

Litkie Diamond NAMAQUALAND Little Sancy Diamond

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Litkie Diamond. Found on the Vaal River, Cape Province, Republic of South Africa, 1891. 205 carats. Location unknown.

Little (or Lesser) Namaqualand. See

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Little Sancy Diamond. Although from the collection of the same Seigneur de Sancy of the French Court, this 34-carat pear-shaped brilliant cut should not be confused with the 55-carat Sancy Diamond. The Little Sancy was bought by Prince Frederick of Orange in 1647 and passed down to his grandson, who became King Frederick I of Prussia. The gem was then in the Prussian Treasury for many years. It was worn on the Crown Necklace by the bride, Prin-

cess Mary of Sachsen-Altenburg, at her wedding to Prince Albert of Prussia in Berlin in 1881. In 1923, it was inventoried among the Crown Jewels of the Hohenzollern as a pendant in a 23-diamond necklace. Today, still mounted as a pendant but of a much simpler design, the Little Sancy is one of the prize possessions of the Royal Prussian House in Bremen, Germany. An alternate name is the Beau Sancy.

load. A term used in the South African diamond mines for 16 cubic feet of blue ground, or about 4/5 of a short ton. Despite the fact that mine cars carry about 20 cubic feet, the standard load used for reporting yield is the 16-cubic-foot size.