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4a	A A Anderson, Light Horse Camp,		
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5	N C K Lighton, set	22,000	£2,000
6	P Clancey, Guinea Fowl	9,500	£830
7	P Clancey, Lesser Flamingoes	22,000	£2,000
8	The Rudner collection of rock paintings	187,500	£16,500
10	A Kafwamba, African village in a fores		£2,000
11	N Lewis, Portrait	18,500	£1,620
12	F Krige, Portrait of a black man	35,000	£3,000
13	E Wolfe, Letters	6,500 - 28,000	£570 - 2460
14	Irma Stern, Woman with a head scarf	78,000	£6,850
15	Irma Stern, Portrait of a young woman	78,000	£6,850
16	Irma Stern, Congolese landscape	85,000	£7,500
17a	Simoni Mnguni, Upper Umhloto River	35,000	£3,000
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С	Simoni Mnguni, Zulu man in a hat	15,000	£1,300
d	Simoni Mnguni, Zulu medicine man	18,000	£1,600
18	Dorothy Kay, Masai warrior	18,000	£1,600
19	Dorothy Kay, The three prisoners	35,000	£3,000
20	R Turvey, Street scene, Johannesburg	18,000	£1,600
21	R Turvey, Antelope and hunters	8,500	£750
22	Gerard Sekoto, Boy and the candle	245,000	£21,500
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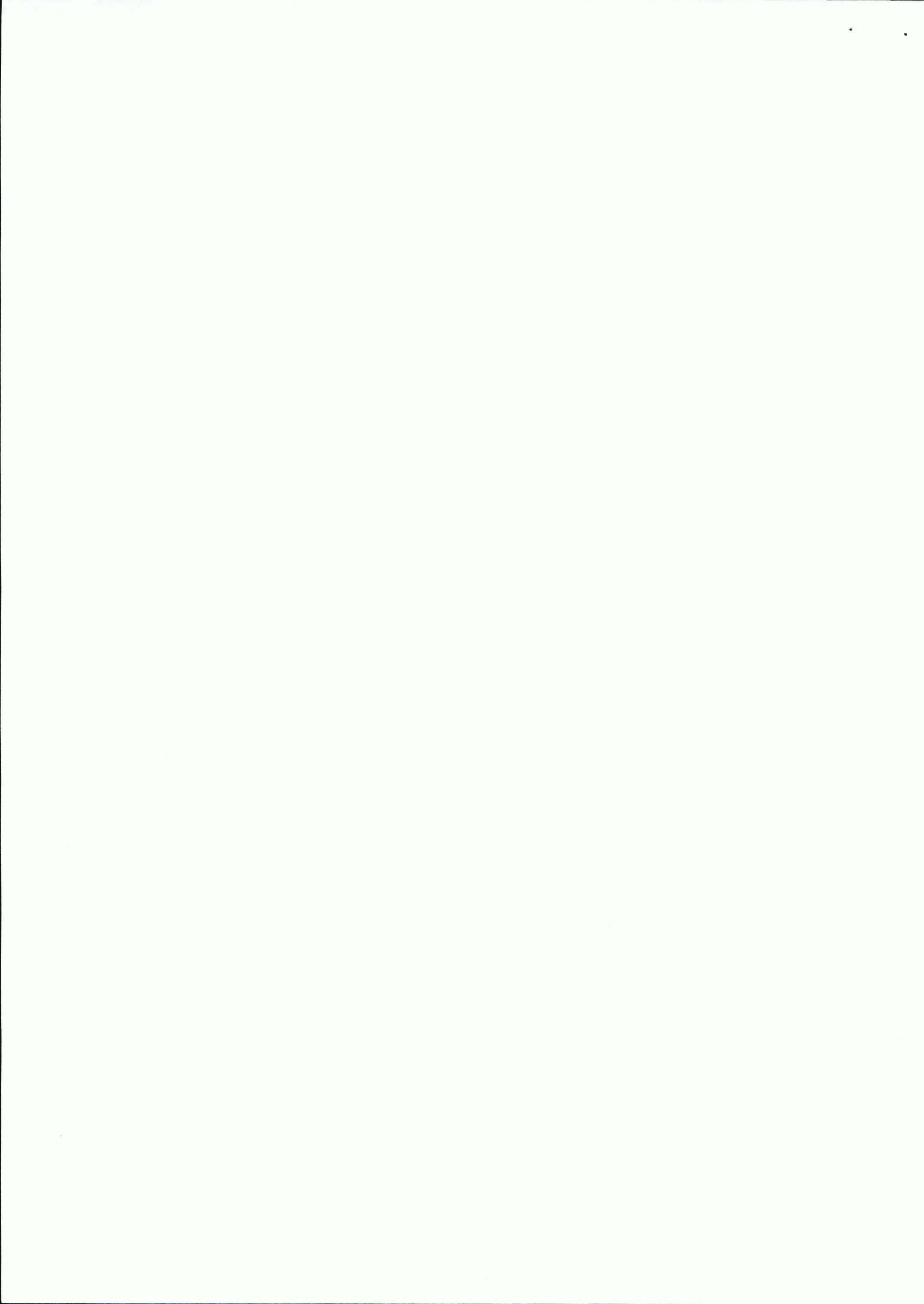
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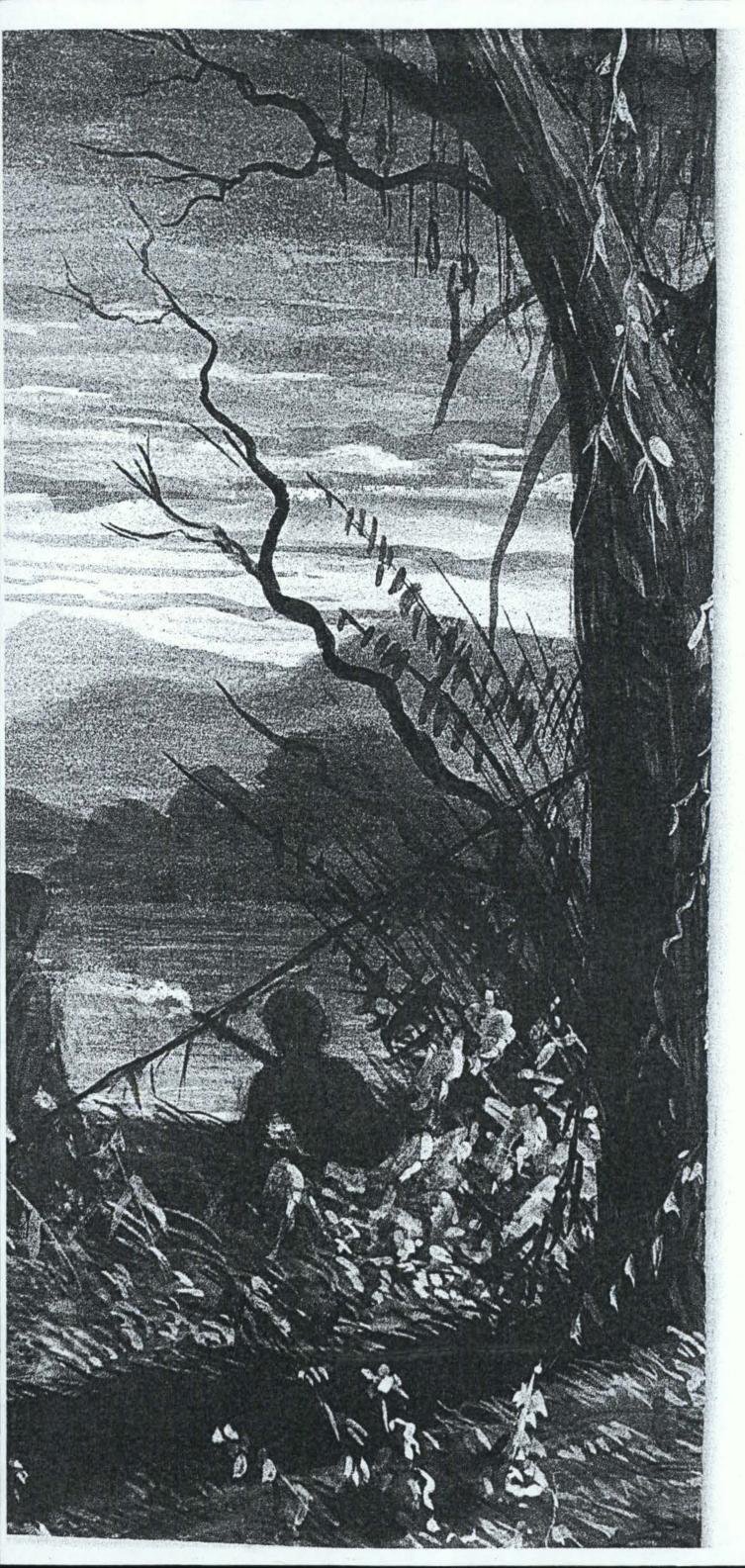
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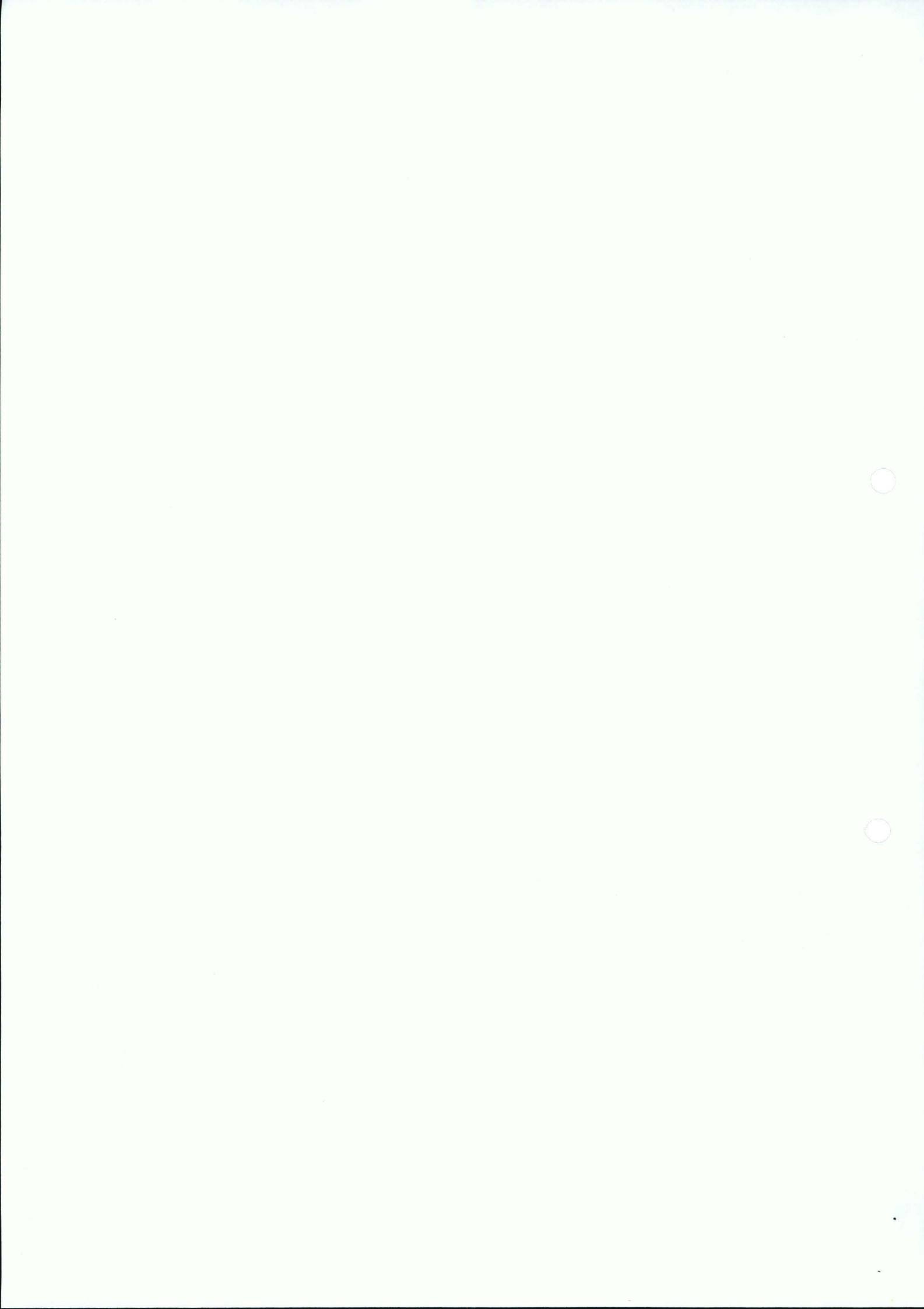
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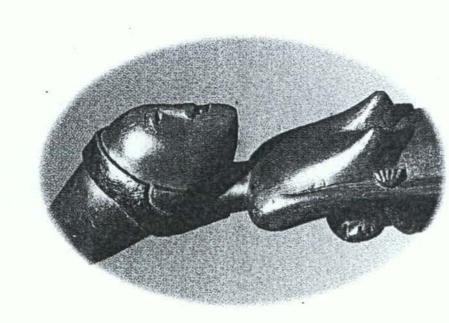
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TSONGA-SPEAKING CARVER

