

Finch & C^o



A FINE AND OLD SHONA HEADREST WITH FIVE CENTRAL RINGS

A FINE AND OLD SHONA HEADREST WITH FIVE CENTRAL RINGS

SUPERB AGED CRUSTY AND SMOOTH PATINA

PARTIAL OLD LOSS TO ONE 'CIRCLE'

WOOD

SOUTH AFRICA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 15CM HIGH, 22CM WIDE, 7.5CM DEEP - 6 INS HIGH, $8\frac{5}{8}$ INS WIDE, 3 INS DEEP

A FINE AND OLD SHONA HEADREST WITH FIVE CENTRAL RINGS

SUPERB AGED CRUSTY AND SMOOTH PATINA

PARTIAL OLD LOSS TO ONE 'CIRCLE'

WOOD

SOUTH AFRICA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 15CM HIGH, 22CM WIDE, 7.5CM DEEP - 6 INS HIGH, $8\frac{5}{8}$ INS WIDE, 3 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE ABSTRACT DESIGNS OF THESE SHONA HEADRESTS EVOKE THE FORM OF A HUMAN BODY. THE TRIANGLE AND CIRCLE MOTIFS STRETCH UP THE VERTICAL SUPPORT UNITES TO TOUCH THE TOP WHERE TRIANGLES ARE PIERCED

AND RUN ACROSS THE SMOOTH DARK SURFACE. THE SCARIFICATION TO THE OUTER TOP EDGES OF THIS HEADREST IMITATES THAT FOUND ON THE SMOOTH SKIN OF SHONA WOMEN. THE HEADREST MAKES THIS LINK REAL AND VISIBLE AS THE DESIGNS CUT INTO THE UPPER SURFACE WOULD BE IMPRINTED ONTO THE SLEEPING OWNER'S CHEEK.

PROVENANCE

EX PRIVATE COLLECTION EDRIC VAN VREDENBURGH, PUBLISHED NO. 206, VOL 2, EW COLLECTION CATALOGUE 2014

PURCHASED PORTOBELLO ROAD, 1970'S