

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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VRATISLAV z Mitrovic, František de Paula Adam, hrabě

Prague 1759 – Stádleci 1815

Also Franz Wratislaw von Mitrowicz etc. Amateur artist; he painted history pictures, landscapes and portraits, many of which apparently are to be found in castles in the vicinity of Tábor, south of Prague. A grandson of Jan Antonin, Reichsgraf Wratislav Mitrowicz und Schönfeld, he is said to have been a soldier in the Austrian service. Füssli mentions a stay in London, possibly confusing Vratislav with a cousin who was amabassador during the time of Marlborough. Thieme & Becker say that he became Oberster Erbküchenmeister in Böhmen, apparently a confusion with another homonym, married to a Kinský. In 1790 the painter married Anna Maria Philippine Wagner. He died in 1815 (not 1812, as in some sources) and was buried at his estate at Dírná near Tábor. The sole known example looks Dutch.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Füssli 1826; Prokop Toman, *Nový slovník československých výtvarných umělců*, Prague, 1993; Thieme & Becker

Pastels

J.7774.101 Alexander Wilhelm BICKEL (1752–1810), hessische Jägeroffizier und Oberförster zu Marburg, pstl, 42.2x34.8 (Marburg, Universitätsmuseum, inv. 1339) 

