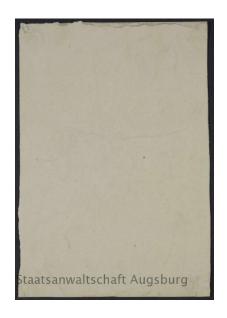
# Provenienzbericht zu Jean-François Millet, *Paysanne conduisant une vache/ Female peasant leading one cow, ca. 1852- 1874*<sup>1</sup>

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Charcoal<sup>2</sup>/Conte crayon on paper, 199 x 137 mm stamped lower left: "J.F.M" [Lugt 3728]<sup>3</sup> inscribed on verso in pencil: 37

## **Provenance:**

Estate of Jean-François Millet Sale: Vente Veuve Millet, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 24-25 April 1894 (per stamp) [...]

(Probably acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt in France in the 1940s) <sup>4</sup>
By descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg
From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Succession de Madame Veuve J. F. Millet. Dessins, Tableaux et Gravures par J. F. Millet. Auct. cat. Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 24-25 April 1894, lot 195; Musée du louvre, inv. no. RF 5749, RF 5750

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The team believes the pencil medium identified by the condition report is mistakenly assigned. Nicolas-Jacques Conté invented the Conté Crayon in France in 1795, especially for drawing and sketching. Conté Crayons are made of compressed charcoal or graphite with the addition of wax, or clay mixed in for the base as well as natural pigments for color. The one used by Millet in this drawing was in all probability made of compressed graphite, and thus the tendency to identify it as pencil. (source:

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{\text{https://keetonsonline.wordpress.com/2017/01/12/interested-in-conte-crayons-but-dont-know-what-they-are-or-how-to-use-them-heres-your-guide/ (October 2017))}{\text{https://keetonsonline.wordpress.com/2017/01/12/interested-in-conte-crayons-but-dont-know-what-they-are-or-how-to-use-them-heres-your-guide/ (October 2017))}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Anlage 5. Lugt, Frits. *Les Marques de Collections de Dessins & d'Estampes*. 1<sup>st</sup> ed., Amsterdam: Vereenigde Drukkerijen, 1921; supplement, The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1956. <a href="https://www.marquesdecollections.fr/detail.cfm/marque">www.marquesdecollections.fr/detail.cfm/marque</a> (September 2017)

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Anlage 4. Per photograph 9.1\_F940\_Millet\_Sechs Bilder\_478201-05\_478207\_R / V

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Anpassung der Schreibweise durch Projektleitung, 22.5.2018.

# Introductory remarks

The largest current collection of drawings by Jean-François Millet (nearly six hundred works) is to be found in the Musée du Louvre, Département des Arts Graphiques, part of the Musée d'Orsay's permanent collection. Whereas many other notable collections of his graphic works, American in particular, consist largely of well-executed drawings intended for collectors, the Louvre collection consists of a large number of sketches, studies of nature, quickly jotted down images in a notebook. Thus it bears great similarity to the eight drawings, which were found in C. Gurlitt's cache. Like the Louvre collection, they portray family themes, images of the humility, hard work, and peace of rural life that reflect the artist's nostalgia for a pre-industrial society living in harmony with nature. The drawings by Millet found in the Gurlitt trove are typical to his oeuvre after he left Paris in 1849 for Barbizon, where he joined his new friends and devoted himself to peasant life and rural scenes. He concentrated in capturing the landscape and the humble inhabitants of this region.

In the Musée du Louvre collection, there are scores of sketches depicting the subject of a female peasant leading a cow. The specifics range between guarding the cow<sup>7</sup>, leading the cow to the watering<sup>8</sup>, and watering the cow<sup>9</sup>. One ought to view the drawing Lostart 478207, following this sequence, and deduce its subject, namely, *Paysanne conduisant une vache*/ Female peasant leading one cow.

The small-scale studies in the Musée du Louvre collection are quick notes drawn in nature, which Millet later developed to larger size drawings, the likes of Lostart 478207. These refined drawings served the artist as preparatory studies for his large-scale painting. The theme of a young peasant woman tending a solitary cow first appears in Millet's oeuvre in connection with a state commission that Millet received in 1852. Landless peasants who were not eligible to pasture their animals with the community herd were forced to accompany their grazing animals all day. Young girls from struggling families were usually charged with tending these animals.<sup>10</sup> The commission resulted in an oil painting currently in the collection of the Boston Fine Art Museum, "Peasant Watering Her Cow", 1873-1874<sup>11</sup>.