(Colony of Natal) circa 1880-1900

Staff/ stick surmounted by a mother and child

The mother and child rising from a cylindrical base, the woman wearing a leather skirt (isidwaba) and a large top-knot (indicating that she is married) honey brown patina with traces of blackening overall length: 120 cm beight of figure: 33em

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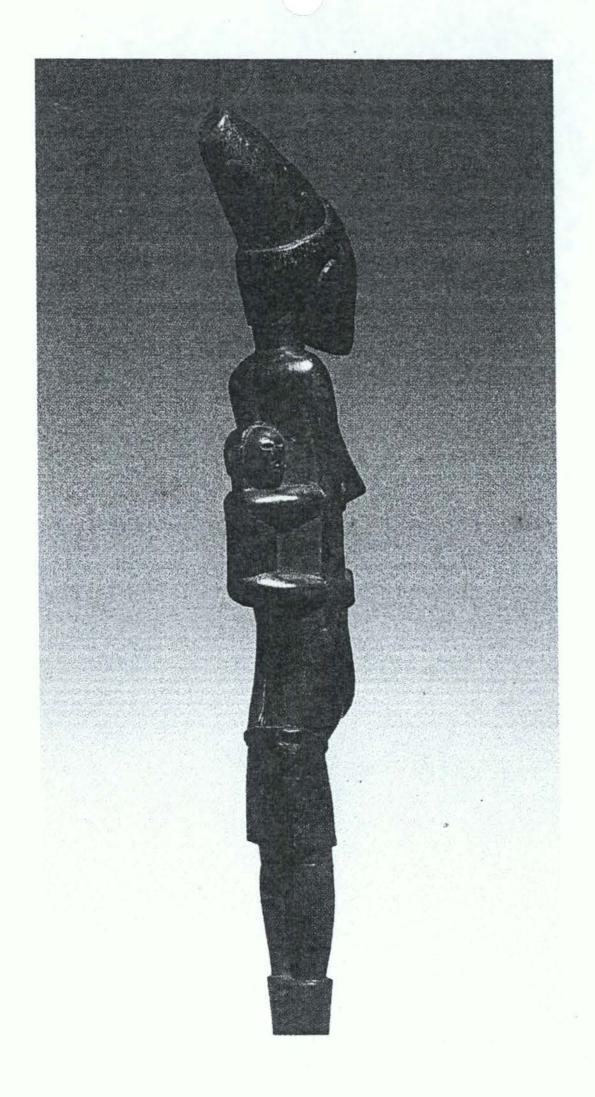
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(Colony of Natal) circa 1880-1900

Stick/staff surmounted by a male figure

The man standing on a cylindrical base, with an elaborately styled headring, brown patina with traces of blackening, one knee vestored overall length: 104cm height of figure: 26cm provenance: given by Haile Selassie (1892-1974) to his driver when he was in exile in Bath, England, in the late 1930s; by descent





These two pieces were made by one of several carvers producing works for the European market, in south-east Africa. Judging from the pokerwork details, and the treatment of the facial features, it was probably made by a Tsonga-

speaking carver resident in Natal in the late nineteenth century. By then, many Tsonga-speaking migrants from present-day Mozambique had moved to Natal in search of work. Clearly already familiar with the Tsonga tradition of carving initi-

