

Collections of Eichholtz Paintings

George L. Heiges

To those Lancastrians who minimize the status of Jacob Eichholtz as an outstanding American portraitist, it may come as a surprise to be told that in the collections of the National Gallery of Art in Washington there are eleven portraits by Jacob Eichholtz, Lancaster's most famous artist of all time.

Recently I visited the National Gallery and saw these three Eichholtz portraits: "James F. Smith," Mellon Collection; "The Ragan Sisters," presented by Mrs. Cooper Drewry; "William Clark Frazer," Mellon Collection.

After I returned home, I wrote to the curator, inquiring if possibly the Gallery may own additional portraits by Eichholtz. The letter which I received and which here follows gives the interesting information that the National Gallery does indeed possess eight Eichholtz items which are presently not on display.

Dear Mr. Heiges :

Thank you very much for your letter which has been referred to me.

Other paintings by Eichholtz in the collections of the National Gallery of Art in addition to the three you mentioned are as follows:

Mrs. Phoebe Freeman

Mr. Kline

George Leman

Henry Eichholtz Leman

Joseph Leman

Margaret Adelia Leman

We also have portraits of Mrs. Robert Coleman and Robert Coleman, which have been attributed to Rembrandt Peale, but we now think they are by Eichholtz.

With the hope that this information may prove helpful,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Elizabeth C. Burnet
(Mrs. Thornton W. Burnet)
Museum Curator

PORTRAITS BY JACOB EICHHOLTZ NOW
IN POSSESSION OF PHILADELPHIA ART GALLERIES

According to recently acquired information, the two largest art galleries in Philadelphia own a total of eighteen canvasses attributed to Lancaster's renowned portrait painter, Jacob Eichholtz.

Registrar Louise Wallman of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts provided the following information.

"There are thirteen paintings, all portraits, in the Academy collection by Jacob Eichholtz, as listed below:

Mrs. Elizabeth Wurtz and Three Children

Edward Eichholtz

Jacob Eichholtz (now believed not to be a self portrait)

Mrs. Walter Franklin (Anne Emlen)

Gentleman with Gloves (attributed to Eichholtz)

The Reverend John Gottlieb Ernestus Heckewelder

John Frederick Lewis

Eliza Mower Lewis

Man Wearing Spectacles (attributed to Eichholtz)

Susan Earl Miller

Portrait of a Man (former title John Howard Payne)

Portrait of a Man (former title Oliver Hazard Perry)

Admiral D. Porter (as Midshipman)

From the Philadelphia Museum of Art on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Mr. Henry G. Gardiner, Assistant Curator of Paintings, provided this data concerning the Eichholtz works in the gallery there.

"We possess the following paintings by Jacob Eichholtz:

Cape Henlopen

Dorothea

Portrait of a Mennonite Woman

Portrait of Josiah Stewart

Portrait of Miss Julia Nicklin"