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APELL, Frau David von, née Wilhelmine Caroline Amalie Tischbein

Kassel 3.x.1757-20.vi.1838

The daughter of Johann Heinrich Tischbein (q.v.) and his wife, Marie-Sophie Robert, she sat for her father and became herself a miniaturist, printmaker and draughtsman. In 1780 she was made an honorary member ("Liebhaber") of the Kassel Akademie, and her pastel of the Landgräfin exhibited that year (together with a miniature of the same subject) was no doubt the one praised by Günderode: a "gut gemaltes und besonders sehr ähnliches Porträt der Frau Landgräfin" in pastel, executed before 1780. A number of miniatures and chalk drawings are known. In 1778 she married Johann David August von Apell (1754-1832), known as Capelli, a composer, writer, theatre director, amateur and geheimer Kammerrat in Kassel; they were later divorced. His names and details are given in different forms (Appel etc.) by various sources. A daughter Margarethe Luise (1782-1859) was born.

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