Entangled Pasts, 1768-now: Art, Colonialism and Change

03 February 2024 to 28 April 2024

Artist: John Singleton Copley RA

Artist Nationality: Anglo-

American

Title: Mary and Elizabeth Royall **Given title:** Mary MacIntosh Royall and Elizabeth Royall

Date: 1758

Medium: Oil on canvas

Unframed: $145.73 \times 122.24 \text{ cm}$ Framed: $162.9 \times 141 \times 8.9 \text{ cm}$

Origin: America
Accession: 25.49

Lender: Museum of Fine Arts,

Boston

465 Huntington Avenue

Boston

MA 02115-5523 United States



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PROVENANCE

About 1758 until 1776, the Royall family, Medford, MA [see note 1]. Gideon Snow (b. 1768 - d. 1853), Boston [see note 2]; by descent to his son, Rev. Theodore W. Snow (b. 1810 - d. 1872), Taunton and Boston; by descent to his daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Snow (b. 1856), Boston and Pomfret, CT; 1925, sold by H. Elizabeth Snow to the MFA for \$2,000. (Accession Date: March 5, 1925)

NOTES: [1] The Royall family fled to England in 1776, leaving the painting behind. [2] According to H. Elizabeth Snow (August 8, 1934), the painting was a gift to her grandfather, Gideon Snow, but she did not specify from whom. It was accessioned by the MFA as a work by Joseph Blackburn.

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Artist: John Singleton Copley RA

Artist Nationality: Anglo-

American

Title: Watson and the Shark

Date: 1778

Medium: Oil on canvas

Unframed: 183.51 x 229.55 cm Framed: 218.4 x 264.2 x 17.8 cm

Origin: England
Accession: 89.481

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Boston

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PROVENANCE

1815, upon the artist's death, to his son, John Singleton Copley Jr., Lord Lyndhurst (b. 1772 - d. 1863), London; given by Lord Lyndhurst to artist's family, probably his sister, Elizabeth Clarke Copley (Mrs. Gardiner) Greene (b. 1770 - d. 1866), Boston [see note 1]. By 1882, Marrion Alice Appleton (Mrs. George von Lengerke) Meyer (b. 1862 - d. 1935), Boston; 1889, gift of Mrs. George von Lengerke to the MFA. (Accession Date: November 5, 1889)

NOTES: [1] Martha Babcock Amory (granddaughter of the artist), in The Domestic and Artistic Life of John Singleton Copley (Boston, 1882), p. 74, notes that the painting went to the artist's son, Lord Lyndhurst, who gave it to a "near relative [in] Boston" and then went to the "family of the late Charles Appleton." In 1850, "Mrs. G. Greene" lent a painting of Watson and the Shark to the Boston Athenaeum. It may be identical to the painting lent to the Athenaeum in 1841 under the name of her daughter, Susannah Copley Greene Hammond (b. 1805 - d. 1844) and in 1866 under the name of her son, Gardiner Greene Hammond (b. 1832 - d. 1903).

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Artist: Agostino Brunias **Artist Nationality:** Italian

Title: View on the River Roseau,

Dominica

Date: 1770/80

Medium: Oil on canvas Unframed: 84.1 x 158 cm Framed: 99.1 x 173.4 x 8.3 cm

Origin: West Indies **Accession:** 1953.14

Lender: The Art Institute of

Chicago

111 South Michigan Avenue

Chicago

IL 60603-6404 United States



The Art Institute of Chicago

PROVENANCE

Emily Crane Chadbourne, Stone Ridge, New York by 1952; given to the Art Institute, 1953.

Note that: This object has an incomplete provenance for the years 1933-1945

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Artist: Benjamin West PRA **Artist Nationality:** British-

American

Title: American Commissioners

of the Preliminary Peace

Negotiations with Great Britain

Date: 1783-1819

Medium: Oil on canvas

Framed: 86.4 x 107.3 x 7 cm

Origin: London, England

Accession: 1957.0856

Lender: The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, Inc.

