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CC: AZOLA MKOSANA
Dear Mr van der Merwe

Upon request, Jaco Boshoff informed me that you have expert knowledge on tools and gave me your e-mail address. I hope you do not mind me taking the liberty to obtain your advice.

The tools belong to Mr Salie from Bo Kaap who inherited these tools from his grandfather. I think that he wants to sell them but I requested that SAHRA establish whether any of the pieces are rare/unique before he decides what to do with them. I do not know if there are tool collections associated with the Bo Kaap and if so, how these compare.

It would be appreciated if you could view the images or if not good enough, I could arrange for you to view them at Mr Salie's home to enable you to assess the significance of the collection or identify significant items within the collection that should be preserved for future generations.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards

Regina Isaacs

From: "Thys Van Der Merwe" <tvandermerwe@iziko.org.za>
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Subject: RE: TOOLS FROM THE BO KAAP

CC: "AZOLA MKOSANA" <AMKOSANA@sahra.org.za>
Dear Regina

Yes; Jaco told me that you would contact me regarding tools. I sharpened all the images to have a better view and my first impressions are the following:

- The collection represents woodworking tools dating from possibly the 19th century and 20th century.
- The tools are examples of what we have in our collection.
- The general condition of the tools is a cause of concern with rust the biggest threat.
- I am not aware of any other Bo Kaap tool collection so that I cannot make any comment in this regard.
- The uniqueness of the tool collection will depend on who the makers were and the series of tools, although as I stated earlier, we have examples of all these, and Stanley Tools and / or Record are represented in this collection.
- Conclusion: the collection should be recorded. This means that each tool must be photographed separately and described. This includes the various makers, serial numbers, dimensions, etc. Please note that foot and inch are the dimensions used for American and English tools.

Please let me know whether you would like me to do this.

Kind regards
Thys

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