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## DRIP TILE

**\$12**

c. 1900 • Jiangsu, China • Ceramic • Collection #GD TILE DRIP

W: 8.0" D: 7.0" H: 4.0"

Graduated layers of ceramic roof tiles were a primary feature of Chinese architecture for centuries. Their resilience and simplicity made them an ideal answer to the region's shifting climate. This particular tile would have capped the end of a line of simpler tiles, providing a drip channel to funnel rainwater off the roof and away from the home. Such end tiles are frequently decorated, in this case with relief carvings of bats, a traditional Chinese symbol of prosperity. Using a series of tiles decorated with bats to finish a roof provided its residents wishes for prosperity. Continued...



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Each tile varies slightly.



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