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L'HARDY, Henriette-Marie-Françoise, Mme Gaillieur

Auvernier, Switzerland 1766–1808

The daughter of an officer in the French service, she was a friend of Benjamin Constant, who, in 1794, half-jokingly discussed his possible marriage to her with Mme de Charrière, a sort of mentor to the young “beauté blonde et plantureuse” with whom she exchanged over 160 letters from 1791 on. She was a companion to the Gräfin von Dönhoff, morganatic wife to Friedrich Wilhelm II. In 1806, at Corcelle Neuchâtel, she married an historian, Louis-Henri-Eusèbe Gaillieur. Henriette inherited Mme de Charrière’s papers but died soon after giving birth to a son.

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