George Bazeley Taxidermy, Mounted Pheasant

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Height: 196 cm (77.2")

Description

A mounted Lady Amherst's Pheasant.
This prepared male bird is attributed to George Bazeley in an elegant picture frame case with a painted background.
The Lady Amherst pheasant is native to China and Myanmar, but has been introduced to England by Lady Sarah Countess Amherst, wife of William Pitt Amherst, Governor General of Bengal, in ca. 1828.
In England it is still a feral but declining population, mainly in Bedfordshire.

George Bazeley (1871 – 1958) was trained by his brother William, who had his shop in Sheep Street in Northampton in the late 1880's and 1890's (also selling Beekeepers requisites, bird cages and entomological supplies). George set up independently in about 1895, also in Northampton selling taxidermy and sporting goods. His first shop was at 12 Horsemarket but he later moved to 13 Marefair. George was responsible for the upkeep of the specimens at the Northampton Museum. One of George's specialities was fish with some of his cases having attractive misty river scenes painted as backgrounds, a feature not many other Taxidermists adopted. His other innovative speciality was to create diamond shaped picture frame cases. These are eye catching and a change from glass fronted boxes.
William had large decorative trade labels, and George taking up the idea had elegant labels illustrated with a Kingfisher and Fishing tackle.

This Taxidermy has come from THE NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM COLLECTION OF TAXIDERMY. The Museum, unable to display all but a few cases for many years, has been deaccessioning some of its items to finance the conservation of other artefacts in their collection.

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