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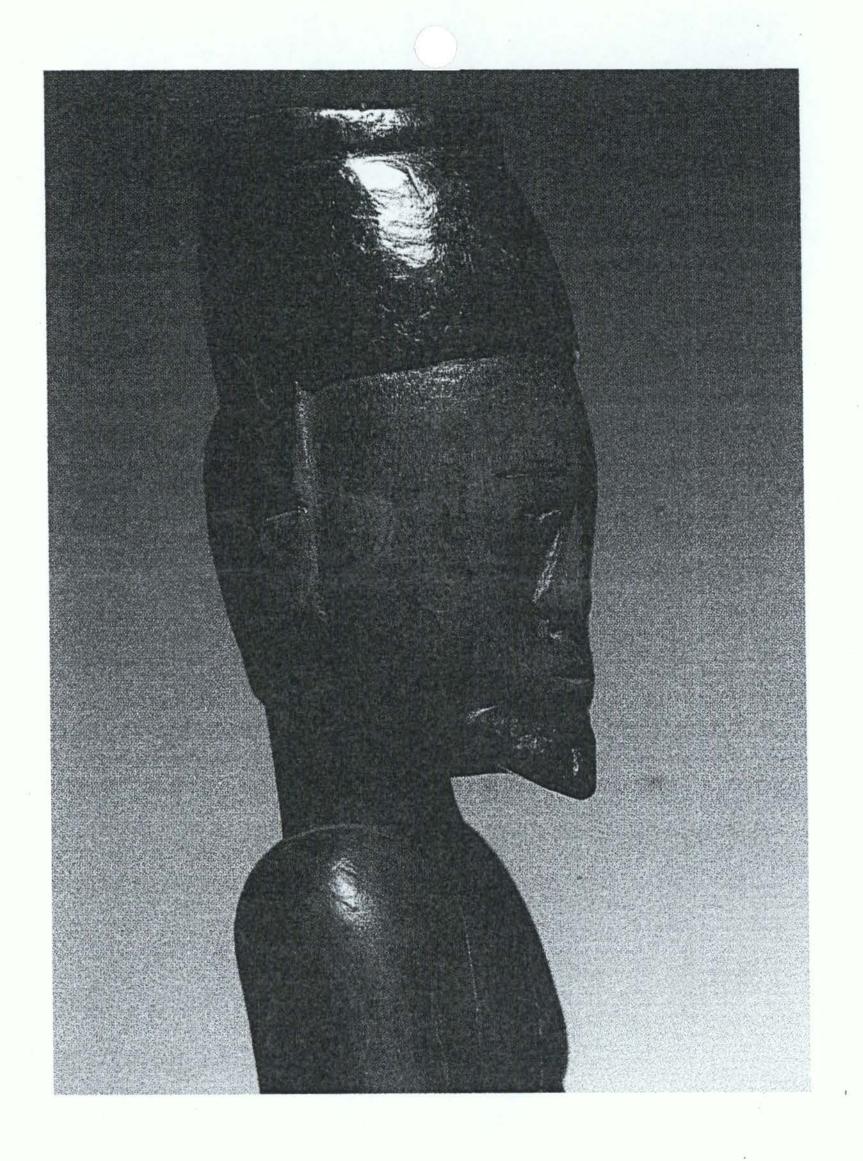
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There are several works by this particular carver in public collections. Two of his female figures in the Brenthurst Collection (see *Art and ambiguity*, cat.120 and 164) are

especially interesting because it is clear, from these two examples, that his works became increasingly delicately balanced with time. In the earlier work (cat. 120), the female figure is still comparatively stocky, and the relationship between

her face and the top-knot extending to the back of her head seems unresolved. By comparison, the present work - like the other female figure in the Brenthurst Collection (cat.164) is characterised by an extraordinarily harmonious integration of volumes. This is evidenced in, for example, the carver's decision to elongate the top-knot of the present figure so that it has the effect of echoing (and balancing) both the swelling of the woman's stomach and the protruding shape of the baby on her back. In the equally mature Brenthurst work (cat.164), the topknot is comparatively truncated, probably because the woman has no baby on her back, but presumably also because her stomach it comparatively flat. There is a male figure by this carver in the Brenthurst Collection (Art and ambiguity, cat.114), and another in the Standard Bank Collection (Art and ambiguity, pl.80). There is also a female figure, but without a baby on her back, in the Standard Bank Collection. (see Zulu treasures, Durban, 1996, pl. W20) while another maternity figure by this carver was included in a Sotheby's sale, New York, 14 May 1995, lot 113. Two further works by this carver are in the Local History Museum, Durban: a male figure (Zulu treasures, pl.W19) and a maternity figure (Zulu treasures, pl.W21), while the South African National Gallery also has one of his maternity figures in their collection.

