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Antique Surveyor's Circumferentor G.B.Graves W.Schmolz

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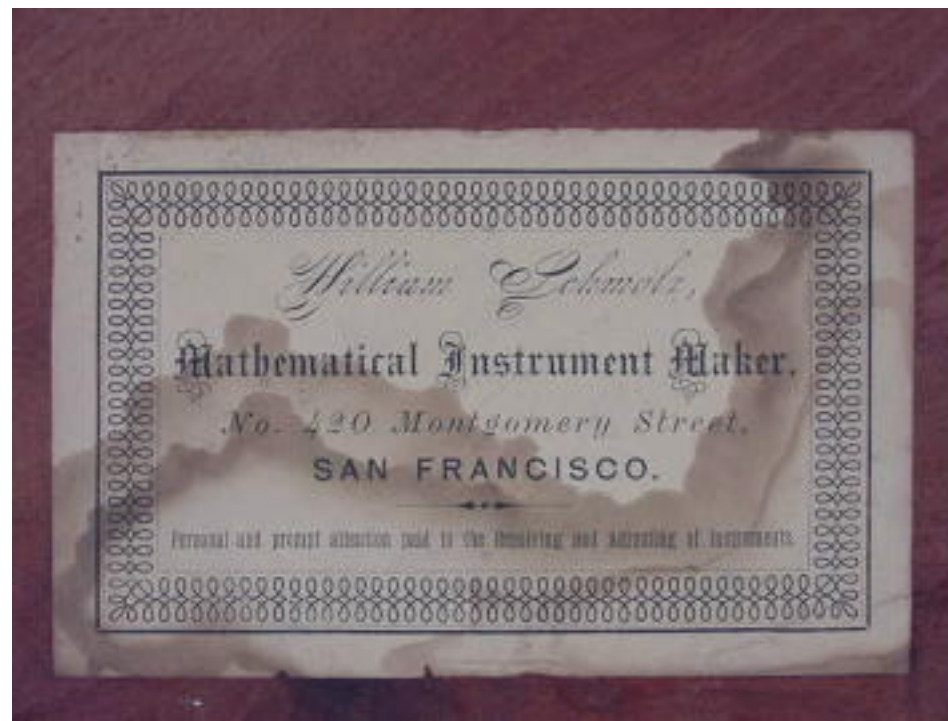
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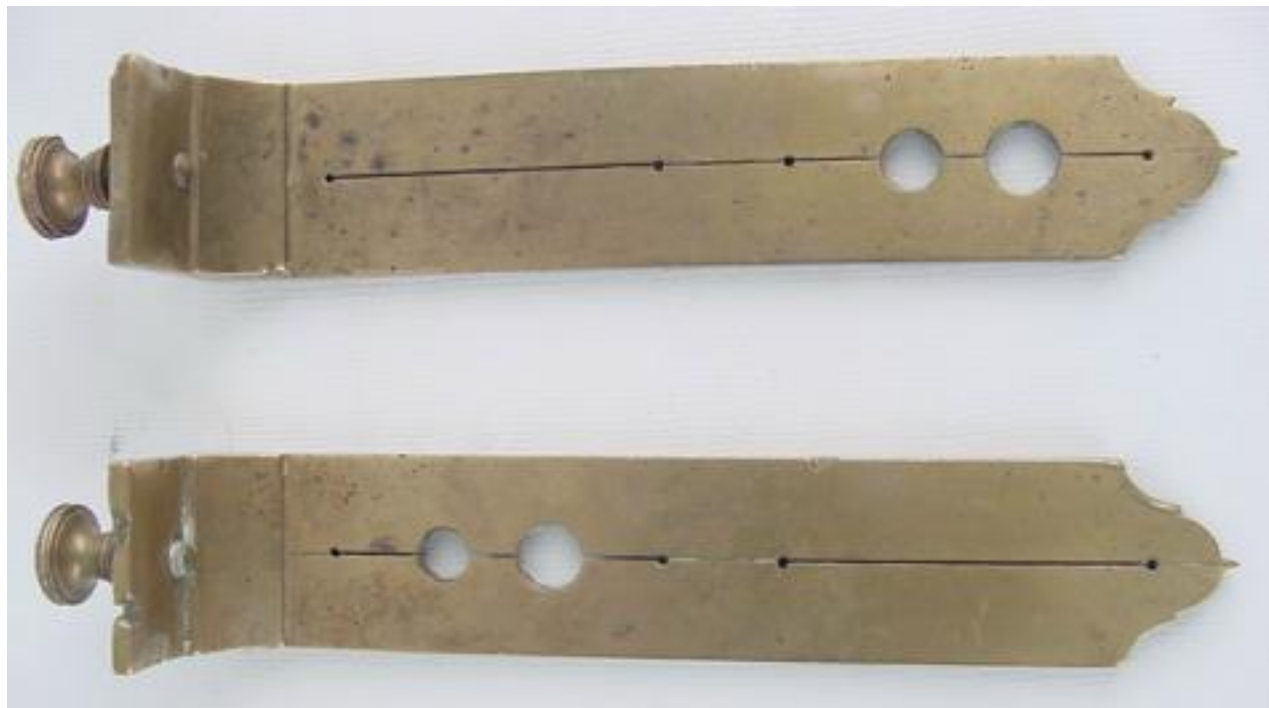
The surveying compass is offered as found and although it was obviously kept polished during its working life it shows the irregular patina of long time storage. It is signed on the dial "G.B.Graves, Winchester". Some years ago I spent a day in the library and archives in Winchester England and although I checked from 1750-1900. I could find no trace of him. There was a Graves family of musical instrument makers in Winchester New Hampshire about this time but the initials are all wrong. The fact that it has the label of William Schmolz attached would indicate that it was in his hands at one time or another, maybe for repair or setting up but he could have been the agent. I found it in the Main Antique Mall in Medford Oregon quite a few years ago where it had come up from California. The dial is 6 inches diameter and the overall length is 14 ½ inches. It is an assembly of crudely cast brass parts which contain many small blowholes and imperfections. The scribed layout lines for the contours and drilled holes can be plainly seen so the instrument was entirely handmade. There is no bubble on the instrument but there is a compartment in the box for something or other. This could be for a bubble mounted in teak or suchlike(along the lines of a miniature builder's level) which was brought out and set on the glass for levelling. This of course is pure speculation. There are two thumbwheels on the base, the first is the needle lock. The second operates a