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Prehistoric Axe From The Mousterian Period--neanderthal Era, Argenteuil, 1876, Archaeology



160 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Stone

Height : 11.4 cm

Description

Prehistoric axe from the Mousterian period - Neanderthal era, Argenteuil, 1876, ArchaeologyA rare and interesting flint axe dating from the Mousterian period (approximately 350,000 to 35,000 BCE), the era of Neanderthals.This piece is crafted from a grainy stone belonging to the sandstone family, featuring a beautiful yellowish hue. It attests to the skill of prehistoric humans in stoneworking and the manufacture of their earliest tools.It features a particularly interesting detail: an old ink inscription, written in the 19th century in elegant calligraphy, reading:"Celtic hatchet, found in Argenteuil in 1876"While the attribution to the Celtic period--common in 19th-century antiquarian classifications--is now considered erroneous, the inscription nevertheless retains genuine historical significance. It attests to

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an early discovery, predating modern methods of prehistoric classification.The place of origin is also noteworthy. Argenteuil, located in the present-day Val-d'Oise department (then the Seine-et-Oise department), was the site of archaeological research and discoveries related to prehistory, particularly during the 19th century.This ancient inscription thus serves as a valuable record of the history of the discovery and collection of prehistoric objects, at a time when archaeological knowledge was still rapidly evolving.The piece comes from a former Norman collection.Dimensions: height 11.4 cm.Price excludes shipping costsPolice Registry Ref.: A264Professional Antique Dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasingAs a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic items that have been carefully selected and are legally marketable. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance.Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase comes with a detailed invoice and a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the item's provenance and ensuring complete transparency.Legal Compliance. All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological items are offered in accordance with the Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 et seq.). Items that may be subject to specific regulations (cultural artifacts, antiques, items made of specific materials) are sold strictly in accordance with the law.International Buyers. Buyers outside of France are advised to verify the regulations applicable in their country regarding the importation of cultural artifacts or antiques.Right of Withdrawal.In accordance with the law (Article L.221-18 of the Consumer Code), you have 14 days after receipt to return an item. Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the buyer. The item must be returned in its original condition.Quality Commitment. Buying from a professional ensures security, transparency, and reliability. I am available to answer any

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