

SA1203155

Victorian Taxidermy – African ‘Nile Buffalo’ trophy by Gerrard & Sons London. Circa 1900

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,704 | EUR 1,459

Item Reference: SA1203155**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 65 cm (25.6")

Description

The polished oak shield with gilt lettered legend “C.A.B White Nile” referring to the hunter and the place taken. Gerrards of London: A long-standing taxidermy firm of note founded in 1850. Gerrard & Sons finally closed in 1967 however a hire company ‘Gerrard Hire Ltd’ (which had been previously set up) continued much longer, finally closing its doors in 1992, making this one of the longest standing of all the Victorian taxidermy firms. The founder Edward Gerrard was a friend of Charles Darwin, his workshops became well known amongst hunters, naturalists, collectors, amongst their many clients were the British Museum. The taxidermy workshops later featuring in Alfred Hitchcocks 1956 film ‘The Man Who Knew Too Much’. Famous mounts include the greyhound ‘Mick the Miller’ which is still on display in the Natural History Museum at Tring. The hire company is also well known for supplying the taxidermy in the 1970’s sit com ‘Steptoe & Son’ which featured much taxidermy. I believe this trophy has at some point in its life been hired out by Gerrards, as there were four holes drilled directly through the front of shield (now repaired) which is often the practice with film set...

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