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According to Wilhelm Tischbein, the connoisseur “Herr Schwalbe” (from whom the painter learnt much about Italian painting) himself painted in miniature and pastel. According to Meyer, he possessed “Kenntnisse, Geschmack und Eifer”. He was a merchant in Hamburg. His collection was maintained by his widow, née Dorothea Elisabeth Busse, when Oeser visited it in 1776. Oeser’s catalogue was published in 1779, and in 1780 the collection was sold for 33,000 guilders to the Amsterdam banker Hope.

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