



Hickory Shafted Gibson Mashie, Harry Vardon  
Harry Vardon

Sold



REF: 19787

Height: 90.5 cm (35.6")

## Description

Antique Hickory Golf Club, Harry Vardon Approach Mashie.

A fine Harry Vardon approach Mashie by Gibson of Kinghorn, Fife. Hickory shaft with original suede grip. Gibson registered his 'outline star' cleek mark in 1906, although he had been using it since he began his business in the 1890's. The club is endorsed by Harry Vardon, carrying his autograph on the rear of the club, with the words Harry Vardon, Special, Totteridge. Vardon was the professional at Totteridge, South Herts 1903 - 1937.

William Gibson was born in Kirkcaldy and originally worked as a blacksmith. He apprenticed with James Anderson, Anstruther, during the late 1880's and by 1897 was part of the small firm of Stirling and Gibson based in Edinburgh. Upon his partners death in 1899 the firm's name changed to William Gibson & Co, moving to Kinghorn, Fife, in 1903. Initially he kept to only producing cleeks but by 1905 he had launched into full club making production, both irons and woods, with the clubs sporting the famous 'star' cleek mark. Gibson registered his 'outline star' cleek mark in 1906, although he had been using it since he began his business. In 1906 Gibson started to produce what would become one of his most popular clubs and largest sellers the 'Genii' model. The clubs were revolutionary and were patented by Hugh Logan, with their offset head and goose neck hosel, they could be customised to suit most players requirements. Gibson's other successful line was the easily recognisable 'Star Maxwell' irons with their drilled hosels and flanged soles based on the patented design by Robert Maxwell. The business kept expanding and Gibson was acknowledged as one of the world's largest producer of golf clubs. His huge success was due to him being very open minded regarding club production and new designs, leading him to produce several economy brands as well as his top brands. He died in 1921 leaving his son George to continue running the business, though eventually going into voluntary liquidation on 1st July 1955.