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ABORIGINAL WEDGE SHAPED PARRYING SHIELD

AN AUSTRALIAN NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL WEDGE SHAPED PARRYING SHIELD DECORATED WITH ABSTRACT EMU BIRD TRACKS TO BOTH SIDES

OLD SHINY SMOOTH PATINA

THREE INVENTORY NUMBERS PAINTED TO THE SIDE AND REVERSE

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 53CM LONG, 11.5CM WIDE, 8.5CM DEEP – 20¾ INS LONG, 4½ INS WIDE, 3¾ INS DEEP

58CM HIGH – 22¾ INS HIGH (INCLUDING STAND)

LITERATURE

SOME OF THE EARLY EUROPEAN SETTLERS AND VISITORS TO THE NEWLY FOUNDED AUSTRALIAN COLONIES COLLECTED ABORIGINAL ARTEFACTS, MOST OF WHICH ENDED UP IN EUROPE OR BRITAIN. HOWEVER, THE EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT OF AUSTRALIA BEGAN WITH THE FOUNDING OF SYDNEY IN 1788 AND RAPIDLY SPREAD, SO THAT BY THE 1850'S MOST OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL GROUPS HAD BEEN DISPLACED AND DISPOSSESSED OF THEIR LANDS, CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS LITTLE SOUTH-EASTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MATERIAL LEFT TO BE FOUND IN SITU.