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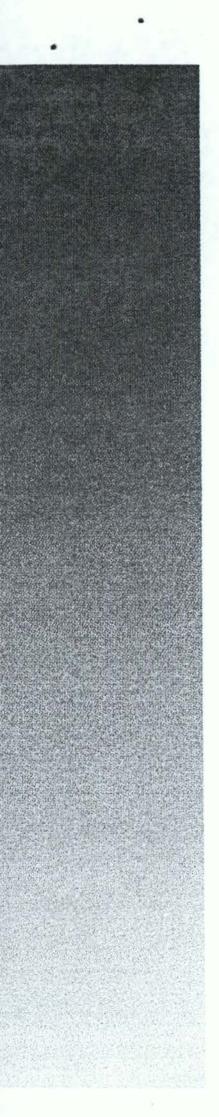
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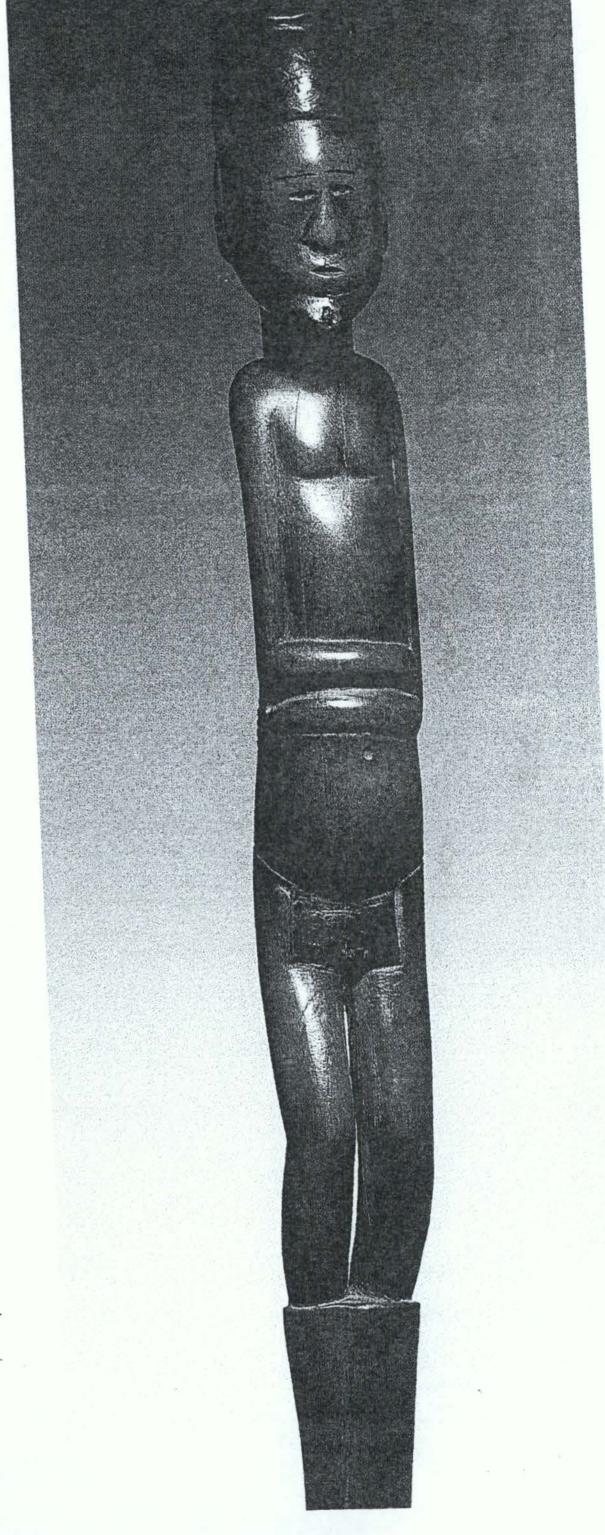


her face and the top-knot extending to the back of her head seems unresolved. By comparison, the present work - like the other female figure in the Brenthurst Collection (cat.164) is characterised by an extraordinarily harmonious integration of volumes. This is evidenced in, for example, the carver's decision to elongate the top-knot of the present figure so that it has the effect of echoing (and balancing) both the swelling of the woman's stomach and the protruding shape of the baby on her back. In the equally mature Brenthurst work (cat.164), the topknot is comparatively truncated, probably because the woman has no baby on her back, but presumably also because her stomach it comparatively flat. There is a male figure by this carver in the Brenthurst Collection (Art and ambiguity, cat.114), and another in the Standard Bank Collection (Art and ambiguity, pl.80). There is also a female figure, but without a baby on her back, in the Standard Bank Collection. (see Zulu treasures, Durban, 1996, pl. W20) while another maternity figure by this carver was included in a Sotheby's sale, New York, 14 May 1995, lot 113. Two further works by this carver are in the Local History Museum, Durban: a male figure (Zulu treasures, pl.W19) and a maternity figure (Zulu treasures, pl.W21), while the South African National Gallery also has one of his maternity figures in their collection.

