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CHAPERON, Paul Romain

Libourne 1732–1793

Chaperon was a conseiller du roi, exercising the functions of procureur du roi at the assemblée de la noblesse de Libourne, and a cousin of Louis XVI's defender Romain de Sèze; he was guillotined as a counter-revolutionary by the commune militaire in his native town. He was a connoisseur of the arts and generally presumed to be the author of the anonymous but influential *Traité de la peinture au pastel* (Paris, 1788). Fournier claims that he was an excellent pastellist and tentatively attributes to him the Bordeaux pastel of his cousin, the magistrate Saige (also condemned to death by the Revolutionary powers), which is characteristic of the work of Jean Valade.

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Pastels

François-Armand SAIGE (*Bordeaux, mAD, 72.2.9*)
[v. Valade]