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GAGNERAUX, Bénigne-Claude

Dijon 1.vi.1765–9.x.1846

Bénigne-Claude Gagneraux or Gagnereaux was the younger brother of Bénigne (*q.n.*), and also a pupil of Devosge at Dijon. It is unclear why he has also been given the forenames Baptiste or Jean-Baptiste in some sources. The confusion is not resolved by Bénigne's biographer Baudot who refers only to "le frère de Gagnereaux". On 27.vi.1787 "Benigne Claude Gagnereux Peintre de Dijon agé de 22 ans" was enrolled at the école de l'Académie royale in Paris, under David, living in the rue du Champs-Fleury. The 1807 pendants are given to him presumably because it is believed that his brother was dead by 1795. An 1827 pastel of Thomas Mignard in Dijon signed "Bénigne-Claude Gagneraux" confirms his Christian names; they are also the ones cited in his burial entry (aged 81, "peintre d'histoire, fils de Claude Gagneraux tonnelier et Anne Darbois, veuf de Claudine Pierrette Pelletret"). On 1.iv.1794 at Dijon he married Claudine-Pierrette Pelletret (1774–1797); a daughter, Agathe, was born two years later, named after her aunt (1759–1810).

Bibliography

Bénézit; Bouvier d'Yvoire 1994; Lemoine-Bouchard 2008

Pastels

J.3336.101 Bénigne GAGNERAUX (1756–1795), peintre, de profil à dr., pstl (famille 1847; not located). Lit.: Gagneraux 1983, p. 70 n.r. ~lithographie 1847

J.3336.103 Thomas-Joachim-Alexandre MIGNARD (1802–1891), pstl, 20x16.5 ov., sd *verso* "Œuvre de...Bénigne-Claude Gagneraux. Portrait de M. Mignard à ... 25 ans [1827]" (Dijon, mBA. Legs Mignard 1891). Exh.: Dijon 1972, no. 58 n.r. φσ



Photo courtesy Christie's

J.3336.109 Homme en habit noir portant la Légion d'honneur, fusain, pstl, 18x14.5 oct., s *verso* "B. C. Gagneraud (Dijon)" (Paris, Artcurial, 31.v.2010, Lot 42 repr., est. €300–400, €434) [XIX^e] φ



J.3336.105 Homme portant une redingote noire et un jabot blanc, pstl, 60.5x45.3, sd "B. Gagnereaux/1807"; & pendant: J.3336.106 Femme portant une mantille, pstl, 60.5x45.3, sd "B. Gagnereaux/1807" (Paris, Christie's, 18.III.2004, Lot 261 n.r./repr., est. €1200–1800, €1057) φ