click counter which counts from 1-16. The small scribed dial has 320 divisions in increments of 20 and an indicator on the center shaft. When the counter is advanced this indicator follows in steps of 20 per click. The box has a shrink crack through the bottom and one side has broken away where it is notched for the arm rest. As you can see it underwent a field repair many years ago. The hardware and lock are in good condition and it looks like the original key. Please email for further information or pictures.

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<p>Q: Nice compass. I have another by George Graves. I am interested in bidding on this item. Could you send me a bigger picture (higher quality) picture...more</p> <p>A: Hi JDKALE, I have published the best pictures I can with my equipment. The dial is of course behind glass and this has an effect on clarity etc. If you...more</p>	Nov-10-05
<p>Q: Do you have any history with your compass?</p> <p>A: Hi, The only provenance I have is as I stated in my listing. All the best Jim Reid.</p>	Nov-09-05
<p>Q: I forgot to tell you that the Winchester is from Winchester Virginia. Graves work was influenced by another Winchester Virginia maker, Goldsmith Chandlee....more</p> <p>A: Hi Winston, Thanks for the info. I am delighted and will check out your website right away. All the best Jim.</p>	Nov-09-05
<p>Q: Hi Jim, This is a great compass, very collectable. I have entered a sizeable bid, hoping to get this instrument. I am writing to let you know it's...more</p> <p>A: Hi Winston, Have no fear, I will not be ending any of my auctions early. As a collector and in later years dealer in antiques and collectables I am well...more</p>	Nov-09-05

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