circa 1860.

Charles Baker, operating from 244 High Holborn, London, was a notable Victorian instrument maker specialising in optical, surgical, and mathematical tools. Established firms dating back to around 1765 gradually became formally associated with Charles Baker, actively trading from the mid-19th century.

His workshop at 243-244 High Holborn offered affordable and quality microscopes, student instruments, sympiesometers, and engineering rulers engraved with "Baker, 244 High Holborn, London".

Post Baker's death in 1893, the Curties family took over, and the business was later absorbed by Vickers Instruments in the 1950s and '60s. The address became synonymous with scientific precision and Victorian-era craftsmanship.