Background

Need good real examples of transfer of custody

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Outcome:

GB did this and proposes:

Proposal

Example 1

The transfer of custody of the work described s as “Von der Velden ein Ufer an der See” from Johann Matthäus von Merian to the Auction House Heldevier (Jacob) for the purpose of sale, ca. 1716



Document Sale Catalog D-A8, Lot 0017

Artist Name(s) VELDE (Dutch)

from catalog: der Velden

Object Title/Description Von der Velden ein Ufer an der See.

Object Type Gemälde

Transaction Unbekannt

Sale Date 1716, dates unknown

Auction House Heldevier (Jacob)

Sale Location Frankfurt, Germany

Sale Price 60

Seller(s) Merian, Johann Matthäus von

from catalog: van Merian

Lugt Number 231

See Also Sale Description

 Art Sales Catalogues Online

Example 2

Document Knoedler Stock Book 8, Page 209, Row 54, Stock No. A2320

Artist Name(s) GAINSBOROUGH, THOMAS (British)

from stock book: T. Gainsborough

Object Title/Description Mrs Fitzherbert / J. Horace Harding Coll. Lot 60

Subject Portrait

Object Type Painting

Material/Dimensions 24 3/4 x 29 3/4

Transaction Sold

Entry Date 1941 Mar 1

Sale Date 1941 Mar 3

Purchase Price 11000 dollars

Sale Price 12100 dollars

Seller(s) Parke-Bernet Galleries (New York, NY, USA)

from catalog: Parke-Bernet Galleries

Buyer(s) Legion of Honor (no street address, San Francisco, CA, USA)

from catalog: California Palace of the Legion of Hono

Previous Owner(s) Harding, J. Horace [from stock book: J. Horace Harding]

Present Location San Francisco, CA, USA. California Palace of the Legion of Honor, 1941.19



The transfer of custody of the painting Mrs. Fitzherbert to the art dealer Knoedler from Parke-Bernet Galleries (New York, NY, USA) ca. March 1941