

Jade

(Nephrite)

18.29

S.I.1357

Chinese,

~~Chou dynasty.~~ Neolithic, 3rd millennium B.C.?

Ring; wide perforation and flat sides; opaque cream-white with some tan cloudings and a band of translucent ice-green on inner surface, possibly the original color; proportions irregular; surface satin smooth. (Several old, smoothed chips). Box.

11.3¹/_{cm} in diameter. (4-7/16")Neg. No.
H405B22.3¹/_{cm} in width. (15/16")

Diameter of hole: 8.0 cm

1. Bought from K. T. Wong, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 314.
2. Original attribution: Hsia. See further, S.I.1357, Appendix IX.
3. (I. M., 1945) Chou dynasty.
4. Sp. G. is 2.715. Decomposed nephrite ?
5. (E.H. West, 1958) Opaque white is nephrite. X-ray diffraction, film F603.
6. (T.Lawton, 1978) Attribution changed from Chou to Neolithic.

7. (Julia Murray, 1982) "3rd millennium B.C.?" is added to the date. Since most of this bangle consists of altered stone, and there is only a small slice of green material on the inside of the ring, it seems likely (in view of the unusually large hole diameter) that some other object was fashioned from the material enclosed by the present ring, and what we have may be the leftover "skin." For a discussion of bangles, see folder sheet 17.387.