

Rose Engine & Ornamental Turning Lathe:
the best ever made by Holtzapffel & Co., sold at
auction on 1st December 2012 by Skinner Inc., of
Boston, MA, for a large sum - but worth every cent.





Holtzapffel Rose Engine No.1636 was first sold on 20th December 1838 for the princely sum of £1,850 to John Taylor Esq., who died in 1863. The identity of the second owner is not on record but he had it until 9th June 1869 when it was re-sold by H & Co., to William John Potts Chatto who kept it until his death in 1882. Below is a copy of the inventory that was made when it was sold to Rev.Willoughby John Edward Rooke in 1882. Rooke's son probably inherited the lathe but he died in 1902 after which it was acquired by James Edward Galliford who is listed as the 5th owner (perhaps he should be the 6th). It was sold by Galliford's widow in 1933 to Walter Gordon Hindes who sold it in 1954 to Warren Greene Ogden of USA. Ogden died in 1991 when it was acquired by the person who sold it at auction on 1st December 2012.



