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SPENCE, Byne, Mrs Thomas Beale

f. England, first half 18th century

Byne Spence was the daughter of John Spence of South Malling and Ledbury Manor and his wife, Byne Walker (c.1682–1721), the daughter of Sir George Walker, 1st Bt, of Bushey Hall and his wife, née Susannah Byne. In 1740 she inherited £3000 from her father's estate; two years later she married Thomas Beale of Shropshire. They had three children: Thomas, Henry and Byne, Mrs John Oakley. (Thomas and Byne gave their address as Red Lion Street when they joined the Lilliputian Society in 1765.) The 1911 exhibit is therefore a self-portrait (assuming the attribution is not simply a confusion with the sitter's maiden name). Her brother Luke Spence (1721–1800) married a daughter of Sir Thomas Frederick.

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Mrs Thomas BEALE, 60x44, 1742 (Miss Margaret P. Gould 1911). Exh.: Paris 1911, no. 157