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DENNEL, Louis

Abbeville ?1741 – Paris ?1806

The engraver was taught by Beauvarlet and Wille, and is known mainly for religious pieces. It is impossible to tell if the pastel in the 1931 sale was by him or a homonym, such as Antoine-François Dennel (Abbeville 24.VII.1742 – Paris 17.III.18344sa, son of Jean-François and Elisabeth Lefebvre, who had married in 1739), also an engraver from Abbeville (he arrived in Paris in 1765 according to his 1793 carte de sûreté) and possibly Louis's brother (no record of Louis's baptism or death have been found in the parish registers but dates are widely quoted from secondary sources).

Bibliography

Bénézit

Pastels

J.2674.101 Head of a lady, in yellow dress, with powdered hair, pstl, s (London, Christie's, 31.VII.1931, Lot 29 n.r., with a pastel by Peters)