

BURL BRUSHWASHER

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c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Burl • Collection #CMT122 W: 4.5" D: 4.75" H: 3.0"

Alongside the Four Treasures of a Chinese scholar - paper, brush, ink, and inkstone - this brushwasher likely once resided on the desk of a great calligrapher. Created in the mid-19th century, this dish was hand-carved of nanmu, evergreen burl wood, and valued for its irregular surface, thought to reflect the complexity of nature.