



Power Figure

E 169) Eskimo powerful standing male figure. Thule Culture, possibly from Little Diomedé Island, Bering Strait, Alaska although a very similar figure was collected by archaeologist William Laughlin, probably near Umnak Island in the Aleutian chain in the 1940/50's. Walrus tusk (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*). 4,3 cm. 1200 – 1800 AD. Ex Alex Arthur, Belgium.

Literature:

This powerfully carved figure is difficult to place without collection provenance. There are strong similarities with a number of small animated carvings that are from the Diomedé Islands far to the north of the Bering Strait. Yet this figure appears to be much older or at least to have an archaeological patination. The archeologist William Laughlin found in the period between the 1940's and 1960's a very similar figure on or near Umnak Island in the Aleutian chain with a similar patination of great age.

See the William Laughlin figure probably collected on Umnak isl. in the Aleutian Islands
: <http://skinboatjournal.blogspot.com/2012/01/traditional-unangan-aleut-beliefs.html>

See the figures from Little Domede Island : <https://www.flickr.com/photos/willishrinx/457049166>

