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TATE, Richard

Cawthorne, Yorkshire 20.I.1736 – Liverpool 7.I.1787

Tate was a tobacco merchant, patron of the arts and one of the founders of the Liverpool Society for the Arts. He was the son of Paul Tate (c.1714-1782) of Yorkshire and his wife, Ann Longley (1716–1791). His submissions to the 1774 exhibition, from Wolstenholme Square in Liverpool, included numerous landscapes, portraits and genre pieces in various media, among them copies after Rubens, Vernet and Joseph Wright of Derby. Wright boarded with Tate in Liverpool between 1768 and mid-1771, according to his account books which include rent payable to him. He married Hannah Moss in Liverpool on 7.V.1762. All Tate's family appear to have been accomplished; Richard's brother William Tate (q.v.) was a pupil of Wright; his daughter Elizabeth (1766-1822), who married the eccentric philanthropist Joseph Williamson (1769–1840), was an amateur artist, as was his son Thomas Moss (q.v.).

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