The male figure, included in the present catalogue, has been carved with an isicoco or headring which

was worn by married . During the reigns of Shaka and his successors, the right to wear these headrings could only be granted by the king. However, the use of headrings was not restricted to the Zulu kingdom, and in the course of the nineteenth century, this practice was also adopted by both Zulu-speakers in the Colony of Natal (to the south of the Zulu kingdom) and by Tsongaspeaking groups to the north. The headring is therefore commonly found on Tsonga initiation figures. (see A. Nettleton, 'History and the myth of Zulu sculpture', African Arts, 21(3), 1988), but it was used only intermittently by the present carver, some of whose male figures lack head-rings (see, for example, the pl. 80). The male figure included in the present catalogue is the first known example by this carver depicting the unusually elaborate headring styles adopted by some men from the Colony of Natal, where chiefly controls and restrictions were comparatively weak. This allowed individuals to develop hairstyles (sometimes but not always in conjunction with the use of headrings) that would never have been tolerated in the Zulu kingdom.

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TSONGA-SPEAKING CARVER

(South-east Africa) late nineteenth century



Two constables attached to the Natal Native Police c. 1880 photograph courtesy of Michael Graham-Stewart, London

Stick surmounted by a recently urbanised blackman

This stick is remarkable for two reasons: firstly, it is unusual in that it depicts a recently urbanised blackman, wearing European-style dress; secondly, the arms have been articulated as distinct three-dimensional volumes seperated out from the torso. In this respect it emulates the tradition of comparatively large, free-standing Tsonga initiation figures, but is unlike most other figurative walking sticks produced in south-east Africa in the late nine-

by no means all) other figurative works produced in and around urban centres such as Durban and Pietermaritzburg in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it was probably made to capture the market for exotic curiosities. By far the majority of the figurative pieces produced for this market depicted either rural traditionalists or baboons, although occasionally, carvers also depicted

colonial officials and soldiers, including men wearing kilts.

Following the rapid expansion in the early 1850s of some of the urban centres in South-east Africa, newly arrived colonists became increasingly vociferous in their condemnation of the nakedness of rural traditionalists seeking work in towns like Durban. By the mid-1850s these objections had been translated into municipal by-laws that made it an offence for

black men to enter urban areas unless they wore trousers or clothing covering the body 'from the neck to the knee'. In Pietermaritzburg, this encouraged at least one entrepreneur to wait on the far side of the Queen's bridge over the Dusi river, where he hired out trousers to any male seeking to enter the town. By the late nineteenth century, most black men had adopted the convention of wearing knee breeches, or other, more loose fitting pants that extended just below the knee, but they never wore shoes. While the reason for this convention of wearing threequarter length pants remains unclear, it became a standard practice among male house servants, ricksha pullers and policemen in the second half of the nineteenth century. It was probably also adopted intermittently by rurally-based black people visiting urban centres to trade or negotiate with colonial officials. The convention of wearing hats of the kind depicted by the carver of this stick is consistent with those adopted by some policemen in the 1860s and by other black men who sought work in the urban areas of South-East Africa in the second half of the nineteenth century. I am grateful to Sandra Klopper for sharing her unpublished research in cataloguing this stick.



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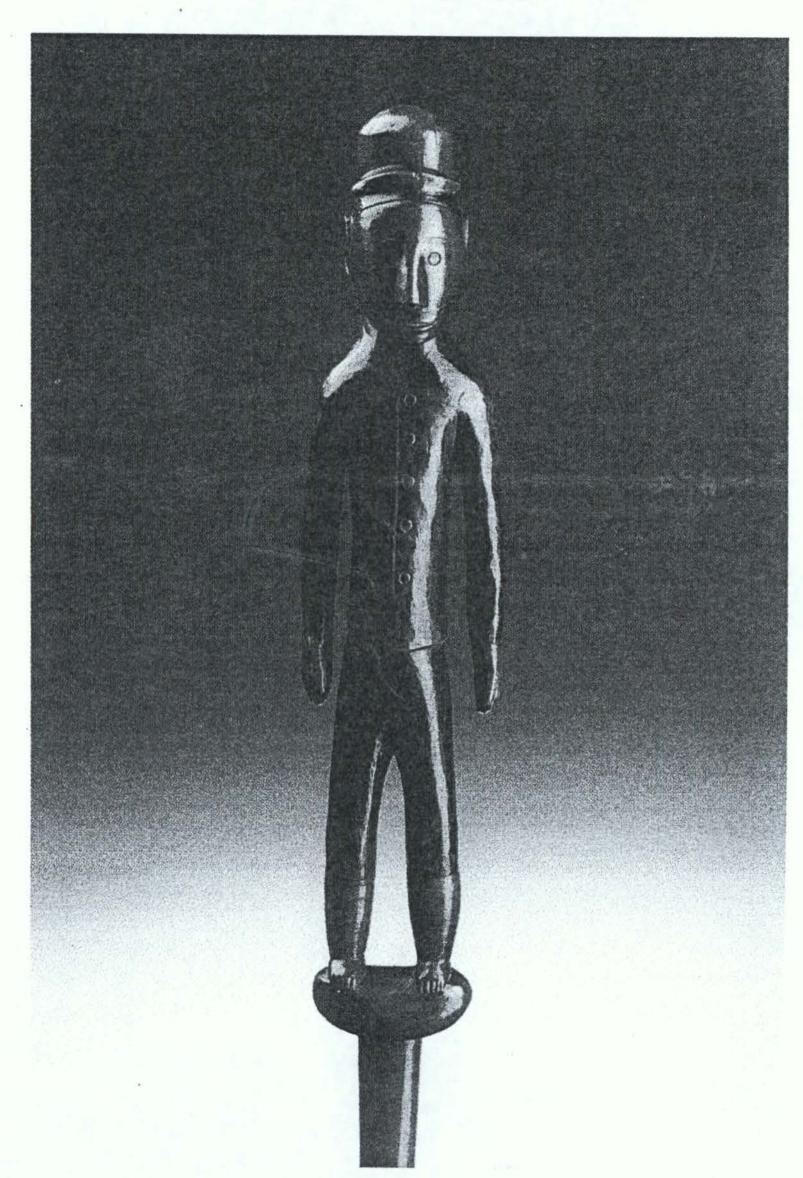
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A bare-footed male figure standing on an oval base attached to a long, cylindrical staff; the figure wears a large cap, buttoned-up jacket and knee breeches;

