

Jade

16.160

S.I.873

Chinese,

Shang dynasty, late

Ceremonial implement; long, very thin blade form with sharp, beveled cutting edge; nighed handle with perfor-drilled from one side ation/and cap-shaped end; four circular perforations drilled from another side near upper edge; irregular cutting on one surface; translucent, light green with cloudy tan strata and scattered silvery incrustations and markings; high luster. (Break on upper edge, rough granular chips, blade edge minutely chipped.) Box.

49.4 cm
~~49.4~~ greatest length. (19-7/16")
 8.3 cm
~~083~~ greatest width. (3-5/16")

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1. Bought from Lai-Yuan and Company, New York.
 For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 188.
2. Original attribution: "Ancient". See further,
 S.I.873, Appendix VII. ~~XXXXXXParagraphXXXXXX~~
3. (A.G.W., 1946) Shang dynasty.
 For discussion of type, see folder 16.244, (C.W.B.) note 3.
4. Sp. G. is 2.938.
5. Exhibited:

1917 Chicago, Ill. The Art Institute, No. 115.

6. (T.Lawton, 1978) This blade has been sliced from a thicker blade. See 19.53, a blade on which such a slicing into two has been begun but not carried through. Cf. Loehr, Ancient Chinese Jades, no. 213.

7. (Julia K. Murray, 1982). The horizontal blade 16.160 has not only undergone recutting to create the niched handle at one end; it has also been sliced longitudinally somewhat unevenly and left unrefinished on the sliced side. The stone is full of cracks and veinings.

For a further discussion see 17.24 .