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GREEN PAINTED GRAIN CONTAINER

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c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Paint, Wood • Collection #TLC022A W: 17.0" D: 16.0" H: 23.0"

This hand-crafted wooden bucket was once used by farmers in Shanxi, China to transport their harvest of rice and grains over long distances. Counterbalanced by a second container, the pail would have been lifted by a pole threaded through the tall handles and supported across one's shoulders. The rustic vessel has a basket-like form, with a square basin seamed by dovetail joinery and arched handles connected by a horizontal bar. Years of use have weathered the bucket's green painted finish with inimitable texture, particularly at the handle, now burnished smooth from the touch of many hands. Continued...

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Today, this storied grain container lives on as a storage basket for magazines, toys, firewood or balls of yarn.