

Swazi - head - rest

1987.3.5





object type: head-rest	acc no: 1987.3.5
vernacular:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">             contact prints           </div>
sub-type:	
community: Swazi	
sub-group:	location: [REDACTED]
geographical location:	shelf [REDACTED]
	b/w:                      c/t:                      c/s:
date and place collected: Elim, Transvaal, c. 1930	dimensions: h: 17,5 cm                      diam: w: 43 cm                      mounted: d: 7,5 cm
date executed:	
artist name, sex: male	medium: wood
use: for resting the head while sleeping	



~~purchase~~ / donation / ~~bequest~~: Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary Trust

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

insurance value: R.346 291 (114 objects in Jaques Collection) (1990)

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

original collection no: Jaques Coll./  
Africana Mus. 50/897

object type translation:

catalogues: Wanless, AN&N 28(3):97

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.







✓ 167 50/893

Size: Height 140 mm  
Length 415 mm  
Width 70 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, ending in six small rounded pleats at the sides.

*Lugs:* One in centre, long, cylindrical and blackened.

*Legs:* Two flared and blackened with three deep rounded pleats at sides, and two at front and back. Each leg projects slightly above the crossbar to form two "V" shapes.

✓ 168 50/894

Size: Height 140 mm  
Length 415 mm  
Width 70 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular with rounded edges ending in seven small, blackened square pleats at the sides.

*Lugs:* One at centre, rectangular and blackened.

*Legs:* Two, each with two joined blackened triangles raised slightly above the crossbar. They are rectangular and blackened and have four rounded pleats at the sides and three at front and back.

✓ 169 50/895

Size: Height 140 mm  
Length 405 mm  
Width 65 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Curved rectangular top having a rounded base.

*Lugs:* One, pendant from centre, roughly cylindrical, flaring outward toward base with small circular holes pierced toward the centre from each side, but not meeting.

*Legs:* Two legs pleated at front, top and back and decorated at sides with featureless cattle-like "heads" each with an ovoid hole pierced through close to the bottom.

*Comments:* The wood has a golden sheen on the top and upraised areas, but is otherwise blackened.

✓ 170 50/896

Size: Height 145 mm  
Length 525 mm  
Width 65 mm

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*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular with two slight dips between rectangular raised sections at sides and centre.

*Lugs:* None.

*Legs:* Three legs, pleated at front and back, with vertical indentations on inner sides. The two outer legs are decorated with slightly raised triangular shapes similar to the "heads" of 50/895.

*Comments:* The whole head-rest is covered with a red substance. The extended length and two dips in the crossbar suggest a double head-rest.

✓ 171 50/897

Size: Height 175 mm  
Length 430 mm  
Width 75 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular and straight, ending in five corrugations.

*Lugs:* One at centre, multifaceted and blackened.

*Legs:* Two, split slightly at bases to make four "feet". Roughly rectangular, blackened and pleated on all sides. Each projects slightly above the crossbar to form two semicircles.

✓ 172 50/898

Size: Height 140 mm  
Length 450 mm  
Width 80 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular, straight and decorated with deeply incised vertical lines.

*Lugs:* One, at centre, blackened and roughly diamond shaped in cross section.

*Legs:* Two, flaring slightly to base, blackened and pleated on all sides. Each projects slightly above the crossbar to form a raised section which is decorated with incised arches.

✓ 173 50/899

Size: Height 140 mm  
Length 405 mm  
Width 45 mm

*Description: Crossbar:* Rectangular and slightly curved, with small "L" shapes at the narrow ends, and a slightly raised band extending from centre front and back down to the lug.

*Lugs:* One, at centre, cylindrical and blackened.

*Legs:* Two, blackened, pleated at front and back with concave sides.

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