## Primary sources:

### **Business records Hildebrand Gurlitt:** 12

## **Book 1: Acquisitions June 1942**

Millet	2 Tuschzeichnungen	139	
Millet	3 Tuschzeichnungen	139	41,727.50
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Lines 825-827 refer to eight ink drawings bought presumably as one lot, as the price appears as a consolidated purchase. No details are provided beyond the medium. The team believes that the listings might refer to the 8 works on paper with a variety of media found in the C. Gurlitt cache and listed hastily by H. Gurlitt in the ledger.

**Book 1: Acquisitions March 1943** 

Millet Bauern Rad.	177 600,-
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Line 1119 registers one Millet engraving Bauern (farmers) bought from a private source for 600 RM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://www.musee-orsay.fr/en/collections/history-of-the-collections/graphic-arts.html#c4545 (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://www.culture.gouv.fr/public/mistral/joconde fr : Musée du Louvre RF 11199, recto; RF 5703, recto; RF 5704, recto (October 2017)

<sup>8</sup> Ibid RF 5747, RF 5748, RF 5750, RF5749

<sup>9</sup> Ibid RF 11260

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> http://www.andersongalleries.com/inventory/millet-jean-francois/featured-works?view=thumbnails (October 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> http://www.mfa.org/collections/object/peasant-watering-her-cow-31625 (October 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The sales ledger has proven to be problematic, inconsistent and inaccurate by provenance research conducted pertaining to the C. Gurlitt estate

## **Book 1: Sales January 1943**

Paul Römer [Roemer]	Millet	8 Zeichnungen 1607-14	174	1.500,-
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Line 1032 registers the sale of 8 drawings by Millet for 1500 RM to Paul Roemer. The fact that H. Gurlitt registered Roemer as the buyer does not contradict the fact that the drawings were found in C. Gurlitt's cache. H. Gurlitt served as Roemer's main buyer in Paris for his Berlin gallery<sup>13</sup> and Gurlitt may have assumed the future acquisition, which did not materialize, consequently the works remained in H. Gurlitt's possession.

## Book 1: Sales March 1943

H. Reemtsma	Mille	Bauern	179	600,-
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Line 1124 registers a sale of Millet Bauern (farmers) to H. Reemtsma for 600 RM

**Book 2: Acquisition 1942** 

607	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1608	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1609	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1610	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1611	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1612	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1613	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1614	20.6.	Millet	Tuschzeichng	Z.	Jean Lenthal
1607	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1608	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1609	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1610	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1611	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1612	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1613	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal
1614	1942	Millet	Tuschzchg	Z.	J. Lenthal

Lines 1147-1154 and 1351-1358 register 8 ink drawings as purchased from Jean Lenthal. Post war letters proved the falsified listing of the purchase from J. Lenthal and an affidavit submitted by H.Gurlitt to the allies testifying that J. Lenthal was not the original owner of these items and posed as the seller to abide by H. Gurlitt's request. 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Hoffmann, Meike und Nicola Kuhn. *Hitlers Kunsthaendler*. Muenchen 2016. p 217

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 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 entries false. 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. Anlage 3.

## **Book 2: Sales 1943**

Millet	Bauern	Rad.	Privat H.G.	600,-	12.3.	600,-	Hermann Reemtsma

Line 1456 from March 12 registers an engraving by Millet "Bauern" (peasants) as having been sold to H. Reemtsma for  $600 \, \text{RM}.^{15}$ 

# **Book 3: Acquisitions and sales 1943**

Millet 8 Tusch	zeichnungen Z.	. Jean	Lenthal, Paris		9.1.	Paul Römer [Roemer]
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Line 258 registers and reiterates the June 20, 1942 acquisitions of 8 ink drawings by Millet from Jean Lenthal and sold to Paul Roemer on September 1 for 1500 RM

#### Book 4: 1943

Hermann Reemtsma, Hamburg						
1943	März	12.	An Millet	W. 48	600,-	

Line 3214 registers a March 1943 sale of Millet to Herman Reemtsma from Hamburg for 600 RM as per payments by the buyer.