details of hair, including the beard and moustache,

have speckled pokerwork, honey brown patina
overall length: 149cm height of figure: 31cm





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A2 DONATION OF WORKS OF ART

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to acknowledge a donation of works of art to the Johannesburg Art Gallery.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 13 August 1999, the Art Gallery Committee recommended that the following works of art be accepted into the Gallery's permanent collection:

Donor: Anglo American Johannesburg Centenary Trust

	Artist/Community	Title/Object	Medium
$\sqrt{}$	Pemba, George	World War Two: cross and ruins	Oil
V	Tsonga/Northern Nguni	Staff, surmounted by a recently	Wood, poker work
		urbanised black male	
V	Tsonga/Northern Nguni	Staff, male figure	Wood, poker work
V	Tsonga/Northern Nguni	Staff, mother and child	Wood, poker work
V	Zulu	Hip belt (isigege)	Beads, thread

George Milwa Mnyaluza Pemba (born 1912, Port Elizabeth) is one of South Africa's great pioneer painters. He obtained a teacher's diploma at Lovedale Training College in the Eastern Cape in 1931. In 1937 he received a bursary and studied under Professor A W Moore at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. He was awarded a second bursary in 1941. In 1978 he taught art to children at the SA Institute of Race Relations. Pemba's work was first displayed on the Port Elizabeth Annual Exhibition in 1928. His two portraits received enthusiastic public acclaim. He was 16 years old at the time and considered by the press to be something of a prodigy. From 1945 he participated in a



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number of group and solo exhibitions. According to the artist, he painted *World War Two: cross and ruins*, as an elegy to the Second World War, almost a decade after its conclusion. During his lifetime Pemba has received a number of awards for his work as well as commissions. He is represented in important collections including the Johannesburg Art Gallery.

The Tsonga/Northern Nguni staffs offer significantly different characteristics that give insight into possible stylistic similarities found in other carved objects in the Gallery's collection. They also offer a rare variation compared with those in the Brenthurst collection. The staff depicting a recently urbanised black male figure represents the dress code of the colonial past. This staff records a specific time in our history, relevant for understanding influences on traditional objects of material culture. The head ring motif on the male figure staff distinguishes the staff as describing or belonging to a married Northern Nguni man. Similarly, the staff depicting a woman with a baby on her back describes a Nguni woman by the hairstyle. These are important features that are relevant records in the preservation of a vanishing culture.

The *isigege* is of particular interest in the Zulu corpus of beaded hip belts. Similar belts made of *ubendle* leaf and *isikonko* grass were worn by post-pubescent unmarried girls in the time of Shaka. It is a rare item in both the way it has been made as well as the colour combination of the beads and motif.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial/legal implications.

CONCLUSION

These works of art would be valuable additions to the Gallery's collection.



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IT IS RECOMMENDED

That the donations detailed in the item be accepted into the Gallery's permanent collection and that the thanks of the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council be conveyed to the donor.

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