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Item Overview

Description: Brass Surveyor's Compass by B. Chandlee

Circa late 1700's. Face engraved with compass rose and directionals and marked "B* Chandlee / Baltimore". The face is also engraved with a circular dial at south, labeled P (for pole), and graduated every 20 poles and labeled every 40 to a total of 320 poles (1 mile). The "P" dial was used to keep track of linear distances surveyed. Through an opening in the "P" dial, a number is visible on a rotating dial, probably recording the number of miles. One arm (labeled "1") is engraved with a table headed "L-T" with equivalents marked from 2.5-1 to 22.5-9. Screw holding arm sight is incorrect, one screw securing compass box is missing. Else very nice condition. Compass is 5 7/8" diameter and 14 1/2" across arms.

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