

**LEDOUX, Jean-Didier**

Paris 1756 – p.1833

Ledoux, the amateur responsible for this portrait while based in Lunéville, was a fellow soldier in the Gendarmes bourguignons (the same regiment as La Tour's brother Jean-François de La Tour who wears the same uniform in his miniature [J.F.46.304](#); any influence is of course speculative). He was almost certainly the Jean-Didier Ledoux who we know was in the regiment from various documents (including his grandfather's will and family tuitions; his carte de sûreté for 1794 located him in rue de Deux Portes, Paris). He was the grandson of Pierre-Augustin Duhamel, orfèvre à Paris, whose daughter Marie-Magdelaine married Jean-Pierre Ledoux; their son Jean-Didier was born c.1756 (a brother, Augustin was born 13.XII.1756). He was young at the time of the portrait. By 1793 he was lieutenant-colonel of the 104<sup>e</sup> régiment d'infanterie. On 14.II.1792, at Saint-Sulpice, he married Madeleine-Justine Gailliard; there were several children. He was still alive when his mother's inv. p.m. was taken, in 1833. (A much older Ledoux in the regiment was Claude-Joseph Ledoux, recorded as marrying a Pierrette Bouquet in Lunéville on 1.I.1749 but probably retired by 1771.)

**Pastels**

[J.4692.101](#) Gendarme bourguignon (1742– ), pstl/ppr, 53.5x39.5, inscr. *verso* "Ce portrait à été fait agé de 29 ans étant aux service de la Gend<sup>mie</sup> depuis 10 ans et demie / fait par son camarade Ledoux aussi Gend<sup>mie</sup> dans la meme compagnie à Luneville Ce 6 7<sup>bre</sup> 1771 à l'hotel des Bourguignon à Luneville" (Angers, Deloys, 20.XI.2024, Lot 189 repr., attr., est. €200–300) [qv](#)

