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## Magnificent Combination Gurley Transit

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## Description

This is a truly remarkable solar and mining transit by the W. & L.E. Gurley Company of Troy, NY, built on a light mountain frame. Burt solar transits are extremely rare, as are mining transits with the high-lift auxiliary telescope. But to find a single instrument with both features is truly astonishing!! With the Burt solar attachment the transit could be used for public land and other types of surveying where use of the magnetic needle is prohibited. With the 8 1/2-inch long top-mounted telescope on high posts it is capable of sighting down steeply inclined mine shafts. The angled standards and positions of the verniers are said to date it after 1886. The main telescope is 8 inches long. There is a 4-inch needle, a 5 1/2-inch horizontal circle reading by vernier to one minute, and a 5-inch vertical half arc also reading to one minute. The one piece non-extendable tripod legs are jointed. On top of the tripod head is a rarely-seen Gurley quick-leveling adaptor. This instrument seems to have everything. There are some small tools plus a sunshade. The exterior appearance of the transit is blotchy with scratched-off black paint. It appears that someone began a restoration project and didn't follow through. There is always a question about restoring an old

instrument but this magnificent combination solar and mining transit is really deserving. On the other hand it is a real treasure just as it is. The instrument is complete with tripod and mahogany fitted case. Cashier's check or money order preferred for faster shipment. Personal checks are OK but item is held up to 2 weeks until check clears. Buyer pays shipping and insurance. Payment is to be received within 10 days of close of bidding. California residents



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