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**A FINE MINIATURE LONGCASE CLOCK RETAILED  
BY THORNHILL OF NEW BOND STREET**

**Dimensions: H: 43 in / 109 cm | W: 11.5 in / 29.5 cm | D: 6.5 in / 16.5 cm**

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A Fine Miniature Longcase Clock  
Retailled by Thornhill of New Bond Street

- This clock is made of mahogany with marquetrie inlay and gilt bronze details, featuring a brass dial with silvered ring
- The clock bears the label of "W. Thornhill & Co / 144 New Bond St / London. W." and dates back to circa 1890
- Thornhill & Co was established in 1734 by Joseph Gibbs, on New Bond Street in London, and acquired royal warrants

The mahogany 'grandmother' clock decorated with marquetrie inlay and enhanced with gilt bronze details, the hood with two turned finials; below, the brass dial with silvered ring and ormolu spandrels, flanked by two stop fluted columns; the hinged door underneath concealing the pendulum



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and weights decorated with a marquetry design of a ribbon-tied basket. Bearing the label of "W. Thornhill & Co / 144 New Bond St / London. W."  
English, circa 1890

Thornhill & Co of New Bond Street

Thornhill was a company with a rich history that dates back to 1734 when Joseph Gibbs, a cutler, established a business on New Bond Street in London. Over the years, the business changed hands and names, eventually becoming known as John James Thornhill & Co in 1823. Under John James Thornhill's leadership, the company acquired prestigious royal warrants from Queen Victoria and other members of the royal family. After John James Thornhill's death in 1848, his son Walter took over and expanded the company's expertise into the manufacturing of luxury items such as dressing cases and desks. Walter Thornhill gained a reputation for high-quality work and won numerous awards at international exhibitions. The company operated under various partnerships, including Farthing & Thornhill, and eventually became Walter Thornhill & Co, incorporating Walter's son Hubert Thornhill and Albert Barker. The business continued to expand and relocate, with premises on New Bond Street and later on High Street Kensington. Although the company was wound up in 1905, it continued to trade under the name W. Thornhill & Co. until 1912.