



BARTHOLDI, Frédéric-Auguste

Colmar, Haut-Rhin 1834 - Paris 1904

Maker: Barbedienne

Le Vigneron alsacien

The Alsatian Vintner (The Water Boy)

1869

bronze

statue

64 x 22 x 24 in.

signed: A.BARTHOLDI 1869

foundry: F.BARBEDIENNE FONDEUR

Acc. No.: 385

Credit Line: Collection of A.J. Drexel

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Provenance

- Collection of A. J. Drexel
- in the Great Court of the Main Building

Bibliography

- Museum's website, 30 October 2011



Exhibitions

- 1876 Philadelphia
Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, 1876, n° 359

Related works

- Original bronze sculpture, 1869, commissioned for the marketplace in Colmar (Bartholdi's birthtown), now at the Musée Bartholdi, Colmar (a copy is in place). See French version of this website for information on it.
A modern copy has been donated by the City of Colmar to its sister-city, Princeton, NJ, and is located close to the townhall.

Comment

Museum's website, 30 October 2011:

While the soft patina of age covers the statue, the right toe has been burnished to a shining bronze through constant rubbing by generations of Drexel students who, by tradition, believe that good grades will follow the ritual.