5105 Kennett Pike

Winterthur Delaware

19735

United States



Gift of Henry Francis du Pont, Courtesy of Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library

PROVENANCE

Sold by Benjamin West's sons, Raphael Lamar West and Benjamin West, Jr., on June 20-22, 1829, via Henry J. & George Henry Robins auction, London; Lot 75. Purchased by Joseph Strutt (1765-1844). By descent in the Strutt family, first to Joseph Strutt's nephew, Edward Strutt, M. P., first Baron Belper (1801-1880), then to Edward's son Henry Strutt, second Baron Belper (1840-1914), and finally to Henry's son Algernon Henry Strutt, third Baron Belper (1883-1956). Algernon Henry Strutt sold the painting to J. P. Morgan, Jr. (1867-1943) in 1916. M. Knoedler & Co., Inc., acting as agent for J. P. Morgan, Jr., sold the painting to Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969) in 1943. Henry Francis du Pont gifted the painting to The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, Inc. in 1964.

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Artist: Joshua Reynolds RA **Artist Nationality:** British

Title: Portrait of a Man, probably

Francis Barber **Date:** c.1770

Medium: Oil on canvas Unframed: 78.7 x 63.8 cm Framed: 100.3 x 85.7 x 10.2 cm

Origin: England

Accession: 1983-103 DJ Lender: The Menil Collection

1511 Branard Street

Houston Texas 77006 United States



The Menil Collection, Houston. Photo © Hickey-Robertson, Houston

PROVENANCE

Probably Greenwood's 15 Apr. 1796 (53. '[Study of a] black man's head') bt Sir George Beaumont; thence by descent until sold by the 10th baronet on 1902 to Colnaghi's; Knoedler's 1902-04; Jacques Doucet sale Galerie George Petit, Paris, 6 June 1912 (174) bt Pardinel; Francois Coty sale Galerie Charpentier, Paris, 30 Nov. 1936 (28); Mrs Reginald Fellowes, Paris; her daughter, Comtesse A de Castéja; her sale Hotel Drouot 20 Oct. 1983 (12) bt for the Menil Foundation

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Artist: Betye Saar

Artist Nationality: American **Title:** I'll Bend But I Will Not

Break

Date: 1998

Medium: Mixed media including vintage ironing board, flat iron, chain, white bedsheet, wood

clothespins, and rope

Size: 203.2 x 243.8 x 91.4 cm

Origin: America

Accession: M.2018.76.1-.5 Lender: Los Angeles County

Museum Of Art 5905 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles

CA 90036 United States



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PROVENANCE

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Gift of Lynda and Stewart Resnick through the 2018 Collectors Committee

