

Beggar with Staff and Linen Bag (17th century)

Abstract

Beggars were universal figures of city life. After the Thirty Years War, when poverty reached new extremes, beggars could be sentenced to severe corporal punishment and sent to workhouses along with petty criminals.

Source



Source: Ludolph Büsinck, bearded beggar with stick and canvas bag, Kupferstichkabinett Berlin, available online from Zeno, <http://www.zeno.org/nid/20003916146>

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