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## CERTIFICATE

### **STONE AGE KNAPPED SICKLE**

**DENMARK (4<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> mill. BC)**

**Danish Passage Grave Culture**

**MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE:** a knapped flint sickle with serrated edges. Oblong in shape and light grey colour. Beautiful finish.

Excellent state of preservation. Found in Denmark pre 1900.

**ORIGIN:** this object belongs to the so called chamber tombs period, which are megalithic sepulchres of quadrangular or rounded form accessed by a narrow and generally clad corridor. Often the access was made so that the light would be aligned with the entrance during the winter solstice, equinox, or even the sunset. This type of tomb is found throughout the Atlantic coast of Europe, from the Iberian Peninsula to Scandinavia. The oldest tombs of this type were in the form of dolmen; they could be grouped in the shape of a cross and positioned at heights to make them visible from afar.

**DIMENSIONS:** Length: 14.6 cm (5.7") – Width: 3.5 cm (1.3")

**WEIGHT:** 55 grams

**PROVENANCE:** ex collection of Dr M.G. Weller, Cornwall, UK.

Formerly part of the Henry Dewey, then Reginald A. Smith collection (1873-1940) British Museum. The latter was an archaeologist, director of the Department of Antiquities and Medieval Objects for the British Museum in the 1920 s. He wrote many books, including a *British Museum guide to Anglo-Saxon Antiquities*.

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