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DUPLAY, Éléonore

Paris 1768–1832

The eldest daughter of a carpenter, Éléonore Duplay's celebrity rests in being the fiancée of Robespierre. She was imprisoned after his death, and wore black for the rest of her days. The attribution of this mediocre pastel of a Revolutionary heroine to the subject herself was proposed by Hippolyte Buffenoir; it is entirely possible, since she is said to have studied painting between 1791 and 1794 with Jean-Baptiste Regnault (*q.n.*); but in the absence of other authenticated work, the suggestion must remain tentative.

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