

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastelists before 1800*

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DYSART, Countess of, née Lady Grace Carteret

London 1713 – Helmingham 1755

Wife of Lionel, 4th Earl of Dysart (from 1729), and granddaughter of Lady Grace Granville (1654–1744, heir to the Earl of Bath's estates and Countess Granville in her own right). The Countess of Dysart was an amateur portraitist in pastel, as we learn in a letter from her cousin Mary Pendarves, later Mrs Delany (*q.v.*) to Anne Granville, 30.VI.1734 which reports her progress under Arthur Pond: "Lady Dysart goes on extremely well with her drawings, she has got to crayons...". Her enthusiasm led to a number of other members of the court circle, such as Catherine Dashwood and Mrs Delany, commissioning their portraits from Pond. A pastel of her son, later the 5th Earl, at Ham House, here attributed to her, is copied from one at Helmingham Hall evidently executed c.1740, attributed to Knapton but conceivably by Pond, who portrayed the countess that year; however no record of Lord Huntingtower appears in Pond's journal.

Bibliography

Cockayne 1959; Lippincott 1983; Sloan 2000, p. 231

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J.2964.101 ?SELF-PORTRAIT, pstl/slate, 58.5x43.7, 1740 (Ham House, National Trust, inv. 1140011, HAM/XX/493). ?A/r Hoare pstl (Helmingham Hall), *q.v.* φ



J.2964.103 John Churchill, Marquess of BLANDFORD (1686–1703), pstl, a/r Sir Godfrey Kneller, 48x40, inscr. *verso* "the Marquis of Blandford son to John, Duke of Marlborough copyd from Sr. Godfrey Kneller by ye Countess of Dysart, 1740" (Ham House, National Trust, inv. 1140010, HAM/XX/492) φ



J.2964.105 CHARLES I (1600–1649), pstl (Lord Tollemache, Helmingham Hall, 2005). A/r Van Dyck pnt., 1632 (Dresden) φ



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J.2964.108 Lionel Tollemache, 5th Earl of DYSART (1734–1799), pstl/ppr, 45x35, inscr. *verso* "Lionel, 5th Earl of Dysart, d.1799" (Ham House, National Trust, inv. 1139596.1, HAM/XX/66, as anon., unknown woman). A/r pstl attr. Knapton, *q.v.* [new attr., ?; restored identification] φ



J.2964.11 William Seymour, [2nd] Duke of SOMERSET [(1588–1660), royalist], pstl (Lord Tollemache, Helmingham Hall, 2005) φ



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