

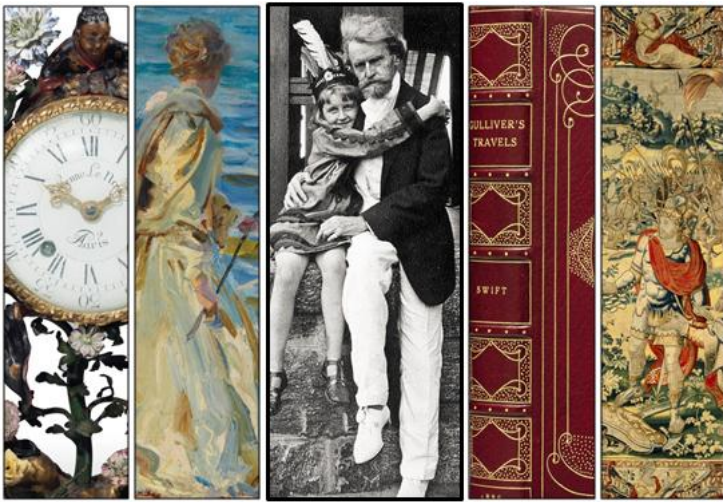
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AN AMERICAN DYNASTY: THE CLARK FAMILY TREASURES ACHIEVES \$8.5 MILLION

BRINGING THE GRAND TOTAL ACHIEVED FOR THE ESTATE OF HUGUETTE M. CLARK
AT CHRISTIE'S TO \$70.2 MILLION

WORLD AUCTION RECORDS SET FOR WALT WHITMAN, LIONEL WALDEN, & FELIX LORIOUX



An American Dynasty: The Clark Family Treasures

Total: \$8,463,938/£4,993,723/€6,263,314

Top Lot: Lot 100 | John Singer Sargent, *Girl Fishing*, oil on canvas | Price realized \$4,309,000

Andrew McVinish, Christie's Head of Private and Iconic Collections, comments, "It has been a tremendous honor for Christie's to present this esteemed collection to the global collecting community and we are pleased to have seen participation from bidders from 27 different countries. The

success of *An American Dynasty: The Clark Family Treasures* cements the lasting legacy of Senator William Andrews Clark and his family as discerning collectors with an impeccable eye who were also tremendously important to the Industrial growth of our nation. We saw strong prices across all collecting fields in the sale – from rare books and American paintings, to fine jade items and decorative furnishings – which led to a sell-through rate of 96% by lot and new world auction records for author Walt Whitman, artist Lionel Walden, and illustrator Felix Lorioux. Pieces with strong personal ties to the Clark family also performed beyond expectation. The seventeen paintings by Huguette Clark herself achieved a combined total of \$142,625 and were 100% sold, marking the first time her works have ever been sold at auction.

We are grateful to the administrators of her Estate for entrusting Christie's with the opportunity to bring the Clark collection to the public eye. This sale, combined with the May 2014 sale of Impressionist paintings and the April 2012 sale of Jewelry, brings the grand total sold by Christie's on behalf of the Estate of Huguette M. Clark to \$70.2 million."

Christie's was entrusted with the sale property from the Estate of Huguette M. Clark by the **Honorable Ethel J. Griffin, New York County's Public Administrator**, who oversees the estate. Commissioner Griffin comments, "We are very pleased with the results Christie's achieved today and earlier this spring for property from the Estate of Huguette M. Clark, which together have yielded a combined total of \$49.4 million in sales. The proceeds from tonight's sale will benefit the Estate and its goal of establishing a charitable foundation devoted to arts and culture. Throughout the process, Christie's has helped pay tribute to the collecting legacy of Senator W.A. Clark and his family and reminded us all of this family's important place in American culture and history."

CHRISTIE'S SALES FROM THE ESTATE OF HUGUETTE M. CLARK

- 17 April 2012 – Property included in the Jewels sale achieved \$20,849,250

- 6 May 2014 – Property included in the Impressionist & Modern Evening Sale achieved \$40,927,000 (with Monet's *Nymphéas* realizing \$27,045,000)
 - 18 June 2014 – *An American Dynasty: The Clark Family Treasures* achieved \$8,463,938
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