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## PAIR OF LONGEVITY RELIEF SCROLL CASES

**\$480**

c. 1900 • China • Hardwood • Collection #CFC168

H: 14.0" Dia: 3.0"

Delicately carved of dense hardwood, these 19th-century scroll cases were an essential accessory for the esteemed Qing-dynasty scholar. The perfect size for a rolled-up scroll, the cases were once used to store and protect works of traditional calligraphy and landscape painting.

The matching cases are hand-carved in low relief with all-over scrollwork and borders of geometric meanders. Each case is carved with repeated Shou characters, symbols of longevity and a blessing for a long and complete life. Amid the scrollwork flourishes are ribbon-clad objects known as the Eight Auspicious Symbols of Buddhism, including the eternal knot, the conch shell, and the wheel of life. Continued...



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These symbols are believed to bring peace and good fortune, and represent the offerings made by the gods to Shakyamuni Buddha when he attained enlightenment.

This pair of carved scroll cases is an artful display of artisanal craftsmanship, an easy way to add texture, character, and storied charm to any home or office.

From the collection of Frances and Gary Comer.

