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SHANXI FOOTSTOOL

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c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #MMM104

W: 24.75" D: 12.25" H: 8.0"

This 19th century footstool from Shanxi, China is elegantly designed with horsehoof feet, waist and apron made from a single piece of wood. It wonderfully exemplifies the type of furniture that was commonly placed in front of a chair or daybed to elevate feet off the cool, damp floors of the time. Although Chinese chairs are commonly designed with a footrest stretcher for the same purpose, a separate footstool placed in front of someone's chair was more comfortable and differentiated that person as the distinguished member of the group. Continued...



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This custom can be traced to early Buddhist sculpture, in which seated deities are shown with their feet resting up on lotus pods.

