



LABOURDETTE "DOG CART"

1800s





A Coachbuilder's Carriage

Labourdette is known for building grand automotive coachwork, but started off producing stately, sporty carriages such as this “dog cart.”

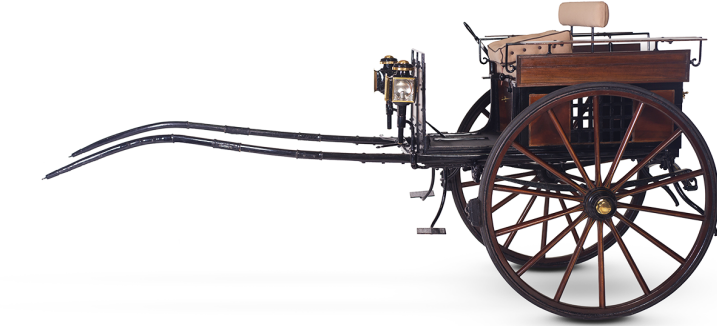
French blacksmith Jean-Baptiste Labourdette founded Henri Labourdette Carrossier in 1858, shortly after the birth of his son Henri. His firm became one of the oldest and best known carriage builders of the 1800s, specializing in strong but lightweight carriages. This style of carriage is called a two-wheeled dog cart, which was originally designed for sporting

shooters and included a box underneath or behind the seat for retriever dogs.

In the late nineteenth century, son Henri-Jean took over the firm and brought new design ideas to many clients, including Empress Eugénie and eventual race car driver Chevalier René de Knyff. With the firm's well-established reputation, he was able to make a successful transition to automobiles. He specialized in light and elegant coachwork and had a sales showroom in Madrid and on the Champs-Élysées in Paris. In 1921, Henri's

son, Jean-Henri, was asked to design coachwork that was light and comfortable with a torpedo shape, thus creating the Labourdette skiff design. The museum's Hispano-Suiza H6B is an example of this style of coachwork.

This carriage was a part of Jean Philippe Felix Marie de Neree tot Babberich's collection in the Netherlands, and joined the Mullin Collection in 2014.



PROFILE

Coachbuilder	Labourdette Carrossier
Acceleration	0
Top Speed	unavailable

BODY | CHASSIS

Front brakes type	Friction Shoe Type Brakes
Rear brakes type	Friction Shoe Type Brakes
Front suspension type	Two Semi-Elliptic Leaf Springs
Rear suspension type	One Transverse Semi-Elliptic Leaf Spring

ENGINE

Engine number	Test
Type	Test
Number of cylinders	Test
Engine construction	Test
Engine layout	Test
Engine position	Test
Bore x stroke	Test
Displacement	0
Distribution	Test
Fuel feed system	Test
Oil system	Test
Engine capacity & output	unavailable
Transmission	Test
Gearbox	Test
Number of gears	Test
Overdrive	0

