

MID-19TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS PHILIPPE CARVED WALNUT SECRETARY CABINET

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This handsome antique secrétaire à abattant was crafted in France circa 1840 during the Louis Philippe period. Built of richly figured walnut, the tall cabinet displays the restrained architectural lines characteristic of the style, with a molded rectangular top, gently rounded frieze, paneled façade, and short molded feet.

The upper section incorporates a discreet frieze drawer above the fall-front writing panel. When opened, the front creates a generous writing surface lined in green leather and reveals a beautifully fitted interior. An arrangement of small drawers, open compartments, and a central niche provides organized storage for correspondence and writing accessories, while slender turned columns lend the interior the appearance of a miniature architectural theater.

Below the writing desk, a pair of book-matched walnut doors opens to additional shelving, offering substantial concealed storage. The striking symmetrical grain across the façade is particularly attractive and gives the otherwise understated cabinet considerable visual interest. The secrétaire retains two period keys.

The antique desk is in very good condition commensurate with age and use and retains a warm walnut patina. Expected surface wear and marks, particularly to the top, are consistent with nearly two centuries of use and contribute to its authentic character.

Dimensions: 38.25" W x 17.25" D x 58" H.

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