

# 18th Century Material Culture

## Portrait Artists in America

### Charles Willson Peale - I of II

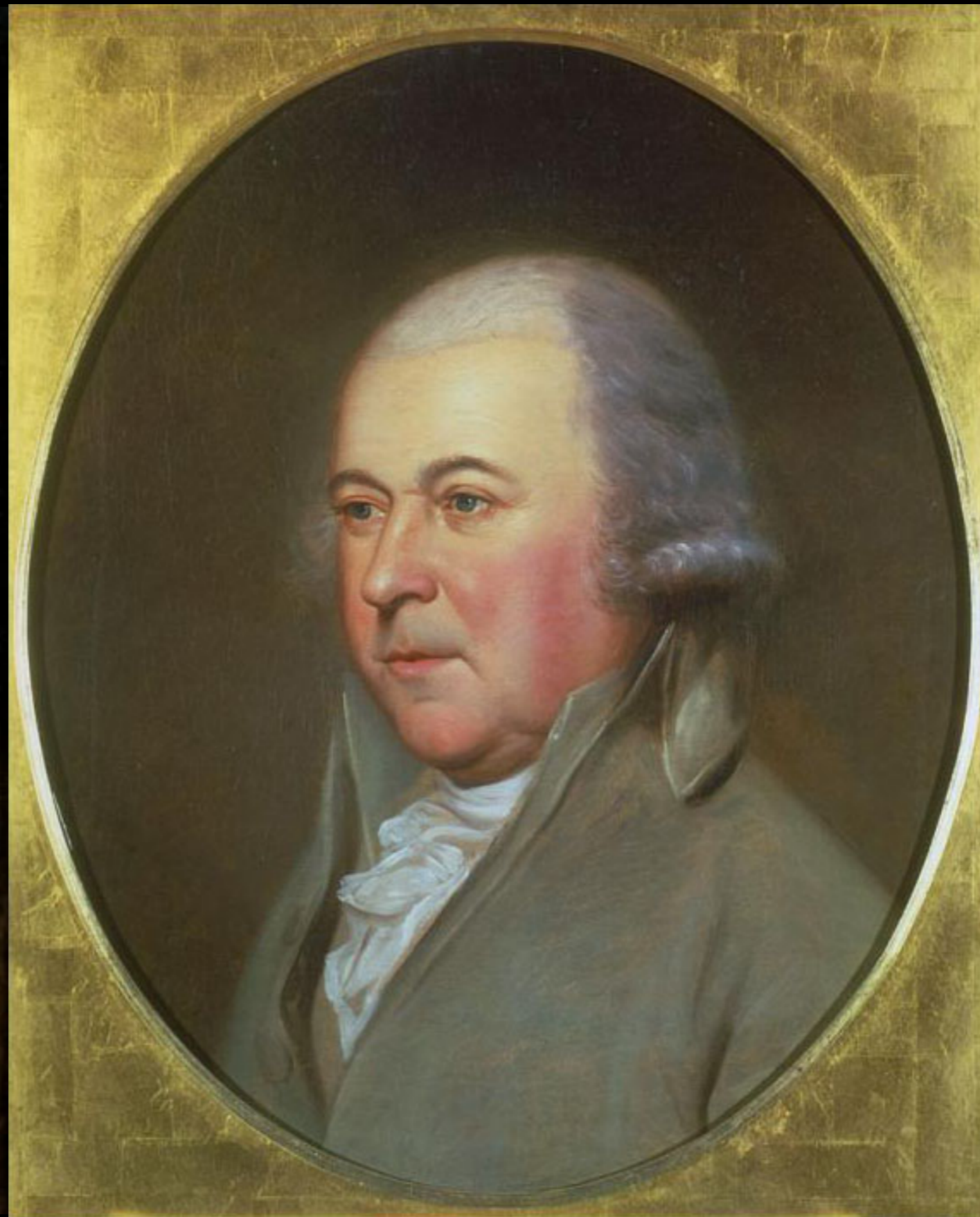


# Charles Willson Peale

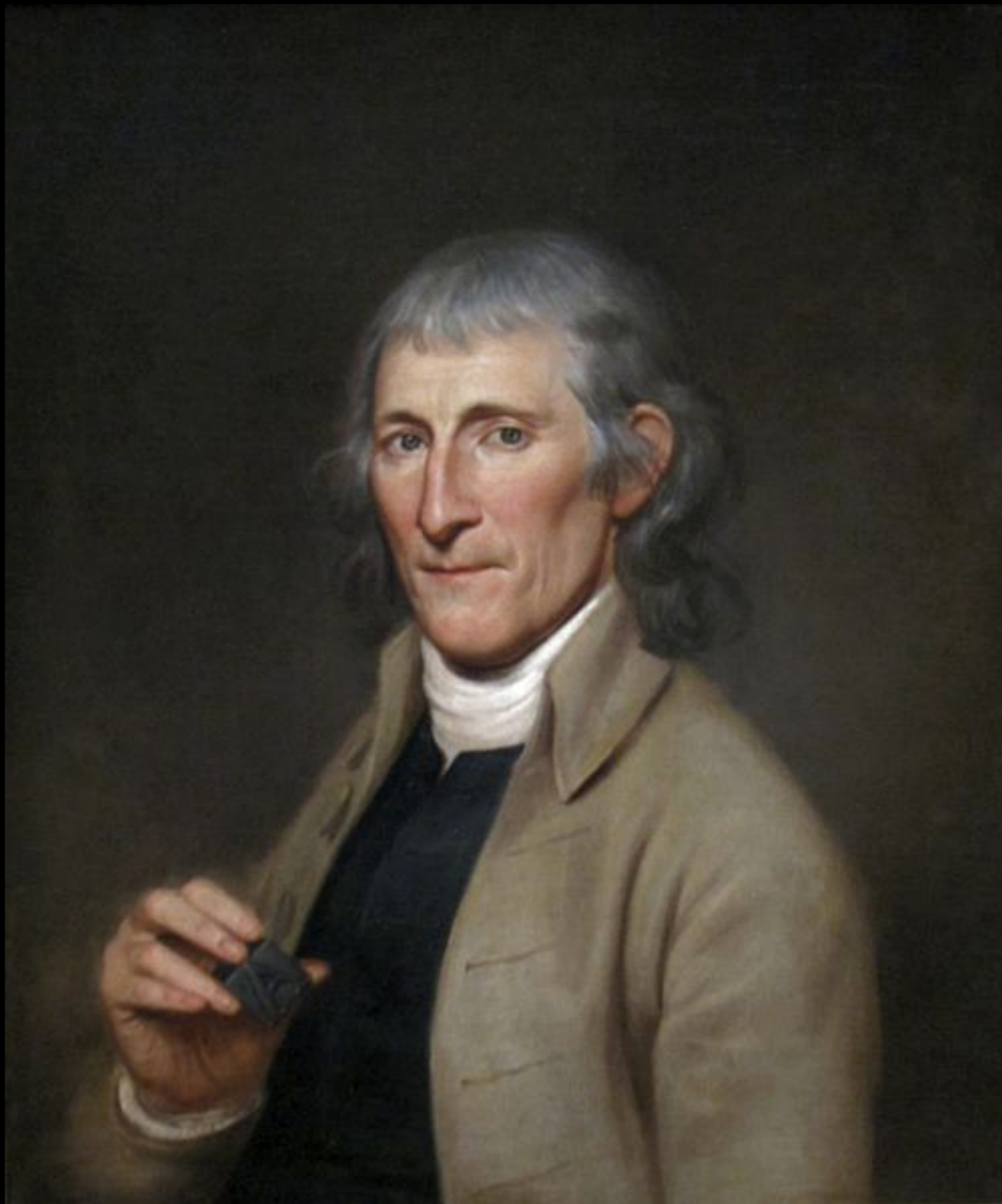
- Born in 1741 to Charles and Margaret Peale of Chester, Queen Anne's County, Maryland
- Older brother to painter James Peale (1749 - 1831)
- Apprentice to a saddle maker at the age of 13
- Studied for a time under John Hesselius, John Singleton Copley, John Beale Bordley and Benjamin West in London in 1767
- Married Rachel Brewer in 1762 who bore him ten children including Raphael in 1774, Rembrandt in 1778, Rubens in 1784 and daughter Angelica Kaufman,
- Returned to America and settled in Annapolis, Maryland where he taught painting to his younger brother, James
- Moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1776
- Served as a Captain of the Philadelphia Associators during the American War for Independence
- Served in the Pennsylvania State Assembly in 1779 - 1780
- After his wife Rachel's death in 1790, he married Elizabeth de Peyster who bore him six children
- Painted "The Staircase Group" in 1795 of his two sons, Raphaelle and Titan Peale

