

Small library clock, James Hux Piccadilly



A good mid 19th century ebonised four glass clock by James Hux, 20 Down St., Piccadilly. This clock has been really well looked after over its 160-odd years of life. The case edges are still relatively sharp, and all locks are original and in working order. Altogether it is an excellent example of a small library timepiece that remains in original condition.

Bevelled glass panel to the top and shaped cornice, over similar glazed side panels to an ogee moulded base on a plinth

The signed 3½ inch silvered dial has finely engraved decoration to the corners, and is signed *James Hux, 20 Down St., PICCADILLY* and numbered 454. It has Roman numerals and blued steel moon hands within a silvered bezel.

The 8-day fusee movement has an anchor escapement, and is numbered 454 on the front-plate, matching the serial number engraved on the dial.

James Hux is listed in *Watchmakers and Clockmakers of the World, Vol. 2*, by Brian Loomes, 1851-63. He is known to have made many pocket watches. Letters to the Editor in *Antiquarian Horology* Vol X (1977) tell us that one known watch with duplex escapement is signed in the backplate *Jas. Hux, 20 Down Street, Piccadilly, Chronometer Maker to the Admiralty*. His brother Rodwell (b.1823, d.1869) was very well-known to Thomas Mercer as a chronometer-maker.

A striking four-glass clock by James Hux was sold at Bonhams in 2007.

Height: 24cm (9½ inches)

Width: 16.5cm (6½ inches)

Depth: 13cms (5 inches)

Overhauled and guaranteed for 3 years.