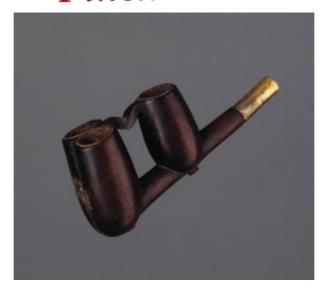
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## AN UNUSUAL SOUTH AFRICAN, CAPE NGUNI TREBLE BOWL TOBACCO PIPE

AN UNUSUAL SOUTH AFRICAN , CAPE NGUNI TREBLE BOWL TOBACCO PIPE . WOOD AND METAL 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE: 12 CMLONG, 43/4 INS LONG

TRADERS FROM EUROPE FIRST INTRODUCED TOBACCO TO SOUTH AFRICA IN THE 16 TH CENTURY AND WITHIN 100 YEARS IT WAS GROWN, DRIED, PREPARED AND SMOKED BY NEARLY ALL OF THE BLACK PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA. CARVERS IN THE EASTERN CAPE MODELLED THE FORM ON THE ORIGINAL DUTCH AND ENGLISH 17 TH CENTURY CLAY TAVERN PIPES. EXAMPLES SUCH AS THIS RARE TREBLE BOWL PIPE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE AS ITEMS OF PRESTIGE. PIPES WERE SIGNIFIERS OF SOCIAL STATUS AND WERE PROUDLY DISPLAYED EITHER IN USE OR WHEN CARRIED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF TRADITIONAL TRIBAL DRESS.

## LITERATURE

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 5 (ITEM 15) FOR A SIMILAR PIPE WITH A DOUBLE BOWL