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A PAIR OF BLACK FOREST CATTLE ATTRIBUTED TO JOHANN HUGGLER

H: 13 in / 33 cm | L: 18 in / 45.5 cm

A Pair of Black Forest Cattle

Attributed to Johann Huggler

Carved in lindenwood, the naturalistically carved swiss cow, calf and bull stand on elliptical bases of grass and rocky outcrops, resting on bun feet.

Brienz Area, Circa 1870

Literature:

Johann Huggler (1834-1912)

Johann Huggler was a renowned carver and was very highly regarded within the trade, becoming known as the "king of carvers." He became an informal spokesperson for the carvers of Brienz, and eventually convinced the Schnitzerschule school to participate in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Huggler specialized in cattle, and exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair 1893, Paris Exhibition of 1900 and St Louis World's Fair 1904.

Brienz, Bernese Oberland, Switzerland

Brienz, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited today.

Literature:

Arenski, Jay, Michael Daniels, and Simon Daniels. *Swiss Carvings: The Art of the "Black Forest": 1820-1940*. Woodbridge: Antique Collectors' Club, 2005; for similar examples on pp 83-85.

