Henry Moore Artwork Catalogue - Detailed Report



Odysseus in the Naiads' Cave

Catalogue Number HMF 2289 verso

Artwork Type Drawing

Date 1944

Dimensions

paper: 210 \times 165 mm weight uncased: 2.4 kg frame: 434 \times 382 \times 40 mm

Medium

pencil, wax crayon, watercolour wash, pen and ink

Signature

unsigned, undated

Inscriptions

pencil u.c. Odysseus in the Cave (of the Naiads added) – on a ledge in the/rock with his face to the opening of the cave, head /resting on a red-brown fleece cap/He wakens & talks to himself /Cavern at dawn – cavern some little distance from the sea/Age of Odysseus 45 – pointed beard?; I.I. The Naiads Cave –; Four

shapes of women cradled in their/flowing hair

Ownership

The Henry Moore Foundation: acquired in memory of Lord Rayne

More Information

The Rescue Sketchbook p.37. Moore chose to enlarge the sketch lower left of the recto for the figures of Phemius and Telemachus, adding the background from the sketch upper left, see HMF 2300; the sketch upper right was enlarged as HMF 2294. On the verso, the sketch lower left was used almost unchanged for HMF 2302 and that on the right for HMF2297.