

Transvaal Tsonga - head - rest

1987. 3. 14



object type: head-rest	acc no: 1987.3.14	
vernacular:	contact prints	
sub-type:		
community: Transvaal Tsonga		
sub-group:		
geographical location:	location: [REDACTED]	shelf: [REDACTED]
	b/w: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	dimensions:	
date and place collected: Elim, Transvaal, c.1930	h: 13,5 cm	diam:
date executed:	w: 21 cm	mounted:
artist name, sex: male	d: 7 cm	
use: for resting the head while sleeping	medium: wood	

donation: Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary

Trust

price paid: - (R168 000 incl. GST  
paid by the Trust for the  
~~Collection~~)

insurance value: R346 291 (114  
objects in Jaques Collection)  
(1990)

authority: AGC 1987-03-26  
MC 1987-03-30

original collection no: Jaques Coll./  
Africana Mus. 50/906

object type translation:

catalogues: Wanless, AN&N 26(7):295

physical description:

JOHANNESBURG ART GALLERY  
ARCHIVE SHEET II  
PROVENANCE

ARTIST:

ACC. NO.:

Collected by Rev. A. A. Jaques  
lent to the Africana Museum



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ARCHIVE SHEET IV  
REFERENCE

ARTIST:

ACC. NO.:

Wanless, A Africana Notes and News, see acc. card  
for vol. and page no.

JOHANNESBURG ART GALLERY  
ARCHIVE SHEET V  
LOANS / LOCATIONS REGISTER

ARTIST:

ACC. NO.:

Placed in [redacted] Oct 1988, formerly on display  
in [redacted]

Size: Height 125 mm  
Length 240 mm  
Width 55 mm  
Length of base 105 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Narrow, rectangular and slightly curved. Decorated at narrow edges with a row of incised, blackened rectangles.

*Lugs:* Small rough cubes.

*Column:* Head and torso of human. Face, well defined with eyes made of black and red seeds, (probably of *Erythrina Lysistemon Hutch.*) and ears close to head. Torso shows little detail. Arms bent with elbows and fore-arms resting on base. Fingers, large and well defined.

*Base:* Circular.

*Comments:* The wood used is, like the wood used for 50/904, light in weight and colour, and the size is similar, too, which suggests a common origin for these two head-rests. The whole of 50/905 is slightly reddened.

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*Place:* Elim, Transvaal.

*Tribe:* Shangaan.

*Date:* c.1930.

*Source:* Jaques Collection.

Size: Height 135 mm  
Length 210 mm  
Width 70 mm  
Length of base 140 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, curved, and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of tiny incised triangles.

*Lugs:* Closed semi-circles facing front.

*Column:* Two upended arches, cylindrical in cross-section, one at front and one at back, supported on a half cylinder with open ends facing sides, decorated with a raised band at centre.

*Base:* Flat, roughly ovoid, with two small triangular nips out of centre front and back. A piece is broken off one side.

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*Place:* Elim, Transvaal.

*Tribe:* Shangaan.

*Date:* c.1930.

*Source:* Jaques Collection.

Size: Height 150 mm  
Length 210 mm  
Width 75 mm  
Length of base 160 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, curved, and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of zig-zags carved in relief.

*Lugs:* Rectangular facing sides and blackened.