

1987.3.97

Transvaal Tsonga - head-rest



object type: head-rest	acc no: 1987.3.97
vernacular:	contact prints
sub-type:	
community: Transvaal Tsonga	
sub-group:	location: [REDACTED]
geographical location:	shelf: [REDACTED]
	b/w: c/t: c/s:
	dimensions:
date and place collected: Elim, Transvaal, c. 1930	h: 14 cm diam:
date executed:	w: 20 cm mounted:
artist name, sex: male	d: 7 cm
use: for resting the head while sleeping	medium: wood

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

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

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

authority: AGC 1990-03-26
MC 1990-03-30

original collection no: Jaques Coll./
Africana Mus. 50/999

object type translation:

catalogues: Wanless, AN&N 27(8):135

physical description:

JOHANNESBURG ART GALLERY
ARCHIVE SHEET II
PROVENANCE

ARTIST:

ACC. NO.:

collected by Rev. A. A. Jaques
lent to the Africana Museum in 1960

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ARCHIVE SHEET IV
REFERENCE

ARTIST:

ACC. NO.:

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

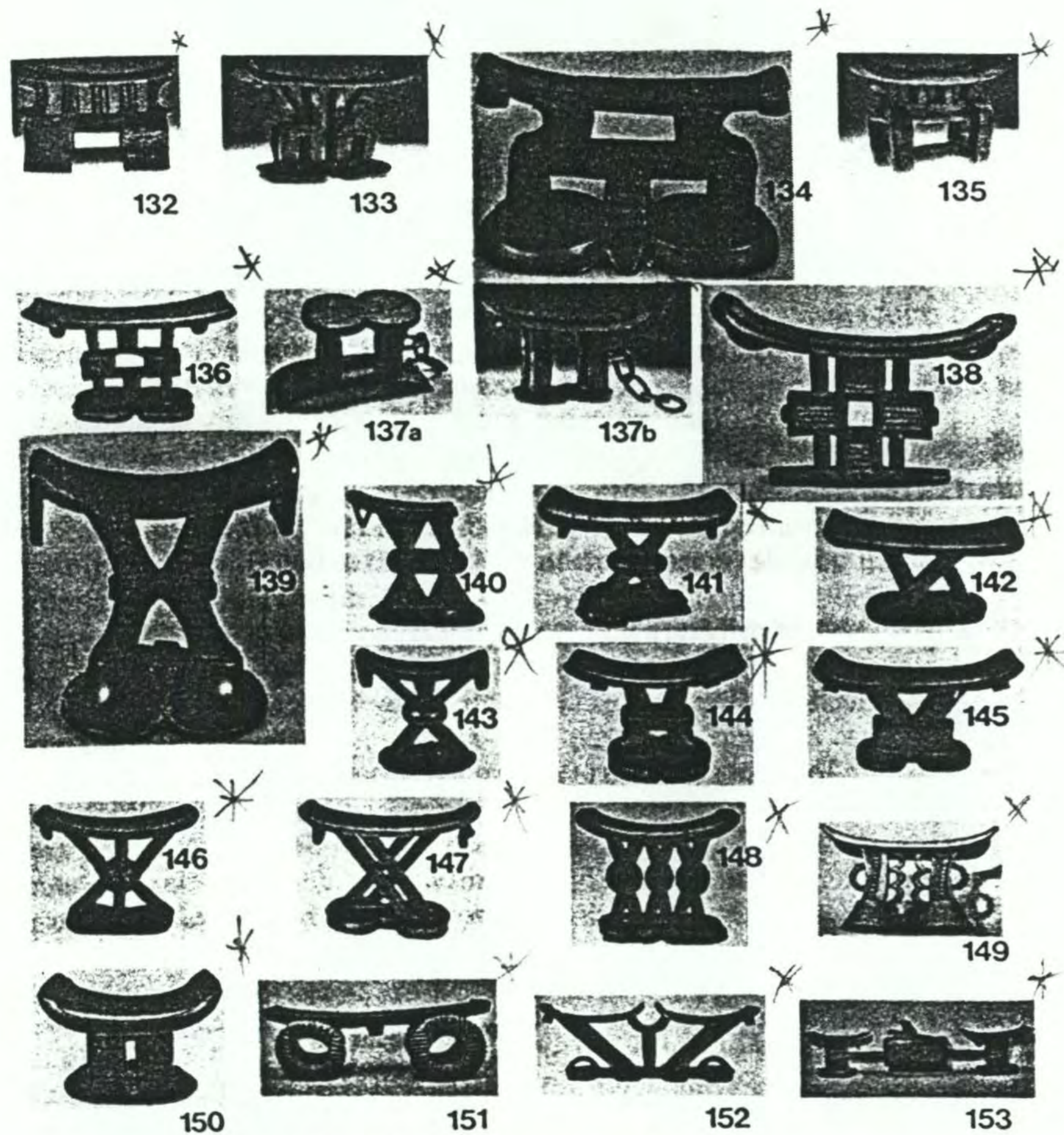


Plate 2 Shangaan head-rests.

