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## FINE BLACK LACQUER DOCUMENT BOX

**\$580**

c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Wood, Brass, Lacquer • Collection #CBH039

W: 19.25" D: 14.5" H: 6.75"

This early 20th-century document box likely once sat on the writing desk of a Qing-dynasty scholar, used to store and protect his works of fine calligraphy and traditional landscape painting. The box is cloaked in layers of fine black lacquer, impeccably smoothed with a lustrous finish. The gently arched lid bears traces of delicate paintings of censers, vases, flowers, and other offerings. The box interior is coated in a rich red lacquer and the front is adorned with a brass pull in the form of a bat, a symbol of happiness.



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