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AN INTERESTING PAIR OF CARVED HARDWOOD SOUTH AFRICAN KWA-ZULU NATAL CEREMONIAL DANCE STAVES THE HANDLES SHAPED WITH A SPIRAL TWIST THE FINIALS OF AN ELEGANT HALF-MOON SHAPE

19TH CENTURY

SIZES: A: 76.5CM LONG – 30 INS LONG

B: 70.5CM LONG – 27¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE CARVING OF WOOD AMONG THE ZULU NATION WAS AN EXCLUSIVELY MALE OCCUPATION AND THE TYPE OF OBJECTS CARVED WERE ALL STRONGLY ASSOCIATED WITH MEN, CATTLE AND ANCESTORS. THESE BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED DANCE WANDS OR STAVES WERE USED AT SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS. SONGS, AND THE DANCES THAT ACCOMPANIED THEM PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COMMUNAL LIFE OF THE ZULU.