



A Pair of Blue John Columns

Circa: Circa 1800

40 cm

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40 x 0 cm (15³/₄ x 0 inches)

England

Derbyshire/England around 1800

Columns resting on square plinths, with bronze beaded friezes at the ends.

Until the early 19th century, vessels (vases, bowls, etc.) were made in England from a yellow-blue to white-blue banded solid fluorite mined in Derbyshire, which was nicknamed "Blue John" – from the French "bleu-jaune" for blue-yellow.