
A portrait miniature of an unknown Gentleman

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Short Description

wearing a blue coat, white and blue striped waistcoat and tied cravat, seated in a mahogany backed chair set in the original gold frame

The three Daniel brothers, Abraham, Joseph and Phineas, were the sons of Nechaniah Daniel of Bridwater, Somerset and were considered to be the earliest known Jewish artists in the area. It has come to be accepted wisdom that all three were taught the art of miniature painting by their clever mother.

Phineas, the least heard of, worked mainly in Bristol, Abraham (c.1750-1806) worked mainly in Plymouth and Joseph (c.1760-1803) worked mainly in Bath and is generally referred to when one talks of 'Daniel of Bath'. There appears to have been a keen rivalry between the brothers, all of whom referred to themselves as 'Mr. Daniel' (or Daniell).

Abraham, who was an engraver and jeweller as well as miniature painter, left an Estate of £1,500, with £50 apiece left to his mistress and his illegitimate children

More Information

Literature	The Comerford Collection: Portrait Miniatures, (Dublin, privately published, 2009) pp 11, 57 (#251).
Exhibition	Comerford Collection at the Irish Architectural Archives in Dublin, in 2009