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"BROKEN DREAMS" BLUE AND WHITE PORCELAIN NECK PILLOW

\$1,880

c. 1850 • China • Porcelain, Iron • Collection #PRA003 W: 13.0" D: 5.25" H: 6.0"

We call this Qing-dynasty neck pillow "Broken Dreams" not for the restlessness one might experience with such a hard headrest but for the 19th-century restoration that enhances its age and character. Dealing with what could have been an irreparable crack, a resourceful restorer used iron closures to bring the head rest back to its original beauty and function. Neck pillows were popular among upper-class women who used them to protect their elaborate hairstyles by elevating the head during sleep. Continued...

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Executed in the classic blue-and-white style, the porcelain pillow is painted with finely rendered chrysanthemum flowers on a field of dreamy clouds.