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Victorian Taxidermy – Kestrel by T. E. Gunn. Circa 1890

Price

GBP 700

| USD \$947 | EUR 819

Item Reference: SA1226664**Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 40.5 cm (15.9")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Description

Victorian Taxidermy – Kestrel by T. E. Gunn. Circa 1890. 30.5cm Wide x 40.5cm High. GUNN OF NORWICH: Thomas Edward Gunn 1844 -1923. From the mid 1880's Gunn's premises were at 86 Giles street, later acquiring numbers 84 and 85. Generally his cases of taxidermy are of the traditionally box type. His business soon became and remained the largest and best known of the several taxidermy shops in Norwich. By the 1880's his fame had spread far and wide. Thomas Gunn died on Friday the 13th July 1923. The business was continued by his son Frederick Ernest Gunn; however, these later cases are generally glazed to the front and two sides. Frederick eventually retired in 1941 at the age of 72, the shop, which had been damaged by enemy bombs was eventually closed and his father's own collection of birds was donated to the British Museum. The majority of this information has been taken from 'A History of British Taxidermy' by C. Frost, however the following is a direct extract "The Ogilvie collection at Ipswich Museum is preserved entirely in its original form, which offers a unique opportunity of seeing the supreme workmanship of T.E. Gunn, and anyone interested in the subject should..."

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