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FRUITWOOD GEAR HEART

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c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Fruitwood • Collection #BJGG061

H: 13.0" Dia: 11.25"

Carved from a single block of fruitwood, this unusual piece was once part of the central wheel shaft of a Qing-dynasty grain mill. Each slot once secured a peg of a large water wheel, which harnessed river currents to draw a millstone across grain harvests. A rich patina cloaks the expressive grain of the fruitwood, softening the gear heart's irregular, rippled texture. Once a critical industrial mechanism, the piece now lives on as a sculptural side table or pedestal.



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