

SA875071

CHINESE TEMPLE FIGURE - EARLY QING DYNASTY, 18TH CENTURY

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA875071****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

Here is a Chinese temple figure, which would have once adorned the altar of a Chinese temple or private shrine - carved from wood with polychromed detailing and a very interesting story... This figure was given to the renowned 19th Century missionary and translator Dr Griffith John, during his travels throughout China converting the local populace to Christianity. The back of the statue bears the word 'idol' scratched into the surface, and an old label with a museum stamp reads : "One of many Idols handed over to Dr. GRIFFITH JOHN, in March, 1896, by converts in the King Shan and Tien Men districts of the HANKOW MISSION". Although the label is hard to read with the naked eye, under a UV light the wording is clearer and corresponds with an identical label on a similar figure in the the British Museum. On Dr Griffith John's return from China, many of his gifted figures and 'idols' were put on display in the London Missionary Society museum, which on its closure in 1910 were dispersed into other museums and private collections. This figure sits on her throne adorned in a flowing dark robe with scarlet under skirt decorated with a simple flower-like patterning. She is...

Seller Details

Vicky Thomas Antiques

Manchester United Kingdom



Tel: 07718 101220

International Tel: +44 7718 101220