Antique Yew Wood Longbow By Buchanan of Piccadilly

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Height: 164 cm (64.6")

Description

A very nice Ladies Long Bow by Buchanan of Piccadilly.
A very good one piece yew wood archery bow by Buchanan of Piccadilly. The bow is fitted with horn nocks, a mother - of - pearl arrow plate (sometimes called an Arrow Pass)and a rubber handle grip. Just above the grip is the makers name 'Buchanan of Piccadilly', and below the numbers 30 & 28, indicating the draw weight of this bow in lbs. A good bow in original. The bow with whipping on the stave.

Photographed is a selection of bows we have in stock and are sold separately, please enquire about up to date stock. These were all part of a collection we acquired and there was an envelope in one of the items, this has been photographed and shows that the archery equipment came from Warwickshire.

The heydays of archery as a social recreation in the 19th century saw four stand out bow-makers. Of course there were others who, principally makers of umbrellas and fishing tackle etc., added bowyery to their repertoires with varying degrees of success; but it was Thomas Waring, Thomas Aldred, James Buchanan and Peter Muir who many turned to for quality and quantity.

James Buchanan (1809-89) was first mentioned in the 1850 London Directories as an archery manufacturer at 191 Piccadilly. Originally from Scotland he came to London in 1840 and began bow making around six years later. Still producing bows in Piccadilly in 1860 but his address had now changed to 215. 1892 saw a change in company name to Buchanan and Co Ltd., with a further change of address to The Archery Works, 15 Pall Mall around 1900. Buchanan was granted a Royal Warrant as 'Archery Manufacturer to the Royal Family'.

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