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ENGLISH 19TH CENTURY WALNUT LIBRARY STEPS WITH HANDRAIL AND TURNED SUPPORTS



\$4,500

This handsome set of English library steps dates to the 19th century and is crafted in solid walnut, presenting a warm, honey-toned surface that has mellowed beautifully with age. Designed for both practicality and presence, the piece features three graduated steps, allowing safe and comfortable access to higher shelves while maintaining a refined, furniture-like character.

The turned supports and legs are crisply executed, with squared block joints articulating the transitions between uprights and rails. Angled handrails on both sides provide stability and visual balance, their proportions carefully considered rather than purely utilitarian. The stepped treads show attractive grain variation and subtle tonal shifts typical of walnut, adding depth without distracting from the overall restraint of the design.

Unlike later Victorian examples that can feel heavy or over-ornamented, these steps retain an earlier, architectural clarity that aligns well with Georgian and early Victorian interiors. They sit comfortably in a library, study, dressing room, or retail setting, functioning equally as a practical access piece or as a sculptural accent near shelving or cabinetry.

A well-constructed and visually balanced example of English library furniture, offering both everyday utility and enduring decorative appeal.

Height: 47 in (119.38 cm)

Width: 23.25 in (59.06 cm)

Depth: 23.25 in (59.06 cm)

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