Henry Moore Artwork Catalogue - Detailed Report



Heads

Catalogue Number

HMF 1389

Artwork Type Drawing

Date

1938

Dimensions

paper: 220 x 177 mm

Medium

pencil, coloured crayon, wax crayon, pastel, watercolour wash, pen and ink, ballpoint pen

Paper Support

cream lightweight wove

Signature

(added later) pencil I.I. Moore/38

Ownership

The Henry Moore Foundation: gift of the artist 1977

More Information

In technique and subject-matter these twelve studies of heads drawn on cream writing paper sit uncomfortably with the drawings of monumental reclining figures set in rocky landscapes with which they were originally catalogued. Since they are close to a head drawn on a page from a 1958 sketchbook HMF 2979, it has been suggested that Moore, when adding signature and date many years after completing the drawing, inscribed it '38' rather than the intended '58'.