# Charles Willson Peale

- With a strong interest in natural history, organized the first United States expedition in 1801
- Found the Philadelphia Museum, later known as Peale's American Museum which featured a diverse collection of biologic, archeologic, and botanical specimens. It was the first to display a mastodon skeleton
- Married Hanna More, a Quaker from Philadelphia, in 1804
- Moses Williams, slave to the Peale family, trained in the arts and became a silhouette artist
- Purchased a farm in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1801 which he named "Belfield" where he lived with his son Rubens after the death of his wife Hannah
- Had expertise in carpentry, dentistry, optometry, taxidermy and shoemaking and wrote several books
- Passed away on 22 February, 1827



John Adams  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1791 - 1794  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Frances Bailey, Journalist and Official Printer for Congress  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1791  
(Cincinnati Art Museum)



Mrs. Francis Bailey (Eleanor Miller)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1791  
(Cincinnati Art Museum)



John B. Bayard  
by Charles Willson Peale 1781  
(Milwaukee Art Museum)



Mrs. John B. Bayard (Margaret Hodge)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1780  
(Milwaukee Art Museum)



Colonel George Baylor - 1st Commander of the 3rd Continental Light Dragoons  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Unknown)



Elizabeth Benezet  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Getty Images)



Portrait of a Gentleman, Possibly Judge John Berrien  
by Charles Willson Peale 1789  
(Christie's)



Lieutenant Colonel Henry Bicker of the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment  
by Unknown (Charles Willson Peale?) c. 1777 - 1778  
(Private Collection)



Colonel Clement Biddle, Deputy Quartermaster General to the New York & Pennsylvania Militia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1778  
(Smithsonian Museum of American Art)



Dr. Barnabas Binney of Massachusetts, Continental Surgeon  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Private Collection - Frick Art Reference Library)



Joseph Bloomfield  
by Charles Willson Peale 1777  
(Private Collection)



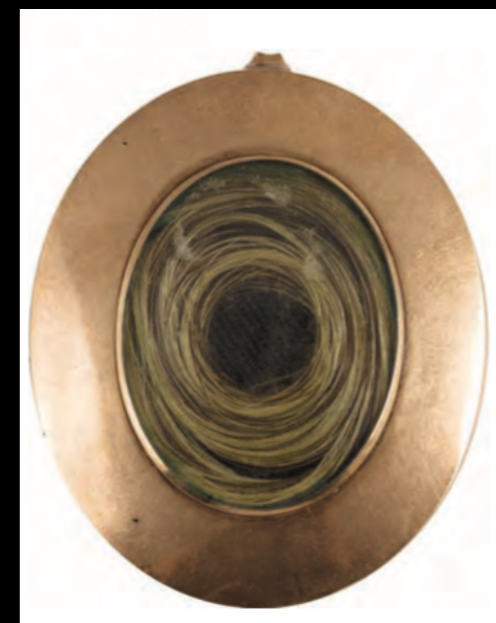
Mrs. Joseph Bloomfield (Mary McIvaine)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1777  
(Private Collection)



