Statuette - Male Saint

Object: Statuette

Place of origin: Netherlands (north, made)

Date: ca. 1610 (made)

Artist/Maker: Unknown

Materials and Techniques: Carved boxwood

Museum number: 165-1864

Gallery location: Sculpture, Room 111, The Gilbert Bayes Gallery, case 3, shelf 2

Public access description

When planning a new work, the sculptor usually made preliminary drawings and then a model. The models sometimes formed part of his contract with the patron. They could be rough or detailed, large or small, and were made in clay, terracotta, wood and wax. This was probably a model for a large alabaster sculpture, which again could have formed part of an altarpiece or rood loft.

Descriptive line

Statuette, carved boxwood, of an unidentified male Saint, North Netherlands, ca. 1610

Physical description

Statuette of carved boxwood, an unidentified male Saint holding a book (perhaps St John the Evangelist).

Dimensions

Height: 10 in, Width: 4.5 in

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Object history note

Bought, £4 4s. 2d.

Historical context note

This figure may have served as a model for a statue in marble or alabaster which could have formed part of an altarpiece or rood loft.

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