

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Regulator Clock Showing Mean and Solar Time

Robert Robin (French, 1741-1799)

Date 1792

Medium Gilt brass, steel, polychrome enamel and gold on gilt brass and bronze

Dimensions 16 5/8 x 9 3/8 x 7 5/8 in. (42.2 x 23.8 x 19.4 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Winthrop Kellogg Edey, 1999

Accession Number 1999.5.150

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 23, Clocks and Watches Room

Commentary The inventory of the Château de Saint-Cloud made in January 1794 features two clocks in Marie-Antoinette's pièce des nobles (room for receiving visiting nobility) that were not there during the previous inventory of 1789. One of them is probably the present example made by Robert Robin, clockmaker to the king, who signed the dial. However, the queen probably never saw this clock as she was not permitted to visit her castle after 1791. Around 1860, the clock was still, or again, at Saint-Cloud, in the bedroom of Empress Eugénie, who surrounded herself with objects that belonged, or were thought to have belonged, to Marie-Antoinette. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.