



The Old Forge, Charton, Dulwich

Date

1890

Primary Maker

Charles Browne Core

Medium

Water-colour by Charles Brown Core. The accession register definitely says Charton but an enquirer from the

Dulwich Society has asked whether it should be Calton, as the old forge was on the corner of Calton Avenue, formerly Calton Road prior to 1922. The work by Core was created in 1890. According to an essay on Calton Avenue by Ian McInnes here: <https://www.dulwichsociety.com/the-journal/summer-2014/calton-avenue-2> According to this, the forge and adjacent blacksmith's house (the "White House"), both dating from the 18th century, were demolished around 1922 for the construction of the buildings presently on that corner of Calton Avenue and Dulwich Village. Why the picture is noted in the handwriting of the mid 20th century art curator in the accession register as Charton House is not yet known. It can be confirmed during our audit of the art collection, as it may be inscribed with a title on the rear. Meanwhile we invite anyone who might have a suggestion regarding the word 'Charton' to contact us through our contact link at heritage.southwark.gov.uk and thank the Dulwich Society for its attention.