

Finch & C^o



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SOUTHERN AFRICA

LATE 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 13 CMHIGH , 18.5 CMWIDE , 7 CMDEEP – 5 INS HIGH , 7¼ WIDE , 2¾ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

A VERY SIMILAR HEADREST IS IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND WAS COLLECTED BY WILLIAM HARVEY 'CURIO' BROWN IN 1893 IN CHIEF MUSHAYAMOMBE'S AREA OF THE CENTRAL SHONALANDS, ZIMBABWE.

ANOTHER BEARING DISTINCT SIMILARITIES TO THIS EXAMPLE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE FROBENIUS EXPEDITION IN 1928. IT SHOWS A NOHWE SHONA MAN SLEEPING ON HIS SIDE USING IT FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE.