



BONHEUR, Isidore-Jules

Bordeaux, Gironde 1827 - Paris 1901

Maker: Val d'Osne

Taureau, l'un d'une paire

Bull, one of a pair

1865

bronze

statue

signed on base on proper left side: ISIDORE BONHEUR Sculp.

inscribed on base at proper left side at rear: VAL D'OSNE PARIS / FONDEUR

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Bristol, Rhode Island, Colt State Park

Provenance

- Acquired by industrialist and politician Samuel Pomeroy Colt (1852-1921), founder of United States Rubber Company, later becoming Uniroyal (he is the nephew of Samuel Colt, 1814-1862, inventor of the revolver which bears his name)
- 1913, September 26, Installed at the entrance to his model farm, Colt Farm, in Bristol, RI, open to the public since its inception (on the entrance pillars is carved the inscription: Colt Farm, Private Property, Public Welcome); the park was ornated with many European sculptures of which certain are now at his Bristol residence, Linden Place
- 1965, The park is acquired by the State of Rhode Island
- 1968, Colt State Park is dedicated

Bibliography

- 2008 Dulière
Cécile Dulière, "La paire de taureaux en fonte du parc de Mariemont", Cahiers de Mariemont, n° 36, 2008, p. 35-43 [Musée royal de Mariemont, Morlanwelz, Belgique]

Related works

- Stanislas Lami, Dictionnaire des sculpteurs de l'école française du dix-neuvième siècle, Paris, 1914, t. 1, p. 128:
(Translation:) Two Bulls, plaster models exhibited at the Salon of 1865, nos. 2877 and 2878. These plasters were made to be cast in bronze to ornate the garden of the Palace of Belerbey that the Sultan Abdul-Aziz [1830-1876] was then building in Constantinople [Istanbul]. It is the sculptor Pierre-Louis Rouillard [1820-1881] who was in charge of directing the decoration of this residence. Other copies of the Bull (not charging), in cast iron:
 - Paris, 15e, entrance to the former slaughterhouse of Vaugirard, now parc Georges-Brassens, two almost identical copies placed on high pedestals, commissioned in 1897
 - Slaughterhouse of Cureghem, Anderlecht, Belgium
 - Parc de Mariemont, Morlanwelz, Belgium
 - Guatemala City
 - Santiago-de-Chile
 - Piriapolis, Uruguay
 - Maracay, Venezuela
 - Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain...See website E-Monumen.net.
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