

19TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS XVI GILTWOOD MIRROR WITH SHIELD CREST AND FLORAL DECOR

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Crafted in France circa 1860, this impressive antique Louis XVI giltwood mirror is distinguished by its tall arched form, finely carved decoration, and elaborate floral crest. Rising over five feet in height, the frame is crowned by a classical shield-shaped cartouche embellished with scrolling acanthus leaves and surrounded by abundant carved flowers and foliage.

A sculptural floral garland sweeps gracefully across the upper portion of the mirror, creating an elegant swag beneath the crest. The molded frame is enriched with carved floral ornament set against diagonal ribbon-like bands, while a delicate beaded border closely outlines the mirror plate. The combination of symmetry, classical motifs, and naturalistic floral carving is characteristic of the refined Louis XVI aesthetic.

The hand-gilded surface has developed a warm, mellow patina with subtle rubbing and tonal variation that accentuate the depth of the carving. The mirror retains its original mercury glass plate, displaying the gentle age and character expected of 19th century glass, as well as its original wood plank backing.

With its generous proportions and exceptionally decorative crest, this antique mirror has a commanding architectural presence while remaining graceful and balanced in design.

The mirror is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use.

Dimensions: 36.25" W x 7" D x 66.25" H

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