

19TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS XVI CARVED GILTWOOD BAROMETER AND THERMOMETER

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Decorate an entryway, library, or living room with this elegant antique French barometer and thermometer, crafted in France circa 1880. Hand-carved in wood in the Louis XVI style, the tall decorative wall instrument features an elaborate combination of giltwood and faux-malachite painted accents in rich turquoise-blue tones, creating a striking contrast that enhances the intricate sculptural details.

The upper section features a vertical thermometer with both Celsius and Fahrenheit scales, framed by carved floral rosettes and crowned with a ribbon-tied laurel wreath. Below, the circular aneroid barometer is set within a richly molded surround, featuring a traditional French dial with weather indications including “Beau Temps,” “Variable,” and “Pluie.” The face is marked “Baromètre Holostérique,” identifying its mercury-free mechanism.

The ornate frame is beautifully embellished with carved acanthus leaves, floral garlands, ribbon bows, crossed classical motifs, and decorative foliage. The lower section is further adorned with scrolling elements and a pendant finial, while the original-looking gilt and turquoise-painted finish displays a wonderful aged patina throughout.

The antique Louis XVI-style barometer and thermometer is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with minor surface wear and paint flaking consistent with its age. Both decorative and functional in design, this impressive French scientific instrument would make a sophisticated addition above a console, fireplace mantel, or sideboard.

Dimensions: 16.75”W x 39.5”H.

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