

SIR JAMES GUTHRIE RA, PRSA 1859-1930

Boy with a Straw 1886

Oil on canvas,

388 x 290mm (15 ¼ x 11 3/8 ins)

Signed lower left, J Guthrie '86

Provenance:

Sir James Guthrie gifted to William G. Gardiner [Stirling – Scotland] – Uncle to Sir James.

No issue – left to Great nephew - Dr Neil Guthrie [Christchurch NZ]

Left to son Ian Guthrie [Christchurch]

No issue – left to 1st Cousin – once removed – our vendor

Sir James Guthrie had various connection to New Zealand including his uncle Sir Frederick Gardiner spending six years here gaining business experience; his sister's daughter Lorna¹ married James Grant, the donor of the Aigantighe Art Gallery to the city of Timaru; and Charles Goldie is said to have studied portraiture under him. His brother John (1848-1922) arrived in Lyttelton 1874 as surgeon on "Crusade" then worked as Medical Superintendent for Christchurch Hospital. He returned to Scotland but retired to NZ in 1908. Sir James Guthrie gave the first X-ray machine to the Christchurch Hospital where his nephew was the radiologist. Guthrie's major work ²*Some Statesmen of the Great War* includes NZ Prime Minister William Ferguson Massey

¹ Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū: portrait of Marion Lorna Guthrie by Sir James Guthrie 1895

² National Portrait Gallery, London: NZ Prime Minister William Ferguson Massey (Study for portrait in Statesmen of the Great War)