



Bronze Golf figure of F.G Tait Amateur Champion  
Frederick Tait

£3,600



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Height: 38 cm (15")

Width: 25 cm (9.8")

Depth: 18 cm (7.1")

## Description

Frederick Tait Bronze Statue.

A very fine Edwardian bronze study of the Scottish Amateur golfer, Frederick Guthrie Tait. The well detailed sculpture has captured Tait in his undeniable classic pose at the end of his golf swing. He is seen wearing flat cap, plus-fours and a buttoned sports jacket that is flapping as he is in action at the end of his golf swing. Tait is holding a well modelled iron golf club, and he is standing on naturalistic base engraved to the edge 'ROBERT SAWERS SILVERSMITH EDINBURGH', with applied silver plaque 'SHILLONG SEPT. 1904', (Shillong, India). The impressive figure is mounted onto a mahogany plinth. There are a couple of images showing photographs of Tait in the same pose, one is from a 1909 calendar and the second is taken from a book 'F.G. Tait - A Record by J.L. Low' (this book is available to buy #29169).

Size shown is for the total height, figure alone stands 27½ cm high.

A great piece for the golf collector, would make a fantastic golf trophy.

Frederick Guthrie (1870 - 1900) was born in Edinburgh and was the third son of Peter Guthrie Tait, a physicist and keen golfer (he wrote a classic paper on the trajectory of golf balls in 1896). Tait went to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and is credited with introducing the game of golf there. He joined the 2nd battalion, the Leinster regiment (109th foot) and then the 2nd battalion, Black Watch.

Tait was a very good golfer and a long hitter of the ball. On the 11th of January 1893, at The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Tait hit a golf ball 250 yards, the frozen ground then enabled the ball to roll on further and eventually come to rest 341 yards from the tee. Tait was twice a winner of The Amateur Championship in 1896 and 1898, finished third twice in The Open Championship in 1896 and 1897 and was leading amateur in the same competition on six occasions.

Tait gave up golf when he volunteered to serve in the army and was wounded at Magersfontein on 19th December 1899 and then killed in action at Koodoosberg during the Second Boer War.