This is a wonderful antique, front opening Japanese tansu. Tansu (in Japanese) means chest, chest of drawers or cupboard. Every aspect of this tansu reflects the hand made construction that was some common during the 19th century. The hand cut dovetail joinery of this walnut cabinet creates an incredibly strong construction ensuring this chest will survive for centuries to come. The hand wrought hinges, clasp, handles and decorative hardware give the simple design of the case just the right amount of detail, illustrating the pride of the craftsman without being boastful. By lifting the clasp on the top of the piece one allows the bottom hinged door to open, giving access to the interior. This chest would look right at home in a bedroom and would provide a goodly amount of storage for sheets and other bedding.