Base: Two legs each, at front and back joined at top and bottom by horizontal bars.

133 50/997

Size: Height 160 mm
 Length 240 mm
 Width 90 mm
 Length of base 190 mm

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

Lugs: Very small, side-facing rectangles.

Column: Two pillars, each made up of a front-facing "V" shape resting on a pair of parallel, open arches which are linked at the top by a curved bar.

Base: Two flat, roughly circular pieces linked by a short bar.

✓ 134 50/998

Size: Height 110 mm
 Length 155 mm
 Width 30 mm
 Length of base 165 mm

Description: *Crossbar:* Curved and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of zig-zags carved in relief. A wide strip has broken off the length of the front.

Lugs: Roughly square blocks.

Column: Two short, rectangular pillars, curving inward at centre, rest on a flat horizontal rectangle which is decorated on the front and back edges with incised rectangles. This, in turn, rests on three short, roughly rectangular, pillars. The outer pillars widen at the base, and the inner pillar is decorated front and back with four rounded horizontal pleats.

Base: Two flat circles linked by a triangle at front and back. All edges flare outward towards the ground.

✓ 135 50/999

Size: Height 140 mm
 Length 200 mm
 Width 70 mm
 Length at base 140 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, curved, and undecorated.
Column: Two short, rectangular pillars, flanked by two, flat, roughly "C" shaped pillars, all resting on a horizontal rectangular bar.
Base: Two legs each at front and back descend from the horizontal bar, and are joined near the base by a parallel bar.

✓ 136 50/1000

Size:

Height	145 mm
Length	250 mm
Width	85 mm
Length of base	165 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, slightly curved, and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of incised triangles.
Lugs: Half cylinders running from front to back, with a small ridge around the centre.
Column: Four rectangular blocks, joined around an open rectangle form a cross. This is linked to the crossbar at the top and the base at the bottom. The "arms" are joined to the crossbar and the base by short pillars.
Base: Four, linked ovoids.
Comments: The whole piece has been stained a reddish brown.

✓ 137 50/1001 a and b

		a	b
<i>Size:</i>	Height	130 mm	130 mm
	Length	215 mm	215 mm
	Width	70 mm	70 mm
	Length of base	145 mm	136 mm

Description: Double head-rest. These two head-rests formed one piece until a link of the chain was broken. The two sides are almost identical.
Crossbars: Roughly rectangular but flaring slightly at ends; curved and decorated near the narrow ends with a short row of tiny diamonds carved in relief.
Lugs: Filled arches facing sides.
Columns: Four rectangular pillars, two at front and two at back, curving slightly toward the centre. At one side an open arch extends horizontally to hold two links of a chain for "a" and four links for "b".
Base: Two flat linked circles, blackened at edges.

138 50/1002

Source: Jaques Collection. (Now in the possession of the Jaques family.)

Size:

Height	150 mm
Length	225 mm
Width	75 mm
Length of base	145 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, curved, and decorated near the narrow ends with a row of diamonds carved in relief.
Lugs: Open arches facing front.
Column: Four rectangular blocks joined around an open square in the centre form a cross linked to crossbar and base at top and bottom. Each block is decorated at front and back with an incised rectangle inside which are rows of studs. The "arms" are joined to the crossbar and the base by short round pillars. At the ends of the arms are small filled arches facing front.
Base: Badly broken, roughly rectangular. There is a small triangle at the centre of the back.

✓ 139 50/1003

Size:

Height	145 mm
Length	135 mm
Width	50 mm
Length of base	115 mm

Description: Crossbar: Rectangular, curved, and undecorated.
Lugs: Crossbar "folds" over at right-angles to form rectangular, side-facing lugs which are decorated with a series of concentric rectangles and a row of zig-zags all carved in relief.
Column: "X" shaped, with a horizontal rectangle in centre. Incised diamonds cover the front and back, except for the horizontal bar.
Base: Two, linked, truncated, concave cones with downward-pointing triangles at centre front and back.

✓ 140 50/1004

Size:

Height	150 mm
Length	110 mm
Width	50 mm
Length of base	140 mm