



The County, Fishtail Tennis Racket, J.H Cleave & Son Ltd.

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REF: 28561

Height: 68 cm (26.8")

Width: 22.5 cm (8.9")

Depth: 3.5 cm (1.4")

## Description

The 'County' Wooden Framed Lawn Tennis Racket.

A good wooden framed tennis racket called The 'County'. The concave throat with embossed name in gilt 'County' on one side and stamped 'J.H Cleave & Son Ltd.' on the other. The ash frame is clean and in good condition with the original shoulder wrappings and a nice bulbous shaped fishtail grip. The racquet has two central double main strings, white vertical gut stringing, red horizontals, and three rows of black trebling to the top with three to the bottom. Some of the strings with damage but it is a nice looking racket.

The fishtail (fish tail) was an innovation in the Victorian period and was an attractive gimmick to help tennis players to grip their rackets. They were manufactured approximately from the 1890's to the 1920's and their shapely handle is always an attraction to the collector.