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BARNEWALL, Jeanne-Rosalie, Countess d'Alton

Mas-Grenier, Tarn-et-Garonne 29.IX.1771 – Florence 2.II.1864

"Mlle Barnaval" (also Barneval; Barneville) was 10 in 1782 when she first started exhibiting, and she was still a pupil of Sabère seven years later. She is evidently Rosalie, or Rosalia, the only daughter of Nicholas Barnewall, 14th Lord Trimlestown (1726-1813) and his wife (∞ 1768), Marthe Henriette d'Aguin (-1782), daughter of a président au parlement de Toulouse. She was born in Mas-Grenier and baptised there, as Jeanne-Rosalie de Berneval, the following day, "à cause de danger de mort", with a further ceremony two weeks later; The family of the attainted 10th Lord Trimlestown, an Irish peer, settled in Toulouse, founded a Masonic lodge, and were naturalised in 1745-46. In 1795 Rosalie married Peter, Count d'Alton or Dalton (1775-1851), of Grenanstown House, Tipperary (the title was conferred on his father, General Edward d'Alton (-1793) in the imperial service, by Maria Theresia; they were unrelated to Joseph II's favourite, General Richard d'Alton). They were frequent visitors to Bath, and appear in Fanny Burney's correspondence. The countess died in Florence.

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