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**Item** A REGENCY GOTHIC CAST IRON & LIMESTONE BOOT SCRAPER

**Date** England, circa 1790-1820.

**Provenance** A house on the Bowood Estate, Wiltshire.

**Dimensions** Height 17" (43cm) Width 24" (60cm) Depth 15" (38cm)

**Description** *The cast-iron boot-scraper in the form of a bridge, having two elegant columns topped with cluster finials and an arched span between inset with two pierced quatrefoils; set into a thick, rectangular cut-limestone block.*

This architectural-form boot-scraper came from a house on the Bowood Estate near Calne; the base appears to be limestone, possibly the oolitic limestone from the nearby Bath quarries.

Architectural ironwork of this grand form often followed not only the patterns seen on the principal house but also the surrounding vernacular buildings. Whilst what now remains of Bowood House is not Gothick in influence, many of the estate houses that sit on the land, especially those at Derry Hill, undoubtedly are, as are several grand properties nearby including Corsham Court with work by John Nash and Lacock Abbey at Lacock.

It is comparatively rare to have the original block, in this case a massive piece of cut stone, which may be inset to any depth to either side of a door.

**Price** £1,900

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