

Lemuel Francis Abbott

1760 - 1803



English Artist

Lemuel "Francis" Abbott was an English portrait painter, famous for his likeness of Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson and for those of other naval officers and literary figures of the 18th century.

Although he exhibited at the Royal Academy, he never became an Academician. It is said that overwork, due to the commissions he took on, and domestic unhappiness led to his becoming insane. He was declared insane in 1798.

Abbott painted portraits of many figures of the day including leading seamen, artists and industrialists.

His work is displayed at the National Portrait Gallery in London, the Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery, National Maritime Museum in London.

Periods

Mannerism, Realism

Influences

Joseph Wright of Derby, Francis Hayman

Famous Works

- Rear Admiral Sir Robert Calder (1797)
- Rear Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson (1800)
- Admiral Alexander Hood (1795)
- Admiral Robert Roddam (1783)
- Captain John Cooke (1805)
- Dr Francis Robert Tomkins (1789)
- Valentine Green (1788)
- Captain William Locker (1800)
- Henry Laurens (1784)