

Doll

Not on display

Title/Description: Doll

Object Type: Figure

Materials: Metal, Wood

Measurements: h. 200 x w. 40 x d. 26 mm

Accession Number: 731

Historic Period: 19th century

Production Place: Canada, North America, Northern Canada, The Americas

Cultural Group: Inuit

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1980

The precise origin of this doll is not known. The schematic features and stumpy arms suggest a
central Inuit attribution, and it probably formerly had a full fur costume, as shown in Turner (1894:
258; see also examples from Cumberland Sound in Boas, 1888: 571). A split up the body has been
arrested by a large iron nail through the hips.

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North
American Art, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 258.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Arbutus Limited on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1980 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.