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AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MAN'S CYLINDRICAL NOSE ORNAMENT

AN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MAN'S CYLINDRICAL NOSE ORNAMENT OF KANGAROO BONE THE ENDS PLUGGED WITH BLACK GUM OR PITCH

INSCRIBED IN BLACK 'NORTH WEST AUST'

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 21CM WIDE, APPROX 1.3CM DIA. – 8¼ INS WIDE, APPROX ½ INS DIA.

LITERATURE

THESE PIECES OF PERSONAL ADORNMENT ARE WORN BY ABORIGINAL MEN PASSED THROUGH A HOLE MADE IN THE SEPTUM OF THE NOSE. A WIDE VARIETY OF BODY ORNAMENTS INGENIOUSLY FASHIONED FROM HAIR, TEETH, BONES, LEAVES, SHELLS, FEATHERS AND OTHER NATURAL PRODUCTS WERE WORN BY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINALS WHICH WERE OFTEN COMPLEMENTED BY CAREFULLY, SOMETIMES RITUALLY, PAINTED BODY DECORATIONS.