



Antique Brass and Wood Height Measure, Country House.

£850



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Height: 230 cm (90.6")

Width: 31 cm (12.2")

Depth: 41 cm (16.1")

Description

7ft Vintage Free-standing Height Measure.

An early 20th century Edwardian height measuring stand with adjustable cross bar, normally found in doctor's surgeries or chemist shops but this one came from a Grade II listed Georgian country house in Wootton, Oxfordshire, known as 'Woodleys'. It has a paper label 'Woodleys Upstairs' tied to it. Woodleys came on to the market last year, the first time since it was bought by the family in 1881, extending to over 12,800 sq ft, with 9 principal bedrooms. Set in its own parkland with an iconic view of Blenheim Palace. There are beautiful walled gardens, 3 cottages, stone barns, and a farmyard with an extensive footprint of buildings, all in about 230 acres.

The stand base is made of cast iron with a bronze hollow tube (92 cm long) fixed to it. A square wooden measuring stick is held in place in the tube by a large wing nut. The stick is made of mahogany with a boxwood face which has the measurements on, starting at 3 foot with increments of an inch (divided into eighths) all the way up to 7 foot. A sliding cross bar, measuring arm, is 49 cm long and has a brass sleeve with an internal spring inside to hold it in place when moved up the rule. The measure pole can be retracted inside the bronze stand for storage by releasing the wing nut.

A charming piece of piece of history in good condition, no breaks or other damage.

One of Oxfordshire's most impeccably situated, but least-known country houses has just been launched onto the market: the timeless, Grade II- listed Woodleys at Wootton, which sits at the heart of a historic, 230-acre, residential and farming estate on the edge of the Cotswold AONB, three miles from Woodstock, 10 miles from Chipping Norton and 12 miles from Oxford. for the imposing late-Georgian house, which stands in wooded gardens, grounds and parkland to the north of the Duke of Marlborough's Blenheim estate, looking south across the gardens to Blenheim Palace in the distance.

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