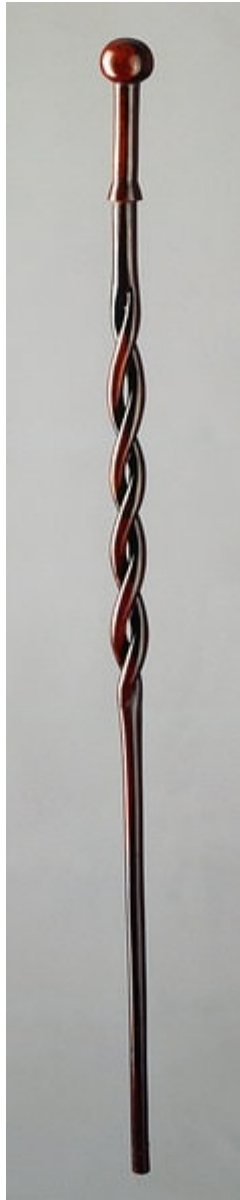


Finch & C^o



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CARVED WITH A SPIRAL OPENWORK SHAFT

FINE SMOOTH PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 93.5 CM LONG – 36¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

FINELY CARVED WOODEN ZULU STAFFS WERE IMPORTANT SIGNS OF STATUS USED TO CONFIRM A MAN'S IMPORTANCE AND RANK, AND SOMETIMES TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF A ROYAL MESSENGER.