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TWO SOUTH AFRICAN SHONA / TSONGA CARVED WOOD HEADREST'S

A.

A SOUTH AFRICAN SHONA / TSONGA CARVED WOOD HEADREST OF ARCHITECTURAL FORM

SUPERB OLD SMOOTH RICH BROWN PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 11CM HIGH, 13.5CM WIDE, 5.5CM DEEP - 4¼ INS HIGH, 5¼ INS WIDE, 2¼ INS DEEP

B.

A SOUTH AFRICAN SHONA / TSONGA CARVED WOOD HEADREST OF ARCHITECTURAL FORM

OLD SILKY SMOOTH DARK BROWN PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 13.5CM HIGH, 14CM WIDE, 7CM DEEP - 5¼ INS HIGH, 5½ INS WIDE, 2¾ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

HEADRESTS ARE OFTEN USED BY MEN TO PROTECT THEIR ELABORATE HAIRSTYLES AND OVER TIME THE WOOD BECOMES SATURATED WITH HAIR OILS GIVING A DARK, SMOOTH AND GLOSSY PATINA TO THE SURFACE. HEADRESTS ACT AS A 'SUPPORT OF DREAMS'. THEY ARE IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTS OF MEDIATION BETWEEN THE LIVING AND THE ANCESTORS, AND GRADUALLY BECAME THE SLEEPING USER'S SPIRITUAL REPRESENTATIVE.