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RUPALLEY, Gabriel

Bayeux 22.III.1746–8.III.1799

Also Rupally, Rupaley. There are confusions between three generations of this family. Gabriel was the son and pupil of Joachim Rupally (1713–1780), a painter in Bayeux who had been trained by Restout; his mother was Louise des Saulx. Gabriel married Suzanne or Beaudoin of Rouen on 4.X.1785 at Roncherolles-sur-le-Vivier; the acte de mariage legitimated their two sons Gabriel-Antoine-Narcisse (born 1782) and Louis-Alexandre (1783), both born in Rouen. A third son was named Brutus-Fructidor in his acte de naissance in Rouen, 24.III.1794; he was responsible for a pastel portrait of M. Morrel, éditeur, exhibited at Bayeux in 1899 and executed c.1826.

From the age of 16 Gabriel was described as a painter, and four years later he enrolled in the École gratuite de dessin in Rouen. He may be the “Rupalay” recorded as a pupil at the École royale des élèves protégés in Paris under Carle Van Loo c.1762. He specialised in portraiture, mostly in oils, although one pastel is known; it shows a profile typical of many anonymous coloured chalk drawings of the 1790s. He seems to have worked only in Bayeux, Les Andelys and Rouen. In parallel with his career as an artist, Rupalley was active politically, belonging to masonic lodges from 1769; during the Revolution he played a role of extreme zeal on behalf of the comité de Salut public in Rouen (where he was recorded in 1794), retiring to Bayeux when the climate of opinion changed.

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