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Head of a Man (relief fragment)

Limestone, 155 x 195 x 16 mm

Broken

Provenance:

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Hildebrand Gurlitt, Dusseldorf (per photograph)

By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Primary source:

Cornelius Gurlitt Papers, Salzburg:

Photographs, no. 17.1_F17126 [n.d.]

Further sources consulted:

Business records Hildebrand Gurlitt

Correspondence Hildebrand Gurlitt

Cultural Plunder by the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg: Database of Art Objects at the Jeu de Paume

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Getty Provenance Index, German Sales Catalogs

Lost Art

Lootedart.com

Répertoire des Biens Spoliés

Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie

Verzeichnis national wertvoller Kunstwerke ("Reichsliste von 1938")

Witt Library

Note:

The object is a copy or forgery of an ancient Egyptian relief in the style of the New Empire.

The personal papers found in Cornelius Gurlitt's Salzburg home include a collection of about 2,400 photographs of artworks. Photograph no. 17.1_F17126 is a reproduction of this relief, as mounted on a pedestal; inscribed on recto: "39".

This object has sustained extensive fire damage, as have many of the ancient artefacts in the Schwabing Art Trove. Time and circumstances of this damage are currently unknown (cf. Lost Art ID nos. 521788–521799, 521805, 521806, 521809, 521814, 521815).

The photograph shows the pre-fire state.

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