

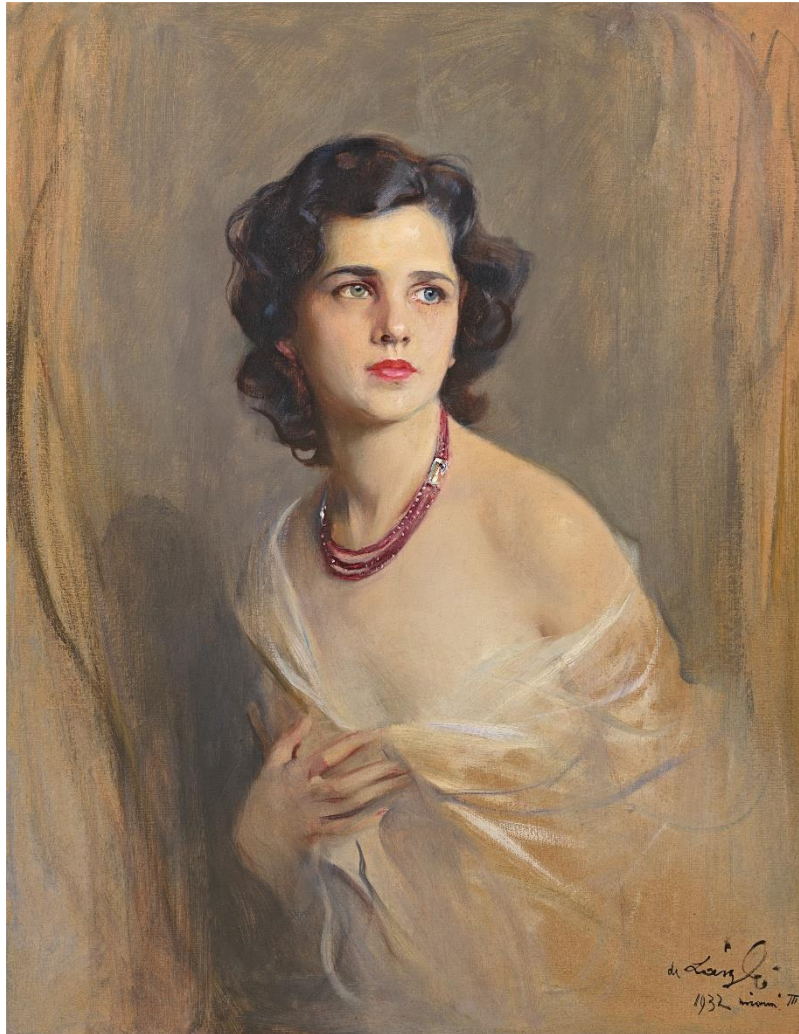
RICHARD GREEN

PHILIP ALEXIUS DE LÁSZLÓ

Budapest 1869 - 1937 London

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Mrs James Smith Bush, née Caroline Lowe Patterson



Signed, dated and inscribed lower right: *de László / 1932 miami III*

Oil on board: 35 ³/₄ x 27 ³/₄ in / 90.8 x 70.5 cm

Frame size: 42 ³/₄ x 34 ³/₄ in / 108.6 x 88.3 cm

In a Louis XIV style carved and gilded frame



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Provenance:

Commissioned by Robert Dun Patterson (1881-1945) and Henrietta Churchill Lowe Patterson (1882-1963), Dayton, Ohio; then by descent to their daughter, the sitter, Caroline Lowe Patterson Bush (1907-1986); then by descent to her daughter, Flora Sheldon 'Shelley' (born 1935), then by descent, Estate of Flora Bush Jansing, first cousin of President George HW Bush

Literature:

The Spur, 1933, illus.¹

Philip de László, Diary, 25th December 1931, p.363

Letter from de László to Henrietta Patterson, undated, presumably 1932 [DLA121-0218]

Juley negative J0058577: Patterson, Mrs. R.D. – Dayton, OH [indicating the sitter's mother]
Sitters' Book II, f. 72: *Caroline Patterson Bush / Miami Beach / Florida / 1932*

The present work is included in the Catalogue Raisonné of Works by Philip de Laszlo (1869-1937), no.111977, at www.delaszlocatalogueraisonne.com

In October 1931, de László made his fourth visit to the United States. On Christmas Day he stayed with Mrs Robert Dun Patterson and recorded in his diary that she had: 'a crowded Xmas party to tea – many interesting people present & showed me her very pretty young daughter about 22. years old married & wishes me to paint her in New York.'² He was too pressed with commissions to complete the portrait there but did so during his stay with the Firestone family in Miami, Florida, during Easter 1932. During his stay the artist also painted two portraits of Mr and Mrs Harvey S Firestone Sr, their daughter Elizabeth Idabelle and their grand-daughters, Elizabeth and Martha.

Caroline Lowe Patterson was born on 13th April 1907 in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Robert Dun Patterson (1881-1945) and Henrietta Churchill Lowe (1882-1963). Her father's family had founded the National Cash Register (NCR), a company established to manufacture and sell the first mechanical cash register. She was presented at Court to King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace in June 1926.

On 19th January 1929, in Dayton, she married James Smith Bush (1901-1978), son of Samuel Prescott Bush (1863-1948) and Flora Sheldon Bush (1872-1920) of Columbus, Ohio. There were three daughters of the marriage. Their eldest daughter, Henrietta (born 1929), was painted by de László in 1934 [110664, cat.6]. Their other daughters were Caroline (born 1933?) and Flora (born 1935). The couple divorced in 1948 and the sitter married in 1960, as her second husband, George Wilson Shaw.

Katherine Field, Senior Editor of the Philip de László Catalogue Raisonné of Works.

¹ An undated clipping in the collection of Matt Davies.

² Philip de László, 1931 diary, 25th December entry, *op. cit.*