

SCHIDLOF

VIETH, Friedrich Ludwig von GOLDENAU B. in Dresden in 1768 (baptised 24th Oct.), d. in Meissen 14th Aug. 1848.

Was an officer in the Saxon army and took part in the exh. at the Acad. of Dresden in 1786 with several small portr. in silver point. According to Th. B., he is supposed to have been a pupil of Giov. Casanova for the min. After giving up his military career in 1800, he specialised in the min. and settled in Vienna.

Vieth was a skilful artist of average talent. His min. show light colours where the pink and the light blue dominate. The outlines are soft. The clothes are always skilfully indicated, but without much detail. The background is ptd. in rather well spaced crossed strokes, in which the general direction is oblique from upper right to lower left.

The Exh. at the Albertina, Vienna 1924 contained four min. by Vieth, No. 916: Caroline Waldnöfer, née Leidesdorf, in a white lace dress, iv., sign.: Vieth (Dr. Albert Seligmann Coll.); No. 917: Count Moritz Fries, iv., sign.: Vieth (Otto Beyschlag Coll., Vienna); No. 918: Countess Fries, née Hohenlohe, with her two children, important min. on iv. (Viennese Coll.); No. 919: Man in a black costume, iv., sign.: Vieth (A. v. Strasser Coll., Vienna).

Most of the Viennese coll. contain min. by Vieth; several good works by him were in the Dr. Ritter v. Flesch-Festau Coll., Vienna.

A number of works by the artist, amongst them his selfportrait and that of his sister Therese, were with the widow of Prof. von Vieth, descendent of the artist in Dresden.

Repr.: Fig. 1221, Pl. 607.

Lemberger, M.M., pl. 63 in colour: Prince Alexander Hohenlohe in ecclesiastical costume, iv. (G. Kynast Coll.) (good, typical); pl. 64 in colour: Countess Maria Theresa Josepha Fries with her two little daughters, important min. on iv., sign.: Vieth (S. Mandl Coll., Vienna) (good, typical).

Leisching, B.M.Ö., p. 117, No. 211: Baroness Henriette Pereira-Arnstein (1780-1859), iv. (owner Countess P. Coudenhove-Handel) (good, very typical). Sale Schidlof & Kende, Vienna 19th Nov. 1919, No. 90: Countess Fries, née Princess v. Hohenlohe, iv. (good, very typical). Grand Duke Nicholas Mikhailowitch, Portr. Russes, vol. III, pl. LXXX, No. 144: Countess Caroline Khristoforowna Stackelberg (1780-1868), iv. (owner Count G. Stackelberg, St. Petersburg) (good and typical, reprod. as anonymous).

Sale Schidlof, Vienna, 20th Oct. 1919, No. 115: Marie and Denny Eskeles, as children, iv. (good and typical).

Sale Dr. Loewe, Lempertz, Cologne, 5th-6th Nov. 1929, pl. 34, No. 308: The same min.