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SIGN OF HONOR

\$5,380

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #CB326

W: 70.75" D: 3.25" H: 26.5"

Signs of honor were presented as a gesture of gratitude to individuals who had bettered their community or in acknowledge of a respected person's birthday. The sign would have been hung in the individual's personal studio or prominently displayed in an entrance hall. Carved of northern elmwood (yumu) with a richly aged lacquer finish, this 19th-century sign of honor describes in subtly gilt characters 'a person of extraordinary integrity, one who never spoke poorly of others or said negative things.'



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