



## FRAMED ANCESTOR PORTRAIT

**\$4,280**

c. 1900 • China • Silk, Pigment • Collection #CVF006

W: 36.25" D: 1.0" H: 82.5"

This intricately detailed composition is a late-Qing dynasty ancestor portrait depicting several generations of a family's male ancestry. Originally accompanied by a matching portrait of female ancestry, this painting would have been displayed in the home as the object of familial ancestor worship. When properly cared for, ancestors were believed to be a powerful source of honor, protection, and good luck. Arranged chronologically, these male ancestors are shown dressed in formal attire and seated before a patchwork of painted screens and tables set with precious objects.



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