



19th Century Antique

A most unusual late 19th century French statuary marble chimneypiece probably made for the emerging and prosperous American market with a bald headed eagle attacking a snake. Circa 1880. With serpentine shelf and frieze which is centered with an eagle holding a snake in its beak on a rocaille background with foliage and bull rushes, flanked by cartouches centred with flower embellished paterae. The end blockings above the jambs with further elements the scrolled consol shaped jambs with floral decoration.

Dimensions

Height 40³/₄in (103.5cm) width 51¹/₄in (134.3cm)

Internal height 34in (86.4cm) width 33³/₄in (85.7cm)

Total depth 11¹/₂in (29.3cm)

Reference

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