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## LIMESTONE FOOT REST

#### \$1,980

c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Limestone • Collection #BJGG014 W: 13.0" D: 6.75" H: 6.75"

This early 20th century foot rest from China's Shanxi province is simply designed with a rounded body and four square feet. Hand-carved of limestone, the footstool is patterned with rhythmic etchings and adorned on the ends with an eight-sided star, a symbolic depiction of the universe. It was believed that the Sky Emperor T'ai-Yi, a deification of primordial unity, resided at the top point of this star and ruled over all eight divisions of Heaven. Continued...

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Unlike wooden footstools that would have been placed before chairs or daybeds as a signal of status, this limestone foot rest was likely used in a garden before a drum seat or portable stool.