Note that: This object was made post-1945

Entangled Pasts, 1768-now: Art, Colonialism and Change

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Artist: Francis Harwood

Artist Nationality: Title: Bust of a Man

Date: 1758

Medium: Black stone (pietra di paragone) on a yellow Siena

marble socle

Size: 69.9 x 50.2 x 26.7 cm Pedestal: 12 x 22.2 cm

Origin: Italy

Accession: 88.SA.114 Lender: The J. Paul Getty

Museum

1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite

1000

Los Angeles CA 90049-1687 United States



PROVENANCE

1758 - 1786, possibly Hugh Percy, 1st Duke of Northumberland, English, 1714 - 1786 possibly commissioned by him from the artist, possibly by inheritance to his son, Hugh Percy; 1786 - 1817, possibly Hugh Percy, 2nd duke of Northumberland, English, 1742 - 1817 possibly by inheritance to his son, Hugh Percy; 1817 - 1847, possibly Hugh Percy, 3rd duke of Northumberland, English, 1785 - 1847, possibly by inheritance to his brother, Algernon Percy; 1847 - 1865, Algernon Percy, 4th duke of Northumberland, English, 1792 - 1865 (Stanwick Hall, Yorkshire), Source: Described in the 1865 afterdeath inventory of Stanwick Hall as "a fine bust in black marble - W. Richmond the pugilist - on Italian Marble Plinth."; 1865 - 1922, Percy Family English (Stanwick Hall, Yorkshire), [sold, Anderson and Garland, Stanwick Hall, Yorkshire, May (no day), 1922, lot 189], Source: description of lot 189 as "A Carved Black Marble Bust of a Negro, 27 in. high, by F. Harwood, on circular Sienna marble plinth and wood pedestal, 4ft, high (in the margin in black inck is indicated the amount of 2.10 pounds); - 1987, Private Collection (England), [sold, Christie's, London, April 9, 1987, lot 83 to Cyril Humphris]; 1987 - 1988, Cyril Humphris, S.A. (London, England); sold to the J. Paul Getty Museum, 1988.

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Artist: Henry Weekes

Artist Nationality: British

Title: Bust of an African Woman

Date: 1859

Medium: Marble

Size (incl. base): 66 x 28 x 22.9

cm

Origin: England

Accession: 95.SA.82

Lender: The J. Paul Getty

Museum

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1000

Los Angeles CA 90049-1687 United States



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PROVENANCE

Weekes owned the work from 1859 – 1872; it was then purchased by TL Rowbotham sometime between 1872 – 1876; sold at Rowbotham Widow and Orphan Fund sale in 1876; about 1965, Private Collection (Canterbury, England); sold to a private collection, about 1965, Source: Letter from Bruce Lindsay of Jonathan Harris Works of Art, June 29, 1995; about 1965 - 1995, Private Collection (London, England), [sold, Christie's, London, March 2, 1995, lot 215 to Jonathan Harris Works of Art.]; 1995, Jonathan Harris Works of Art (London, England); sold to the J. Paul Getty Museum, 1995.

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Artist: Joseph Mallord William

Turner

Artist Nationality: British

Title: Whalers **Date:** ca. 1845

Medium: Oil on canvas Unframed: 91.8 x 122.6 cm Framed: 127 x 157.5 x 10.8 cm

Origin: England **Accession:** 96.29

Lender: The Metropolitan

Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Avenue

New York NY 10028-0198 United States



The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

PROVENANCE

Elhanan Bicknell, Herne Hill, Dulwich, Surrey (in 1845); Joseph Hogarth, London (until 1851; Royal Gallery of British Art sale, Christie's, London, June 13, 1851, no. 48, as "The Whaler: 'Hurrah for the whaler Erebus, another fish.' 'Beale's Voyage'", for £299 to Gambart); [Gambart, London, from 1851; probably sold to Miller]; John Miller, Liverpool (by 1858–67; his sale, Christie's, London, May 22, 1858, no. 247, as "The Whale Ship", for £367.10.0 to Gambart for Miller; sold to Agnew); [Agnew, London, 1867; sold for £1,890 to Graham]; John Graham, Skelmorlie Castle, Ayrshire (1867; sold to Agnew); [Agnew, London, 1867–68; sold to Leyland]; Frederick Richard Leyland, Liverpool (1868–74; his sale, Christie's, London, June 13, 1874, no. 115, as "The Whale Ship", for £960.15.0, bought in); Thomas Woolner, London (in 1875; his sale, Christie's, London, June 12, 1875, no. 132, as "Whalers", for £325.10.0 to Ellis, bought in); Charles Cooper, London (until 1883; sale, Christie's, London, April 21, 1883, no. 151, as "The Whale Ship", for £945 to Vokins); [Vokins, London, 1883; sold for about £1,500 to Haden]; Sir Francis Seymour Haden, Woodcote Manor, Alresford, Hampshire (1883–96; sale, Christie's, London, May 23, 1891, no. 110, for £945 to Wilson, bought in; sold to The Met)