## **Conclusion:**

- The above outline reiterates the challenge of accepting the ledger as reliable, although it reaffirms that the listings do contain partially important facts and dates.
- The team believes that the 8 drawings registered in the H. Gurlitt's various ledgers as outlined above, could also refer to Lostart 478207. In the Gurlitt cache there were found 11 Millet items Of these 6 are to be found in the photograph of an authenticity certificate issued by André Schoelller <sup>16</sup> (Lostart 470201, 478202, 478203, 478204, 478205, 478207) plus additional 2 drawings (Lostart 478206 and 478535) together constitute the total of 8, hastily registered by H. Gurlitt, omitting the particular varying media.
- The additional 3 items: 2 framed landscapes (Lostart 478390, 478391) appear on the Liste Gerard,<sup>17</sup> and in all probability are not part of this register of 8, as well as the pastel rendering of "Fin de la Journée" Lostart 532992, the measurements and medium of which would have demanded a separate individual listing.

# Photograph:18

Six drawings out of eleven found in the C. Gurlitt cache apparently were framed together, and probably sold as such. The photograph depicts a consolidated matting, and includes Lostart 478207. No further evidence was found as to the identity for whom Schoeller has written the expertise. The personal connections between H. Gurlitt and A. Schoeller surface in the many authenticity certificates by this expert for a large number of the works found in C. Gurlitt cache.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> An etching of this work was created by J. Millet in 1863, a fact known to H. Gurlitt, allowing him to fabricate a sale of lesser value (NGA Washington 1943.3.6262, "The departure for work")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Photograph 9.1\_F940\_Millet\_Sechs Bilder\_478201-05\_478207\_R / V

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Gramlich, J. Quellendokumente zu Paper I5, Muenchen 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Anlage 4. Photograph 9.1\_F940\_Millet\_Sechs Bilder\_478201-05\_478207\_R / V

## Archival sources

## ERR database of Art at the Jeu de Paume

The following ERR files were consulted with negative findings:

Owner: Georges Bernheim. Inventory no.: Gal. Bernst. 3; Millet, Saemann

List of ERR confiscated items no. 41 Galerie Bernstein<sup>19</sup>

Owner: Cassel van Doorn. Inventory no.: B-2159; Millet: Eines sackanfuellenden Bauernpaares (sic)

Owner: Salomon Flavian. Inventory no.: Fla 6; Millet: Der Holzhacker<sup>20</sup> Owner: Victor Lyon. No inventory no.; Millet: Baigneuses au repos.

## MNR Site Rose-Valland - Musée Nationaux Récupération

Five entries record works of art by J.-F. Millet as restituted to France from Germany. Most of these restitutions were handled at the Central Collecting Point Wiesbaden. It is important to point to the fact that two of these entries mention in the provenance the fact that André Schoeller bought the items at the Viau auction on December 11, 1942 for Hildebrandt Gurlitt.<sup>21</sup> An additional verification of the business connection between the art expert A. Schoeller and H. Gurlitt, as attested to also in Lostart 532993, for which an authenticity certificate was issued by Schoeller for gallerist Raphael Gérard or for H. Gurlitt.<sup>22</sup>

## National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) / Fold3

The large collection of documents relating to the confiscation of Jewish collections in Paris supports the assumption that the Millet art represented in the C. Gurlitt cache originated with one of these looted collections. The fact is that the 79 collections were seized by the ERR,<sup>23</sup> but none of them with reports on Lostart 478207.

One needs to bear in mind the Moebel Aktion–Bilder, which do list Millet art confiscations.<sup>24</sup> Beginning in the spring of 1942, art objects were brought to the Jeu de Paume as part of the loot collected by the ERR offshoot, the "Moebel-Aktion" (furniture operation), stripping furnishings from the homes of Jews who had fled or had been deported. The M-Aktion art loot was separated into a number of special type-specific "M-A" collections and were inventoried without revealing the name and address of the home from which they were seized. The Millet items in C. Gurlitt's cache may have originated with such an operation and ended up in the hands of intermediaries like Wuester who dealt clandestinely with the looted items, selling to Parisian art dealers.

