



Antique Golf Club By Anderson

Sold



REF: 24589

Height: 105.5 cm (41.5")

## Description

ANTIQUE HICKORY GOLF CLUB, SMOOTH FACE IRON, ANDERSON, PERTH, ANSTRUTHER.

A good early smooth face iron with hickory shaft stamped Joe Anderson, Perth, and sheep skin grip. James Anderson's famous stamp of the circular 'Anderson - Anstruther' cleek mark is on the back of the club head, although somewhat faint it is still clearly identifiable.

James Anderson of Anstruther was born in 1845 and in the 1860's started out as a blacksmith and farrier. By the early 1890's he was supplying quality iron club heads to the club makers within the Fife area (Forrester, Carruther's, F.H.Ayes and Willie Park jnr) before eventually deciding to produce his own heads for his own sale. The design of the 'DIAMOND BACK' cleek is said to have originated with Anderson and he produced many cleeks with this design in the early 1890's. When he died in 1895 his son, Alexander, took over the running of the business. Not only did he continue producing quality club heads he also expanded production and exported worldwide.

Anderson's cleeks carry the famous stamp of the circular 'Anderson - Anstruther' cleek mark and was introduced by James in around 1875 and used until his death. Alex changed the cleek mark to a double circle design for about 15 years until reverting back to the original design although slightly larger (now 5/8" dia).

Anderson also introduced the famous 'ARROW' cleek mark around 1908. Anderson's plain 'arrow' cleek mark would always point to the toe of the club whilst other clubmaking companies used the 'arrow' mark but usually with the word 'Accurate'. Alex was one of the largest club manufactures and worked well into the 1930's.

Joe Anderson was a clubmaker located on St. John street in Perth.