

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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DANLOUX, Henry-Pierre

Paris 1753–1809

Danloux was an important painter and draughtsman. The son of a hatter from Sedan, Henry Danloux, Henry-Pierre was baptised at Saint-Jacques la Boucherie, Paris; his parain was a lawyer, Pierre Le Blocteur, probably the subject of a pastel exhibited that year by Allais. Danloux became a pupil of Lépicié (1770) and Vien (1773), winning the prix de Rome in 1774. He travelled to Rome in 1775. He never joined the Académie royale. On 28.VII.1787 he married Marie-Pierrette-Antoinette de Saint-Redan (AN MC/XXVI/761: she had been adopted by Françoise Thomas de Pange, widow of Antoine Mégret d'Étigny); their son Jules (a.1791–1869) left a distinguished descendance including numerous consuls and members of the Légion d'honneur. In 1792 he emigrated to London, and it was here and in Scotland that his best known paintings were executed. The mutual influences between Danloux and Raeburn, and perhaps Skirving, are noteworthy. Danloux's career after his return to France in 1801 is somewhat obscure.

Although Danloux drew in chalk, he seems rarely to have used pastel. The prime example cited by Portalis, the portrait of the comtesse de Polastron, is now reattributed to Kucharski, but one assumes with Portalis that the Autoportrait, “modélé dans ces tons adoucis qui n'excluent pas la véricité...ne peut avoir d'autre auteur.” Similarly the pastel of Mme de Boinville, a member of the family which effectively adopted the artist, must be considered reliable, although previously described as of La Guimard. Among the other records are probably confusions with chalk drawings and possibly some copies. Accordingly all attributions of pastels to Danloux must remain tentative.

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Pastels

J.257.101 AUTO PORTRAIT, pstl, 60x45 ov. (Général Danloux 1910). Lit.: Portalis 1910, repr. frontispiece Φ



Le duc d'ANGOULEME (Versailles). Exh.: Versailles 1961, no. 404 n.r. [confusion with pnt., MV 6823]

J.257.104 Mme Jean-Baptiste de CHASTEL de Boinville, née Anne Marie-Pauline Thomas de Domangeville (–1789), sœur de Mme de Sérilly, ??Mlle Guimard, pstl, 63x52 ov. (Jules Danloux; vente 1869; racheté par la famille; Mme Lefebvre, née Danloux-Dumesnils 1910. Paris, Drouot, Ader Picard Tajan, 25.VI.1991, Lot 53 repr.). Lit.: Portalis 1910, p. 41, repr. opp. p. 158 Φ



J.257.106 Jean-Baptiste Hanet CLERY (1759–1809), valet de chambre du roi au Temple, [?]pstl, 54x65, fait à Londres en 1798 (petite-fille du sujet. André Charlier 1955). Exh.: Versailles 1955, no. 296. Lit.: *Journal du Temple*, ed. Bertin, Paris, 1861, repr.; Portalis 1910, p. 406 n.r. [?pstl/pnt.] =?pnt., sd 1798 (MV 8212)

La princesse de LAMBALLE, v. Éc. fr.

J.257.108 La marquise de LA SUZE [née Catherine-Louise de Saint-Domingo], m/u (Groult; Paris, Georges Petit, 19.VI.1920, Lot 135 repr.)

J.257.109 ~cop., cr. clr, graphite, 19x15.2, inscr. “Mise de la/Suze, 1792” (Boston, MFA, inv. 65.2554. Legs Forsyth Wickes 1965). Lit.: Munger & al. 1992, no. 49 repr. Φκνσ



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La comtesse de POLASTRON (Versailles MV 8388) [v. Kucharski]

J.257.11 La princesse de POLIGNAC, pstl (Thiébaud-Sisson 1900). Exh.: Paris 1900a, no. 75. Lit.: Portalis 1900, p. 213 n.r., “dans son joli costume de gaze et de soie bleue”

Mr SINCLAIR; ♂ pendant: spouse (London, Sotheby's, 10.VII.1995, Lot 174 repr., attr.) [v. J. Ph. Bach]

J.257.111 Homme, cr. reh. pstl (baron Roger Portalis; Paris, Drouot, 2–3.II.1911, Lot 27 n.r., attr.; Ffr320)

J.257.115 Two young men with a spaniel, pstl, 59x46 (London, Christie's, 19.XII.1978, Lot 86 n.r., £300)

J.257.116 Jeune fille, presque de face, vêtue de blanc, au bonnet, dessin rehaussé de pstl, 16x13 ov. (comte Jacques de Bryas; Paris, Georges Petit, 4–6.IV.1898, Lot 43 n.r., Ffr630)

J.257.117 Tête de jeune femme, pstl, 86.5x63.5 (Paris, Drouot, 4.VI.1947, Ffr8100)

Femme portant un ruban bleu dans les cheveux (Paris, Drouot, PLASA, 16.VI.2004, Lot 166 repr., attr.) [v. Hodges]

J.257.119 Jeune femme, pstl, 22x18.5, inscr. verso “Danloux” (Pierre-Charles-Henri de Gontaut-Biron, marquis de Saint Blancard (1859–1939), Paris and Geneva. La comtesse Catoire de Bioncourt, née Gilonne-Henriette-Marie d'Harcourt (1876–1952); Mme Gerard-Laurent-Auguste-Sixte-François de Loriol, née Alexandra-Wassiljewa Catoire de Bioncourt (1906–1956), château d'Allaman, Pays de Vaud; desc.: Swiss PC; Zurich, Koller, 30.III.2012, Lot 3380 repr., est. SwFr4–6000, SwFr4300) φ

