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INCISED ON REVERSE: 'MADE BY SHERWIN AND COTTON, EASTWOOD TILE WORKS, HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE'

CIRCA 1890-1900

SIZE: 22.5CMX 15CM

LITERATURE

SHERWIN AND COTTON WERE TILE MAKERS FROM 1877 TO 1930 AND THEIR INTAGLIO WARES WERE OF SUPERB AND ALMOST PHOTOGRAPHIC QUALITY. THESE INTAGLIO WARE PLAQUES WERE PRODUCED FROM 1890 TO THE EARLY 1900'S. THE NEW ZEALAND MAORI DEPICTED, WHO FULL NAME WAS MATENE NE NGA WHI

WHI, WAS AN EARLY BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CONVERT IN THE 1840'S. IN TURN HE CONVERTED MANY MAORI FROM THE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND WARLIKE GROUPS IN THE ISLANDS TO CHRISTIANITY.

MORE IMPORTANTLY IN 1853 TOGETHER WITH HIS UNCLE, THE LEGENDARY MAORI CHIEF RAUEARAU, HE DEVELOPED THE CONCEPT OF ONE NATION FOR ALL THE MAORI PEOPLES OF NEW ZEALAND TO BE RULED BY A MAORI KING. THIS IDEA WAS EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED AND BECAME A REALITY FOR THE MAORI PEOPLE.