

Jade
(Nephrite)

17.52
S.I.1141

Chinese

~~Chou Dynasty~~ ~~Late Shang-Early Western Chou~~
ca. 1523-1028 B.C.

Trapezoidal axe (fu 斧) wider and rounded at the blade;
~~Chisel-shaped object of the type kuei~~; beveled
blade and conical perforation; semi-translucent,
gray green with profuse delicate brown veinings,
areas of opaque dark brown at both ends; an
upper corner chamfered.

Length: 14.8 cm
~~14.8~~ (5-13/16")
Width at blade: ~~6.2~~ (2-7/16")
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1. Bought from Lee Van Ching, of Shanghai.
For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 258.
2. Original attribution: Han. See further,
S.I. 1141, Appendix VIII.
3. (A.G.Wenley, 1945) Chou dynasty.
4. (T.Lawton, 1978) Late Shang-Early Western Chou.
5. (Julia Murray, 1980) Attribution is changed
from Late Shang-Early Western Chou to Shang, ca. 1523-1028 B.C.
6. (Julia K. Murray, 1982) For a general discussion of axes
see folder sheet 18.35 . Axe 17.52 is similar to a jade
axe excavated from the tomb of Fu-hao at Anyang, Honan, dateable to the
12th century B. C. (reproduced in Yin-hsü Fu-hao mu 殷墟婦好墓
Peking, 1980; pl. 84/1 right (462)).