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General Provenience: Polynesia (Hawaii)

Where collected:

Tribe:

Where made:

People:

Attribution:

Culture: Hawaiian.

Brief description: Spear Rest

Detailed description: Wooden anthropomorphic figure with back and neck arched so as to result in the face of the figure being in parallel line with the longitudinal axis. Said to have been used for the spears of chiefs. The figure

See reverse

DIMENSIONS (in cm.):

length: 23.0

height:

diameter:

width:

circumference:

Fuller Collection: Purchased from Captain A. W. F. Fuller of London, England, in 1958

Acquired by Fuller March 7, 1913.

Formerly in the J. Edge-Partington collection.

was apparently affixed to side of a house in such a manner that the face was oriented upward and the out-stretched hands accepted spears which were leaned with the points upward and the other ends resting on the ground. This specimen is illustrated in Album of the Pacific Islands by J. Edge-Partington, Series III, Plate 4, No. 2, 1898. For an illustration of a similar figure see Occasional Papers of the B. P. Bishop Museum, Vol. V, No. 4, p. 9, figs. 1-3. Edge-Partington label reads "Hawaiian Is. Chief's spear rest for fixing outside houses. No E 7."

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