



Maxwell Boot Jack

£1,450



REF: 30269

Height: 97 cm (38.2")

Width: 58 cm (22.8")

Depth: 70 cm (27.6")

## Description

Antique Henry Maxwell Boot Jack.

A good quality boot jack made by Maxwell's of Dover Street, London. This fine boot jack is made of mahogany and bears the brass maker's plaque. The boot jack with well-turned side supports a large foot plate and fitted with a hand swivel toe rest. This type of boot jack is the Rolls Royce of boot jacks. The rug foot plate is a later addition.

Henry Maxwell Limited was founded in 1750, in Worcester, initially being a spur maker. 1814 saw the invention of the 'Spur Box' by Henry Maxwell Jnr., transforming the experience of wearing spurs with the design eventually being adopted by every European army. By the early 19th century Maxwell was awarded the first of its many Royal Warrants by King George IV and patented an improved spur box in 1828.

Exhibiting their products at the Great Exhibition in Crystal Palace in 1851, the London Exhibition of Fine Arts, Industry and Inventions in 1873 and in 1874. They exhibit at the Paris Exhibition in 1900 and the Earl's Court Military exhibition in 1901. By 1909 the Company is listed as "Henry Maxwell & Company, Spurriers, Whip and Boot Makers", with a long list of royal customers and a thriving trade. The business expands further into a wide range of equestrian and leather goods.

Maxwells acquires Royal bootmakers Wm. Faulkner & Son, and by the early 20th century, bespoke boot and shoe making becomes the primary activity. By mid-century they are the undisputed leaders in equestrian boot making and bespoke gentlemen's shoes, setting the standards for military and equestrian footwear. Moving from 161 Piccadilly to 8 Dover Street, Mayfair, and setting up a Paris office at 26 rue Marbeuf.