



Constantin Guys La Calèche (The carriage)

Ink and watercolour on paper, 199 x 345 mm

on verso, lower centre, inscribed in pencil: "Constantin Guys: 'Die Kutsche', Tusche und Aquarell 19,5 x 34,5 cm Ausstellung: 'Werke der französischen Malerei und Graphik des 19. Jahrhunderts', Katalog Nr. 57 ('Die Kutsche', 28 x 42,5 cm? Mit Rahmen?) Villa Hügel, Essen, 1954 (Museum Folkwang, Essen)"; lower left, in pencil: "W"

Provenance:

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Sale: Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 5 December 1940, lot 6

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Acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt in France, c. 1942 By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

Exhibition:

Werke der Französischen Malerei und Grafik des 19. Jahrhunderts. Villa Hügel, Museum Folkwang, Essen, 25 July–6 November 1954. [possibly no. 57, Die Kutsche]

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Note:

According to the extant sale ledgers, this was one of about forty works that Gurlitt claimed to have acquired from the art dealer Jean Lenthal in Paris on 20 June 1942. Research by the Taskforce revealed these to be false entries. Post-war correspondence between Gurlitt and Lenthal, which was found in Cornelius Gurlitt's Salzburg residence, proved that Gurlitt coerced Lenthal into issuing fake receipts for works that Lenthal never owned or sold. Gurlitt provided Lenthal with a statement to this effect in 1947.

Jean Lenthal (recte Hans Loewenthal, 1914 Vienna—1983 Paris) was an art dealer in Paris. On account of his Jewish descent, Lenthal was deported in 1943, first to Drancy and thereafter to Auschwitz, Sachsenhausen and Mauthausen concentration camps. After the liberation in 1945, Lenthal returned to live in Paris where he resumed his art dealership.

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