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DUNLAP, William

New Jersey 1766 – New York 1839

Dunlap was only 17 when his portrait of Washington was drawn from life at Berrien Mansion, Washington's headquarters at Rocky Hill, New Jersey, where the artist was a guest of John Van Horn (or Horne), to whom the pastel was presented. He then (1784) went to England to train with Benjamin West, returning to the USA in 1787 when he devoted himself to the theatre as playwright and manager of the Park Theatre in New York. After its bankruptcy he returned to portraiture, working in miniature. Dunlap published a history of drawing in the USA in 1834.

Bibliography

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Pastels

J.289.101 Captain Caleb COGGESHALL (1758–1847), pstl, gch./ppr, 44.6x31.5, sd ↓ “Wm Dunlap 1808/pinx” (Cambridge, Fogg Art Museum, inv. 1943.571. Harry Stone, New York; Macbeth Gallery, New York; Grenville L. Winthrop 1942; legs). Lit.: Stebbins & Renn 2014, no. 118 repr. φ



J.289.103 Mrs Charles STARTIN, née Sarah Clarke, sister of Lord Lyndhurst's mother, Susannah Copley, pstl, 1784 (presented to J. S. Copley). Lit.: letter to Copley's son, Lord Lyndhurst, 16.IV.1833, *Diary of William Dunlap*, New York, 1930, III, p. 675

J.289.104 John Haskins STONE, pstl, 30x24, 1797 (not located). Lit.: Archives of American Art, Augustus F. Deforest Papers, 1981

J.289.105 John VAN HORN (1743–1820), pstl, 1783. Lit.: Bolton 1923, p. 25 n.r.

J.289.106 Mrs John VAN HORNE, née Heard, pstl, 1783. Lit.: Bolton 1923, p. 25 n.r.

J.289.107 George WASHINGTON (1732–1799), 1st president of the USA, pstl/ppr, 64.8x50.1, 1783 (US Senate, cat. 31.00015.000. John Van Horne; desc.: Mrs Augustus Van Horne Ellis, née Anne Middleton, don 1940). Exh.: Washington 1932. Lit.: Morgan & Fielding 1931, repr. opp. p. 66; Ingamells 2004, p. 472 n.r. Φ



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J.289.11 Gentleman in a brown coat, pstl/ppr, 37x32 ov., sd “W Dunlap 1797” (William F. Heefner, Bucks County, PA; sale p.m., Philadelphia, Freeman's, 19.IV.2009, Lot 164 repr., est. \$600–800, \$531) φ

