The recording of provenance and the previous owners of an object should use the two or three data fields and functions addressed below. It is important that, in addition to provenance text information, provenance-related constituents are linked to the object record as "Ex-Collections" constituents.

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Provenance

Use to record the full history of the object's ownership, possession, sale or donation, along with referenced documents which support the history and chronology.

The following example shows the correct formatting:

1913

Discovered in ruined tomb near Yü-Ling Fu, China, in 1913 [1]

By 1915

C.T. Loo, Lai Yuan & Company, New York, by December 10, 1915 [2]

From 1915 to 1961

Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer, Washington, DC and Mt. Kisco, NY, purchased from C.T. Loo, December 10, 1915 [3]

From 1961

The Freer Gallery of Art, gift of Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer, 1961 [4]

Notes:

- [1] According to C.T. Loo's note on the inventory list addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer, dated December 10, 1915: "Discovered in 1913 at a ruined tomb near Yü-Ling-Fu. Shensi," copy in object file.
- [2] See C.T. Loo's inventory list cited above.
- [3] See C.T. Loo's inventory list cited above.
- [4] "Freer Gallery of Art Purchase List file," Collections Management Office.