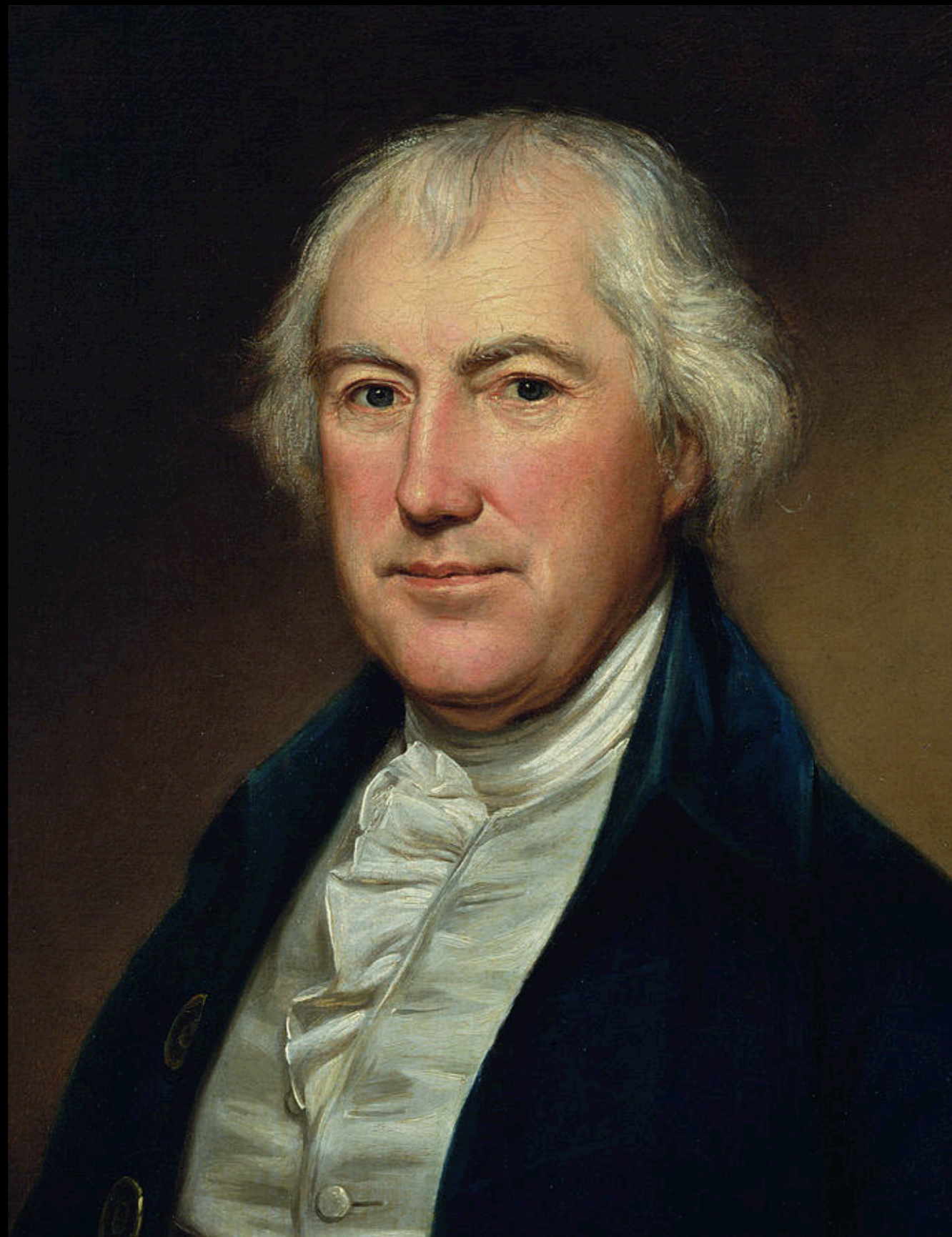
Mrs. Joseph Bloomfield, Mary McIlvaine  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777  
(Heritage Auctions)



