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Dr. Ellis Jones M.D.
Casualty Department,
St. Mary's Hospital,
London, W.2.

Dear Dr. Jones,

Your letter of May 31st.

The history of your apothecary scales dates back to the time when the old family scale making business came into the hands of the brothers William & Thomas Avery in 1818. Until the middle of the nineteenth century they continued to refer to the older trade name of T. BEACH to whom the Avery's were related by marriage.

Your scales therefore could have been made at any time between 1818 and about 1850.

They were made in very large numbers for jewellers, apothecaries, bankers etc. and many have survived in excellent condition. They sold for a few shillings and were the work of craftsmen using simple hand tools.

Yours sincerely,
for: W. & T. Avery Limited



L. Sanders
Avery Historical Museum