



Fantin-Latour, Henri Le Lever (Rise), 1873

oil on canvas, 17,3 x 20,5 cm (36,5 x 40,5 cm)

on verso, in grey: "6014"; on stretcher, upper left, handwritten label: "13847", upper centre, in blue chalk: "D1[...]" [illegible]; in white chalk: "17[...]","17[...]" [illegible]; upper right, handwritten label: "N° 16.286, Fantin-Latour 'Le Lever'"; centre right, stamp: "0[...]" [fragment]; in red: "101"; in blue: "1"; in red: "101" [in circle]; in blue: "6"; lower left, stamp: "PHOTO"; lower centre, in blue chalk: "D13[?]" [illegible]; in red: "8"

Provenance:

Edwin and Elizabeth Ruth Edwards, London

With Galerie F.& J. Tempelaere, Paris

about 1915-1920: with J. P. Schneider Jr., Frankfurt

With Galerie Druet, Paris (all of the above, per Brame & Lorenceau)

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Nathalie Lederlin, Paris

Anonymous sale, consigned by the above, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 7 June 1933, lot 74 (bought in)

Until 1940: Nathalie Lederlin, Paris

By descent to Armand Lederlin, Paris (this and the above, per Archives de Paris)

Anonymous sale, consigned by the above, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, 12 March 1941, lot 77

Acquired at the above sale: André Schoeller, Paris (per Archives de Paris)

With Raphaël Gerard, Paris (per Brame & Lorenceau)

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Muller et Claire, Paris ? (per Brame & Lorenceau and Musée d'Orsay)

(...)

3 February 1943: Acquired by Hildebrand Gurlitt through Theo Hermsen (per Gurlitt Papers)

Thence by descent to Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

From 6 May 2014: Estate of Cornelius Gurlitt

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Note:

Galerie Brame & Lorenceau kindly provided a detailed provenance history for this work. To date, however, it was not possible to verify all entries.

The first known owners, Edwin Edward (1823–1879) and Elizabeth Ruth Edwards (c. 1833–1907), were friends of Henri Fantin-Latour's in London who also acted as his British agents. The work is listed in Ms. Edwards' stock book as no. 220.

Galerie F. & J. Tempelaere was Fantin-Latour's primary dealer in Paris. The number 6014 inscribed on verso refers to the gallery's stock book.

The handwritten, blue-edged label on verso, no. 13847, was identified as belonging to Galerie J. P. Schneider in Frankfurt. According to the gallery's present-day owner, its business records were lost in 1944. The inventory number and the type of label, however, are thought to indicate the presence of the work with J. P. Schneider in about 1915–1920.

A period photo of the artwork is preserved in the archives of the Musée d'Orsay (Collection Vizzavona). It is thought to originate with Galerie Druet. That gallery was founded in 1903 by Eugène Druet (1867–1916), and remained in business at 20, Rue Royal until 1938.

The next known owner of the work was Nathalie Lederlin née Skouratoff, Princess Belski (1874–1940). Her husband was Armand Lederlin (1866–1947), the son of a textile industrialist from the department of Vosges. The couple resided in Paris, first at 4, avenue Émile Acollas, and, from the mid-1930s, at 7, rue Alexandre Cabanel.

A first sale of works from the collection of Madame Lederlin was held at Hôtel Drouot in 1933. In the same year, this Fantin-Latour painting was offered for sale by Madame Lederlin at Hôtel Drouot.

The auction records preserved at the Archives de Paris show that the work was bought in. It was re-offered by Armand Lederlin in 1941, a year after his wife's passing. At that sale, the painting was acquired (possibly on behalf of Raphaël Gerard) by André Schoeller, who served as the sale's expert. Its purchase price was 8,700 French francs.

Per inscription on verso, the painting was later with the art dealer Raphaël Gerard. According to Galerie Brame & Lorenceau, author of an upcoming catalogue raisonné of Fantin-Latour's works, the artwork may have been subsequently traded through Muller et Claire.

That dealership was originally founded by Georges Muller (b. 1892) at 5, rue La Boétie. Muller, who was Jewish, was forced to sell the gallery in June 1941. Its buyer was François Clair (1899–1958). Following the "Aryanization," some of the gallery stock was put up for sale on 3 July 1941 through the auctioneer Maurice Rheims. It has not, to date, been possible to establish the contents of that sale. The gallery operated under the name Muller and Clair throughout the Occupation, and was registered in the commercial registry of Paris in 1945.

The personal papers found in Cornelius Gurlitt's Salzburg home include a collection of about 2,400 photographs of artworks. Photograph no. 12.1_F12166 is a reproduction of this work; inscribed on verso, a statement of authenticity by the art expert André Schoeller of Paris, 13, Rue de Téhéran, dated 30 January 1943.

Shortly after that date, the painting was exported from France by Theo Hermsen on Hildebrand Gurlitt's behalf. According to the extant sale ledgers, Hildebrand Gurlitt noted his purchase of said work from Theo Hermsen for the sum of 6,000 reichmarks on 3 February 1943. On 5 April 1943, Gurlitt noted the sale of same work to Karl Neumann for 7,800 reichmarks. Karl Neumann was the owner of a textile factory in Zittau and an old friend of Gurlitt's; the latter entry may thus be assumed false.

A reference to a Fantin-Latour oil-painting titled *Rückenakt klein* can be found in the correspondence of Hildebrand Gurlitt. It was sent to a restorer in January 1948.

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