

Transvaal Tsonga - head - rest

1987.3.15

object type: head-rest	acc no: 1987.3.15		
vernacular:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">           contact prints         </div>		
sub-type:			
community: Transvaal Tsonga			
sub-group:	location:	[REDACTED]	
	shelf:	[REDACTED]	
geographical location:	b/w:	c/t:	c/s:
	dimensions:		
date and place collected: Elim, Trnasvaal, c. 1930	h: 15 cm	diam:	
	w: 21 cm	mounted:	
date executed:	d: 7,5 cm		
artist name, sex: male	medium: wood		
use: for resting the head while sleeping			

Trust                      donation:    Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary

price paid: - (R168 000 incl. GST  
paid by Trust for 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. 50/907

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 in 1950



JOHANNESBURG ART GALLERY  
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] October 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 forearms 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.

✓ 44 50/906

*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.

✓ 45 50/907

*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.



*Column:* Two pillars sloping inward from crossbar toward a horizontal disc in centre from which two pillars curve outward toward base.

*Base:* Three, flat, linked circles.

46 50/908

*Place:* Elim, Transvaal.

*Tribe:* Shangaan.

*Date:* c.1930.

*Source:* Jaques Collection.

*Size:* Height 130 mm

Length 230 mm

Width 65 mm

Length of base 170 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, slightly curved, and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of zig-zags in relief. There is a hole near one end.

*Lugs:* Half cylinders running from front to back, with small raised ridge in centre.

*Column:* Two arches meeting at centre on a horizontal rectangular slab.

*Base:* A long piece is missing from the back now, but probably was roughly ovoid, with two small triangular pieces cut from centre front and back.

47 50/909

*Place:* Elim, Transvaal.

*Tribe:* Shangaan.

*Date:* c.1930.

*Source:* Jaques Collection.

*Size:* Height 125 mm

Length 220 mm

Width 80 mm

Length of base 165 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, curved, and decorated on the flattened, narrow ends with a row of diamonds carved in relief.

*Lugs:* Side facing, flared, and decorated with incised rectangles.

*Column:* 'X' shaped, with curved pieces at sides across centre point, and with incised lines across the centre front and back.

*Base:* Two flat circles joined by two small semi-circles at centre front and back.

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*Place:* Elim, Transvaal.

*Tribe:* Shangaan.

*Date:* c.1930.

*Source:* Jaques Collection.