

## Jade

16.490

S.I.1036

Chinese,

~~W. Chou dynasty, ca. 1027-771 B.C.~~  
~~Late Shang, 1523-1028 B.C.~~

Large cleaver-shaped object of the type kuei; one long, beveled cutting edge; three conical perforations near upper edge; handle end notched on sides and sharply pointed, opposite end is diagonal; mottled gray and putty colored with cream strata marks, dark cloudings and reddish brown area near handle; lustrous surface. (Old chips and rough areas). Box.

53.8 cm  
~~.538-~~ in length. (21-3/16")  
 10.3 cm  
~~1.03~~ greatest width. (4-1/16")

Neg. Nos.

~~H375B2~~

S4782AE

~~S6083AA~~

1. Bought from Seaouke Yue, of Shanghai. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 230.

2. Original attribution: Hsia. See further, S.I.1036, Appendix VIII. ~~XXXXXXParagraphXX~~

3. (I.M., 1945) Chou dynasty.

4. Sp. G. is 2.914.

5. Exhibited:

1917 Chicago, Ill. The Art Institute, No. 116.

6. (T.Lawton, 1978) ~~Western Chou.~~ Late Shang.

7. (Julia Murray, 1980) Attribution is changed from Late Shang to Shang, 1523-1028 B.C.

8. (Julia K. Murray, 1982). The cutouts at one end of the blade are straighter-walled and of a different character from other parts of the overall contour, supporting the possibility that these areas were refinished, perhaps to accommodate a change in the ceremonial use to which the blade was put.

The three holes are all drilled from both sides and are not conical (as stated in the general description).

For a further discussion see 17.24 .