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NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PLAINS DAKOTA SIOUX BEADED KNIFE SHEATH

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BUFFALO HIDE, GLASS AND STEEL TRADE BEADS, TIN CONES AND HORSEHAIR

CIRCA 1870 – 80

SIZE: 24CM LONG – 9½ INS LONG

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 9, ITEM NO. 101, FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A KNIFE SHEATH

LITERATURE

BY 1840 THE INTRODUCTION OF EUROPEAN STEEL NEEDLES ENABLED THE NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN TO UTILISE THE SMALL GLASS SEED BEADS THAT WERE TRADED ACROSS THE PLAINS IN MORE COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED DESIGNS.

IN THE 1860'S THE BEADS BECAME AVAILABLE IN LARGER QUANTITIES AND LONGER AND BROADER BANDS OF BEADWORK REPLACED THE SHORT NARROW STRIPS OF QUILL WORK ALONG THE SEAMS OF ITEMS.