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SIGN OF HONOR

\$1,980

c. 1850 • China • Paint, Wood • Collection #P316

W: 32.0" D: 1.5" H: 16.0"

Characters carved in lyrical script on this wood tablet literally translate to House, Phoenix and Mystical Bird. Bestowed to an individual respected in a community, these words together would symbolically honor the person as well developed, moral, and ethical. If the tablet were given to a couple, it would have honored their harmonious relationship. A 19th-century sign of honor, such as this one, would have been prominently displayed in a residence, office, or creative studio.



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