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FINE OLD DARK CRUSTY PATINA
19TH CENTURY
SIZE : 11 CM HIGH, 15 CM WIDE, 5 CM DEEP – 4¼ INS HIGH, 6 INS WIDE, 2 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE PATINATION ON THIS HEADREST IS EXCEPTIONAL BEING OBTAINED BY CONTINUOUS AND PROLONGED USE. THE WOOD OFTEN BECOMES SATURATED WITH THE HAIR OILS OF THE MALE OWNER AND GRADUALLY TAKES ON THE IDENTITY OF THE SLEEPER EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE INDIVIDUALS SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE HEADREST IS THEREFORE AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT OF MEDIATION ALLOWING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE LIVING AND ANCESTORS. THE HEADREST ACTS AS THE 'SUPPORT OF DREAMS'.