



19th Century Antique

A French 1820's chimneypiece carved in Bardiglio and statuary marble in the Egyptian revival style, the simple rectangular shelf surmounts a frieze with palmettes and rosette paterae carved in white marble. This is supported by Jambs with finely carved caryatids, palmettes at centre and feet on the footblocks. The Egyptian revival became popular in France during the era of Napoleon's expeditions. This turned into a style in art, architecture and decorative arts especially after the *Description de l'Égypte* was published from 1809. Known in England as *Description of Egypt*, it was a publication in series recording all aspects of ancient and modern Egypt.

Dimensions

Height 46 $\frac{5}{8}$ in (118.5cm) width 62 $\frac{1}{8}$ in (157.9cm)

Internal height 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ in (100.3cm) width 44 $\frac{7}{8}$ in (114cm)

Footblock to footblock 59in (150cm)

Shelf depth 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ in (40.3cm)

Reference

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