

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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AUBRY, Étienne

Versailles 10.I.1745–24.VII.1781

Pupil at the Académie royale 1761; *agrégé* 1771; *reçu* 1775; painter and miniaturist. The son of Jacques Aubry, a bourgeois de Versailles, he was a pupil of Jacques-Augustin de Silvestre, whom he portrayed in oil in 1770, and of which, according to the sitter's grandson, he made a replica in pastel (the only recorded work in this medium). A portrait exhibited as of Gluck, by Duplessis (but more likely to be by Aubry), exists in several versions, including one in pastel recorded in 1925; its status cannot be assessed in the absence of a photograph. He was married to Marie Boquet, aunt of Mme Filleul (*q.v.*), and left three infant children at his death. His death certificate was signed by Jacques Philippe Aubry, commis de la Marine (perhaps a brother), and Jean Charny, peintre de Monsieur.



J.1148.105 Tête de femme, pstl, par N. Aubry; elle est d'une touche large & facile, 40.6x33.9 (duc de Caylus; Paris, Commandeur, Joullain, 11.XII.1783 & seq., Lot 47, 8 livres) [attr.; cf. homonym]

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GENEALOGIES [Aubry: Bocquet](#)

Pastels by or after

??AUTOPORTRAIT, pastiche a/r Jeurat portrait of Aubry with features also from Aubry's pnt. of Adam, pstl, 69x58 ov. (Caen Enchères, 27.I.2024, Lot 36 repr., attr. Aubry, ?auto, est. €3–4000) φπδν



Jacques-Augustin de SILVESTRE (1719–1809), maître à dessiner des enfants de France, pnt., 1770

J.1148.101 ~repl., pstl. Lit.: Silvestre 1869, p. 116

??Christophe Willibald GLUCK (1714–1787), pnt., 85x78 (Dr Tuffier. =?Édouard Lacarde; Paris, Charpentier, 25.V.1951, as Duplessis). Exh.: Paris 1956d. Lit.: Prod'homme 1918, p. 33 repr.; Hugues 2002, fig. 10, as Étienne Aubry

~repl., pnt., 85x70, 1765 (Avignon, musée Louis Voulard). Lit.: Hugues 2002, fig. 11

J.1148.104 ~version, pstl, 45x38 (Maurice Despret 1925). Exh.: Bruxelles 1925; Peters 1981, no. 43 repr., attr. Duplessis, ?Glück. Lit.: Ch. van den Borren, "Un portrait inédit de Gluck par Duplessis", *Revue de musicologie*, VI, .VIII.1925, pp. 105f n.r. φαδ