# The Getty Provenance Index Database (Sales catalogue)

Forty-seven records of J.F. Millet are recorded in the database. All were checked, but none corresponds directly with Lostart 478207.<sup>25</sup> Where the subject matter and the medium did bear similarities, the measurements did not.

It should be noted that the Theodore Fischer sale of 13-16 May 1936, <sup>26</sup> lot 1945, lists three small figure studies in ink with monogram. Two provide measurements, however they do not correspond to Lostart 478205, and neither does the medium. In addition, the Schoeller photograph with expertise attests to the Paris provenance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://www.fold3.com/image/303253897 f (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.fold3.com/image/306292350 (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> http://www.culture.gouv.fr/documentation/mnr/MnR-liens.htm (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> e.g. 10\_F10163\_Millet\_Bäume\_478390\_V

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://www.fold3.com/image/269984171, 269984187, 269984192, 269984200 (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://www.fold3.com/image/283748345 , 306282909 (September 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> http://piprod.getty.edu/starweb/pi/servlet.starweb?path=pi/pi.web (August 2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> http://digi.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/diglit/fischer1936 05 13/0126?sid=e9599b40011fd57082a43c9622aa07ea (September 2017)

## Auction and Exhibition Catalogues with reference to Lostart #478207:

Concurring with the identification of the specific authenticity stamp for the Millet sale of 1894 (Lugt 3728),<sup>27</sup> the drawing was supposedly sold at the sale of Millet's widow's estate after her death:

Jean-François Millet, Hotel Drouot, Paris, 23 April 1894.<sup>28</sup> The extensive collection of drawings in various media offered in this sale poses a challenge. Due to the fact that the original title of the drawing was unknown, several options were considered. The team identified the subject to be "Paysanne conduisant une vache (Female peasant leading a cow), after a close study of the Musée de Louvre collection, and a drawing with that title in the 1894 Drouot sale.<sup>29</sup> However, the measurements of the drawing in lot 195 differs drastically from the Lostart 478207 portrait proportions and thus has to be excluded. No further convincing match could be found for the item in question in the 1894 catalogue.

## • Auction catalogues consulted with negative results:

Tableaux Pastels Dessins Aquarelles, Collection Roger Marx, Galerie Manzi-Joyant, Paris, May 11-12, 1914

Graphik und Handzeichnungen des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts (Auktion 72). Auct. cat., Paul Graupe, Berlin, 5-7 May 1927.

Antiquitäten, Gemälde, modernes Mobiliar (Katalog 2094), auct. cat. Rudolph Lepke's Kunst-Auctions-Haus, Berlin, 1-2 November 1935

Moderne Graphik der Sammlung Heinrich Stinnes, Gutekunst & Klipstein, Bern, Schweiz, 20. -22. Juni 1938.

Tableaux, pastels, aquarelles, dessins. Drouot, Paris, vente du 17 juin 1942.

Tableaux et dessins modernes. Drouot, Paris, vente du 20 novembre 1942.

Succession Georges Viau. Drouot, Paris, vente du 11 décembre 1942.

Tableaux, pastels, aquarelles, dessins. Drouot, Paris, vente du 21 décembre 1942.

Tableaux modernes, aquarelles, pastels, dessins. Drouot, Paris, vente du 4 mars 1943.

Tableaux modernes, dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 2 juin 1943.

Tableaux modernes, aquarelles, dessins, gouaches, sculptures. Drouot, Paris, vente du 10 novembre 1943.

Tableaux modernes, dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 21 janvier 1944.

Catalogue des dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 20 mars 1944.

Tableaux modernes, dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 23 mars 1944.

Objets de bel ameublement, tableaux et dessins. Drouot, Paris, vente du 31 mars 1944.

Tableaux modernes, dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 24 mai 1944.

Catalogue des dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 4 juin 1944.

Estampes anciennes et modernes, tableaux, dessins anciens et modernes. Drouot, Paris, vente du 20 décembre 1944.

Dessins, tableaux modernes, sièges et meubles. Drouot, Paris, vente du 25 mai 1945.

