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DARAM

fl. Toulouse 1786–90

M. Daran, amateur, a pupil of Sabère, exhibited miniatures at the salons in Toulouse of 1786, 1787, 1789 and 1790 and is no doubt the same as the Daram, puil of Suau, who exhibited a single pastel at the 1788 salon. A Daram, écuyer, published verses 1786-88 on religious subjects or celebrating royal events. A collector Daram appears as lender of works by Pillement, Gamelin and Subleyras to the académie de Toulouse from as early as 1762 (M. D***) to 1783 (M. Daram, écuyer) and 1789 (M. Daram, agrégé en droit). The earlier references must be to the "écuyer Joseph Daram", known from a 1728 portrait by Subleyras (Subleyras 1987, repr. p. 61), where he is quite a young man. Joseph Daram (1704-1789) was seigneur de Castilhon et de la Bastide-Constance; he belonged to the Toulousian family of Daram (or d'Aram after a civil tribunal judgement of 20.III.1901), which numbered two capitouls and numerous army officers. In 1732 Joseph Daram married Catherine de Sauveterre. Their two sons were Guillaume-Louis (1732-p.1793), écuyer, ancien garde du roi and his brother, the chevalier Marie-Joseph Daram (1747–1812), garde du roi; both took part in the assemblées de la noblesse held in Toulouse in 1789. In 1789 Guillaume-Louis was agrégé de la Faculté de droit (and so can be identifed with the lender to the 1789 académie). Probably the wealthiest barrister in Toulouse, with a fortune of some 230,000 livres at the Revolution, he inherited his father's collection and enriched it; Jean-Florent Baour, in his Almanach historique, refers to his "cabinet de Tableaux très estimé". Guilaume-Louis married in 1768, leaving four children, including a son, Joseph-Marie-Gabriel (1770-1822), old enough to be a "ci-devant garde du corps du roi" by the Revolution when he was imprisoned with his father, and thus another possibility for the pastellist.

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