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19th Century English Giltwood Sofas **£6,800.00**

W:	195 cm (76 3/4")
H:	87 cm (34 1/4")
D:	83 cm (32 11/16")

A pair of 19th Century English Sofas with carved giltwood show frames. These sofas are loosely in the French Louis Quatorze style.

Giltwood furniture represented grandeur and luxury in the 19th Century. English tastes sought to emulate French trends and décor, and gilded chairs and sofas were the pinnacle of this style.

Such pieces were particularly popular in London from the late 1820s through to the 1840s, often complimenting white interiors with lots of gilding. A very fine example would be The Grand Reception Room at Windsor Castle.

The process of gilding involved many different stages as gold leaf was layered over red bole (a sort of clay). As the gold wears away through the years, the red can become visible underneath the gold as seen on parts of these sofas.

These sofas are a beautiful, timeless pair.

Materials & Techniques:	['894']
Condition:	Good
Period:	19th Cent





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