Estampes, tableaux, pastels, aquarelles, dessins modernes. Drouot, Paris, vente du 29 juin 1945.

Tableaux modernes, dessins, aquarelles, gouaches, pastels. Drouot, Paris, vente du 8 novembre 1945.

Estampes, tableaux, aquarelles, dessins, miniatures. Drouot, Paris, vente du 13 décembre 1945.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Lugt, loc. cit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Anlage 7. Succession de Madame Veuve J. F. Millet. Dessins, Tableaux et Gravures par J. F. Millet. Auct. cat. Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 24-25 April 1894

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Ibid., lot 195

Dessins de Jean-François Millet. Exh. cat., Musée du Louvre, Paris, 1960.

J.-F. Millet. Exh. cat., Wildenstein & Co., London 1969.

Jean François Millet. Exh. cat., Hayward Gallery, London 1976.

Achim Moeller, 5th Anniversary 1972-77, London

Christie's, 19th Century European Paintings, Drawings, Watercolors, 15 February 1995, New York.

Millet, Van Gogh: Paris, Musée d'Orsay: 14 septembre 1998 - 3 janvier 1999.

Christie's, Old masters and 19th Century Drawings, 24 January 2008, New York

Christi's, Old Master and Early British Drawings & Watercolors, January 2013, New York

Stephan Ongpin Fine Art, online catalogue, London (August 2017)

89 various auction catalogues, France, 1942 – 1945: <a href="http://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">http://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">http://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">http://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">http://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1942&date-end=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort="score&perpage=20&fulltext=1&date-start=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=Millet+dessins&sort=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?search=1945&page=1">https://bibliotheque-numerique.inha.fr/collection?se

# • Books consulted with negative results:

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Cain, J. and P. Leprieur: Millet. Paris: Librairie Centrale des Beaux-Arts, 1913.

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Murphy, A., R.: Drawn into the Light: Jean-François Millet. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1999.

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Muther, R.: J. F. Millet. Berlin: Bard, 1903.

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Turner, P. M.: Millet. London: Jack, 1910.

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## **Conclusion:**

The extensive number of drawings produced by Millet offer a challenge to provenance research, especially in relationship to the small-scale drawings, not intended for sale by Millet during his lifetime, rather serving as preparatory sketches for his larger monumental paintings and pastels. The most extensive source, although lacking in visuals, are the two large Millet estate sales of 1875 and 1894. The sale of 1894 lists one drawing of almost identical title, however, the measurements do not match.

The photograph with expertise by Schoeller verifies the consolidated framing of the six drawings found in the C. Gurlitt cache, and attests to the fact that it was in Paris in 1943. The lack of further information does not allow any conclusions pertaining to the owner at the time, however, it seems highly likely that Gurlitt acquired the work in France in the 1940s.

The H. Gurlitt ledger has a listing of eight drawings, which the team believes might correlate with the eight drawings found in the C. Gurlitt cache, and could also possibly refers to Lostart 478207. No further information could be drawn from the falsified acquisition through Jean Lenthal.

Other provenance information on this drawing could not be found.

In light of the above, the team believes Lostart 478207 to have been acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt in Paris in the 1940s.

Die Provenienz des Werkes konnte trotz intensiver Forschung nicht lückenlos aufgeklärt werden, d.h. das Kunstwerk ist weder erwiesenermaßen noch mit hoher Wahrscheinlichkeit NS-Raubkunst noch frei von NS-Raubkunstverdacht. Es wurde nach aktueller Einschätzung allen prioritären Rechercheansätzen nachgegangen. Das Werk muss demnach in die Kategorie "ungeklärt" [=nach Ampelsystem: gelb] eingestuft werden.<sup>30</sup>

## Disclaimer

The research that goes into establishing the provenance of a work of art usually requires complex work that often lasts many years. Researchers have to reconstruct events that took place many decades ago. Often, the only sources of vital clues stem from third parties who do not always represent and assess the facts in a manner that is beyond all doubt. The above object record is just an interim report that was designed as a basis to facilitate possible further in-depth research. Despite the short period of time in which it was compiled, this interim report is nevertheless the result of utmost care in research, combined with great professional expertise. The following provisions therefore apply:

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