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Country China.

Locality Singanfu.

People Chinese.

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Name Square clay seal with thumb-impression of the owner on the reverse. The fingerprint-system* has probably been invented in China. *for the identification of individuals.

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Han period or older.

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Collection Mrs. T. B. Blackstone Expedition,

Berthold Laufer, Collector 1908=1910.

Notes These clay seals (called ni feng) were used under the Chou & Han dynasties for sealing official letters & packages.

Width ~~4.0 cm~~ Length 4.2 cm Height 1.2 cm Price

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