



## PROVINCIAL WASHING STICK

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c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Fruitwood • Collection #QQQ358I

W: 17.0" D: 2.5" H: 5.75"

Carved in the mid-19th century in China's Shanxi province, this fruitwood washing stick would have been used by a Qing-dynasty woman for washing clothes and textiles. Used to beat wet fabrics against a stone washboard, washing sticks were an integral part of Chinese daily life, evidenced by the stick's smooth, burnished surface. Mounted on a custom steel stand, this functional tool is elevated to a unique sculptural object with rich character and simple form.



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