SATURN EATING ITS CHILDREN

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	202 x 147 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	20 Aug 2021 / 28 Apr 2023
INVENTARIO	952 D3941

INSCRIPCIONES

30 (in pencil, top right-hand corner)

12 (in pencil, bottom left)

30 (in pencil, lower left-hand corner)

Watermark: [Shield crowned with the monogram "MA" and the letter "SOLE"] (lower half)

HISTORIA

The drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the General Direction of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

This drawing shows the well-known theme of Saturn eating his children, which more than twenty years later the Aragonese painter painted on a wall of his Quinta del Sordo (now in the Museo del Prado: *Saturn eating a son*) with a quite different composition to this one. In this drawing Saturn's face does not have the expressiveness and strength it has in the painting. The upper part of the figure is shown, depicted as a giant-sized, bearded old man holding his two much smaller sons in his hands and biting one of them, which differs in part from the later painting of the Quinta del Sordo, in which only one of the sons is reflected at the moment when Saturn tears him apart and engulfs him, making the scene one of the cruelest in Goya's iconography.

This sketch, according to Gassier, was not continued in the *Caprices* series.

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