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## 1790 Bowditch Wooden Compass - Salem, Mass.

Item # 2536492726

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### Payment Instructions

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Current bid	<b>US \$2,600.00</b> <i>(reserve not yet met)</i>	Starting bid	<b>US \$499.99</b>
Quantity	<b>1</b>	# of bids	<b>14</b> <a href="#">Bid history</a>
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Seller (rating) **Feedback rating: 114** with 100% **positive** feedback reviews ([Read all reviews](#))  
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Payment **money order/cashiers check, or personal check.**

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## Description

### 1790 Signed Wooden Compass Hand-Made in Salem



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This is a late 18th Century hand-made wooden compass. It was made by John Jayne in Salem circa 1790's and was given to Nathaniel Bowditch, who was one of America's leading scientists during the Jeffersonian era (best known for his translation of Pierre Leplace's "TRaite de MTcanique CTleste"). In two places the compass bears Jayne's engraved signature. The band portion of the compass measures 2 x 14 inches, while the face measures 6 inches in diameter. The two pegs measure each 3/4 x 5 inches, and are in excellent condition with "Made by John Jayne, Salem" etched into the front. The face of the compass is beautifully engraved, including the name "John Jayne," an eagle emblem, and a larger emblem with "Wightman Sculp." enscribed across it. Around the face the glass was sealed with a putty of some kind and then painted over. The seal is cracked in a few places, but all together still well intact. The front of the compass is in excellent condition, with only a small chip near the top peg. The bottom of the compass has some chips in the wood around the bottom of the oval (Please note: The two white dots on the image showing the backside are not part of the compass and only appear there in this image.) Hopefully the rest of the pictures speak for themselves. If you should have any questions, or like additional images, please e-mail me at EbaynMatt@hotmail.com. High bidder pays for shipping on this item. Thank you, and good luck if you should choose to bid.

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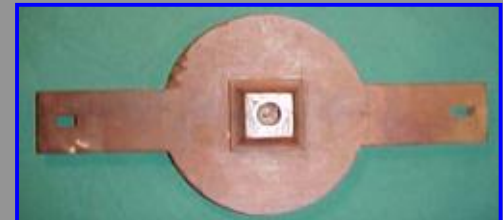
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On Jun-09-03 at 18:43:26 PDT, seller added the following information:

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Hello, this is a message from the consignor concerning the provenance of the Bowditch/Jayne Compass:

This compass comes with a notarized statement from Phillip Bowditch, direct descendent of Nathaniel Bowditch. Other Nathaniel Bowditch items (photographs, books, samplers, and military items will also be offered for sale through ebay seller K-townconsignments. The John Jayne compass is one of only a handful of known pieces and is very rare. The Bowditch family is associated with the house of Seven Gables in Salem Massachusetts. The purchaser may speak directly to the owner if so desired. Thank you.

If you should have any further questions, please let me know.

Thanks, and best of luck to those who choose to bid, Matt k-townconsignments

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