

Jade
(Nephrite)

16.167

S.I.880

Chinese,

~~Chou dynasty.~~ Late Shang-Early Western Chou

Thin knife blade with one cutting edge, of the type hu; blade beveled and sharpened; three oblong, longitudinal perforations near upper edge; reverse cut in two planes; semitranslucent, mottled yellowish gray with dark gray areas and black spots; satin smooth surface, some granular pitted areas. (Edge slightly chipped). Box.

29.6 cm
~~29.6~~ greatest length. (11-11/16")
~~07.4~~ greatest width. (2-15/16")
7.4 cm

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1. Bought from Lai-Yuan and Company, New York.
For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 192.
2. Original attribution: "Ancient". See further, S.I.880, Appendix VII. (See Paragraph 5.)
3. Sp. G. is 2.966. Nephrite.
4. (A.G.W., 1945) Chou dynasty.
5. (H.E.Buckman, 1964) The Envelope File contained no further information, and has now been destroyed.
6. (T.Lawton, 1978) Late Shang-Early Western Chou. This has been sliced from a thicker blade.

7. (Julia K. Murray, 1982). The elongated perforations on 16.167 are similar to those on a blade excavated at Shih-mao, Shen-mu 神木石峯 Shensi (K'ao-ku 1977/3, p. 155, fig. 2/3).

The side that was sliced has been left unrepolished and a horizontal ridge remains, suggesting that the slicing proceeded from both top and bottom until the cuts met in the center. Hayashi Minao argues that blades were sliced in antiquity to create matching tallies of official authority. (See "Stone-knife shaped jades and bone-scoop shaped jades"

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For a further discussion see 17.24 .