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BATEMAN, Lucas

fl. London 1775–85

Bateman exhibited a crayon and two other portraits at the Society of Artists in 1775. He was in Lichfield in 1779 where he drew Dr Johnson's confidant, Rev. Henry White, and borrowed from the local library, under the description of "portrait painter from London". Some of the examples use paper cut-out profiles to produce very sharp outlines, a technique presumably acquired from Nathaniel Bermingham (*q.v.*).

He was evidently (the signature on the register matches that on one of the pastels, with the terminal flourish on the n) the Lucas Bateman, batchelor who married Mary Reynoldson on 11.IV.1777 at St Michael, Wood Street, London. He may be the Lucas Bateman born in London 1.XII.1752 to John and Sarah Bateman (parish records of St Martin-in-the-Fields), died in .VI.1795 (probate records for "Lucas Bateman widower of St Martin in the Fields, Middlesex", National Archives, PROB 31/861, 1795/515).

Bibliography

Bénézit; Paul Kaufman, "Readers and their reading in eighteenth-century Lichfield", *The library*, 1973, p. 117; Saur; Waterhouse 1981

Pastels

Mme DES GRANGES, née Arrowsmith, m/u
~cop., pnt., 23x18 (Lewes, Gorrings, 21–23.X.2003, Lot 2067)

Lord George GORDON (1751–1793), anti-Catholic agitator, pstl cutout/ppr, 18.4x14.6 ov., sd *verso* "...by L. Bateman/Decr 1775" (Wigs on the Green, 2011) φ



?Warren HASTINGS (1732–1818), governor-general of India, in profile, pstl, 21x16 (Chester, Bonhams, 14–16.VI.2008, Lot 838 repr., as circle of Hamilton, with another, est. £200–300, b/i) [new attr., ?] φ



Rev. Henry WHITE (1761–1836), pstl, 17.8x12.7 ov., inscr. *verso* "Lucas Bateman pinx., Sep. 1779" (desc.: Sir Robert White-Thomson 1909). Lit.: Aleya Lyell Reade, *Johnsonian gleanings*, part I, London, 1909, p. 41, pl. II φ



Gentleman, profile to left, pstl/cutout ppr, 12.8x? ov., sd *verso* "L. Bateman/ Delint^d 1782" (Oxford, Bonhams, 7.XII.2011, Lot 15 n.r., est. £100–150 with 2 others) φ



Man in a blue coat, pstl, découpage, 16.7x13.5 ov., sd *verso* "Aetatis 70. Lucas Bateman Delint. 1784" (London, V&A, P.18-1967. Don Lieut.-Col. S. M. Cleeve). Lit.: Lambourne & Hamilton 1980, repr. φ



Boy in brown coat, profile, to left, sd → "Lucas Bateman/Delint 1779"; & pendant: girl, in white dress with white bonnet, profile, to right, sd ← "L. Bateman/Delint 1779", pstl/cut out paper, 13x10.5 ov., (collector DM a.1948, according to old label. PC; Donnington Priory, Drewatt, 1.XII..2010, Lot 141 repr., est. £600–800, £900) φ

