Basic Detail Report



Dagger

Date

1800-1850

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Steel blade, bone, abalone shell, 2-strand native fiber, native tanned leather, canvas

Description

This dagger may have acquired its name "Swimming-Across-Wolf-Knife" from its second owner. He is said to have commissioned the carving of a wolf's head. Its jaw is

raised as if swimming through water and the blue abalone shell eyes, ears, nostrils, and teeth also suggests the water's reflection. Blood stains on the leather thong are a grim reminder of the dagger's history.

Dimensions

Overall: $147/8 \times 25/8$ in. $(37.8 \times 6.7 \text{ cm})$