

Fiberglassed Balsa with Opaque Resin

Date

1950s

Primary Maker

Joe Quigg

Medium

Balsa, Fiberglass

Description

This board contains a hand painted crest of arms on deck near the nose of the board. Miki Dora gave this board to Renny Yater and told him it was shaped by the Father of modern surfboards, Joe Quigg. Joe Quigg had shaped this board for Buzzy Trent. At the bottom of the board, written in ink is the inscription, "Hold for Brian Wilson, friend of Haps" but Renny Yater does not know the full story behind this inscription. Miki Dora was born in Budapest, Hungary to Miklos and Ramona Dora who were soon divorced and introduced the opportunity for his mother to meet his step father Gard Chapin. Chapin introduced Miki Dora to the ways of the ocean and life at the beach. Dora was a worthy student and an excellent test pilot for the surfboard Chapin bought him. "Chapin was one of the few guys who instantly recognized that my pintails would work," surfboard innovator Joe Quigg recalls in Surflife's 'Surfing A-Z'. "I got ridiculed and (Bob) Simmons laughed at them, but Chapin got one, and he bought one for Mickey, and that was his first surfboard."



