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THE HANDLE DECORATED WITH A RAVEN'S HEAD. RED CEDAR-WOOD. BLACK, WHITE AND RED PIGMENTS
CIRCA 1850
SIZE: 32.5CM LONG – 12¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

ANY LARGE TRADITIONAL NORTHWEST COAST GATHERING INVOLVED THE LAVISH FEASTING THAT REVEALED THE HOST'S RESOURCES AND HOSPITALITY, AND THE PROTOCOL OF FEASTING ONE'S CEREMONIAL GUESTS CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A HUGE VARIETY OF CARVED FOOD VESSELS, SPOONS AND LADLES IN A BROAD RANGE OF SHAPES. THE ARTICLES USED IN SERVING AND DISTRIBUTING THE VARIOUS COURSES OF FOODS TO THE INVITED GUESTS WOULD SHOW THE CREST EMBLEMS OF THE CLAN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED. LARGE DISHES REQUIRED LARGE LADLES SUCH AS THIS TO FILL THEM, PROBABLY SPOONING COOKED FOOD OUT OF THE LARGE COOKING BOXES.
CLAN EMBLEM REPRESENTATION AND DISPLAY PLACED THE SYMBOLS, SUCH AS THE RAVEN, OF THE CLAN HISTORY AND ANCESTRY AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL CEREMONIAL INTERACTIONS, FROM HOUSE TO TOTEM POLE RAISINGS TO MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS. THESE CLAN EMBLEMS WERE AS CULTURALLY IMPORTANT TO THE TRIBE AS THE UNION JACK IS TO THE BRITISH.