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COQUERET, Henry-Philippe-Bon

Versailles 12.XI.1735 – Alençon 12.III.1807

The grandson of a gardener in the service of the princesse de Conti at Versailles, “Henry-Philippe-Bon Coqueray” [one of numerous variant spellings] was born in the paroisse Saint-Louis in the same town. He was noted as a peintre du cabinet du roi on his marriage certificate, 1769 in the same parish, to the daughter of François Joubain, avocat au parlement. In this capacity he made oil copies after La Tour, Drouais and others (as did Charles Prévost, whose second marriage in Versailles in 1773 and death in 1782 Coqueret witnessed). A fine oil of abbé Joseph Barré, curé de Saint-Louis de Versailles, signed and dated 1776, is at Versailles. During the Revolution he became a municipal officer (“Cocqueret, peintre du roi” appears in the list of electors for the town of Versailles: *Journal de Versailles*, suppl., 8.v.1790). In his final years he moved to Alençon. Several pastels were in the family possession in 1937; they may all date to the early nineteenth century. One of his brothers was also a (rather less accomplished) pastellist, based in Provins, explaining the presence in the musée de Provins of a painting by Henry-Philippe-Bon.

Bibliography

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Pastels

- J.2386.101 Jean-Alexandre COQUERET (1775–p.1804), fils du peintre, sd “H. P. B. Coqueret fecit 1804”; & pendant: J.2386.102 son épouse, née de Langle, pstl (desc.: André Coqueret 1937)
- J.2386.103 ~repl., s “Coqueret–Coqueret père”, pstl (desc.: André Coqueret 1937)
- J.2386.104 Claude de LANGLE, conseiller à la cour d’appel de Caen, ancien président à Montagne, beau-père de Jean-Alexandre Coqueret, pstl, sd 1804 (desc.: Mme de Vanssay, née Coqueret 1937)
- J.2386.105 ~repl., pstl, n.s. (desc.: Mme de Vanssay, née Coqueret 1937)
- J.2386.106 Mme Claude de LANGLE, m/u (desc.: André Coqueret 1937)
- J.2386.107 Une corbeille de pêches; & pendant: J.2386.108 une assiette de pruines, pstl, 36x22, n.s./s (Dr Coqueret, Caen, 1937)