Research Report
Carlhian Firm Records
The Getty Research Institute:

Mrs. Coe's Bedroom, Coe Hall, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, New York

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Purpose of Research

The purpose of continuing research is

- To manage the request of GRI digital images for six previously identified photographs of furnishings from Mrs. Coe's bedroom
- To identify photographic images and documentary evidence in the Carlhian Firm Records pertaining to Mrs. Coe's Bedroom, specifically one lit L.XVI, one tapis de Savonnerie, and textile samples.
- To provide descriptive details/specifications that Planting Fields Foundation can use in tailoring the re-installation of Mae Coe's bedroom

Methodology

For the second phase of the Coe Hall research project, I revisited the following series from the Carlhian Firm Records: I. Photographic documentation; II. Stock books; III Order books; IV. Debit books; VIII. Plans and drawings. Until further notice, I have set aside any work on the Savonnerie carpet, as well as Series IX. Fabric Samples.

Findings

I found a B/W photograph of Mrs. Coe's Louis XVI bed, its description, and dimensions.

Description

Attached to this report are three study photographs of the bed. They were made with an Android cell phone camera. Also, I took the liberty of requesting a reproduction of the archival photograph of the bed from the GRI Digital Services Department. Once the order has been processed, I will include it on the CD that I will make, along with the other six digital images (vitrine, chaise longue, fauteuil, and bergère) that have already been completed, and send to you via the U.S. Postal service.

Carlhian Box 66, Photographs

One B/W photograph (8" x 10"), negative number 7530

- Lit L.XVI (Carlhian_Lit_LXVI_7530_1.jpg), full view
- Lit L.XVI (Carlhian_Lit_LXVI_7530_2.jpg), detail, head
- Lit L.XVI (Carlhian_Lit_LXVI_7530_3.jpg), detail, foot

Carlhian Box 151, Livre de photographie 4

Entry: Janvier 1922, un lit LXVI, en bois trés sculpté peint et doré dossier garni en broché avec flammé.

- Long 2m05
- Haut 1m30
- Larg 1m70cm

Summary

Limiting my research to the bed, I went through drawings folders that related to beds and rooms. Unfortunately, none of the images matched Mrs. Coe's bed, nor were there any references to the Coe name, associated dates, or related job numbers.

I revisited the photographs inventory and stock books to identify Louis XVI beds in general. I discovered there is a discrepancy in how Carlhian described the bed across ledgers and order documents in relation to the photographs inventories. This is unusual given the firm's otherwise consistency in describing its stock. Based on this knowledge, I found a photograph of Mrs. Coe's bed frame, then its description and dimensions in a photographs ledger.

















