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GOUPY, Louis-François

France c.1674 – London 2.XII.1747

Said to have been born in France, perhaps Nevers, where his nephew Joseph (*q.v.*) was previously thought to have been born. Louis Goupy moved to London when young, working as an oil painter; subscriber to Kneller's Academy in 1711. He accompanied Lord Burlington to Italy in 1719; on his return, he seems mainly to have worked as a portraitist and teacher in pastel and gouache. Among his pupils is thought to have been Mrs Delany (*q.v.*). The family being Catholic, English records are hard to find; but he was buried in St Marylebone 6.XII.1747 under the full name Louis-François Goupy. Both names appear in his will made on his deathbed, leaving 1 shilling to each of his daughters and everything else to his wife Lucy (buried in St Martin-in-the-Fields 28.XII.1779). She may be the "Madame Goupy, Anglaise" responsible for a miniature of a woman, after Rosalba (Cottin; Paris, Grignard, 27.XI.1752 & seq., Lot 478; Glomy).

Bibliography

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