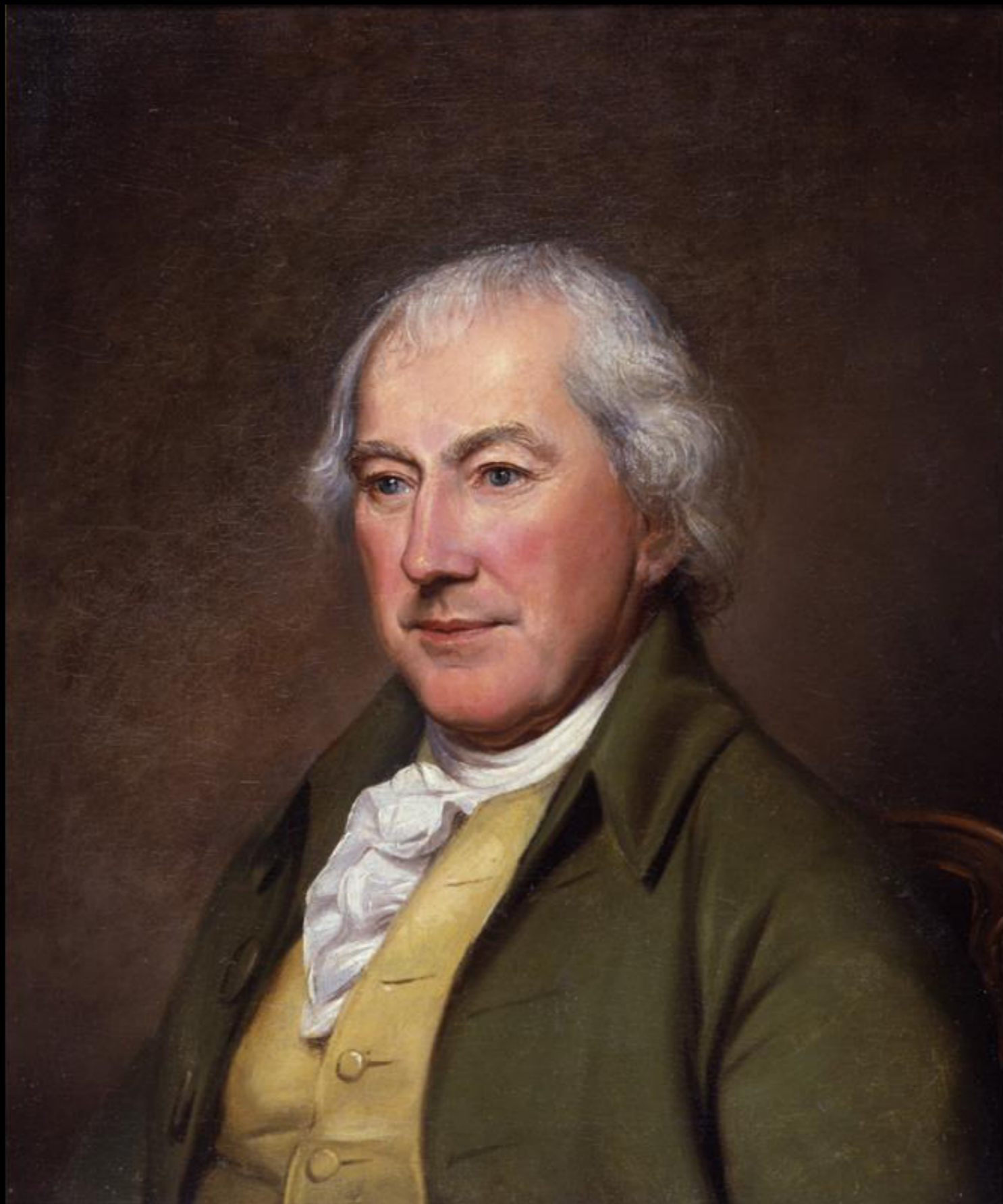
John Beale Bordley of Philadelphia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770  
(National Gallery of Art)



John Beale Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Heritage Auctions)



John Beale Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale 1790  
(Christie's)



John Beale Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale 1790  
(New York Historical Society)



Mrs. Bordley (Sarah Fishbourne)  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Unknown)



Henrietta Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale 1773  
(Honolulu Museum of Art)



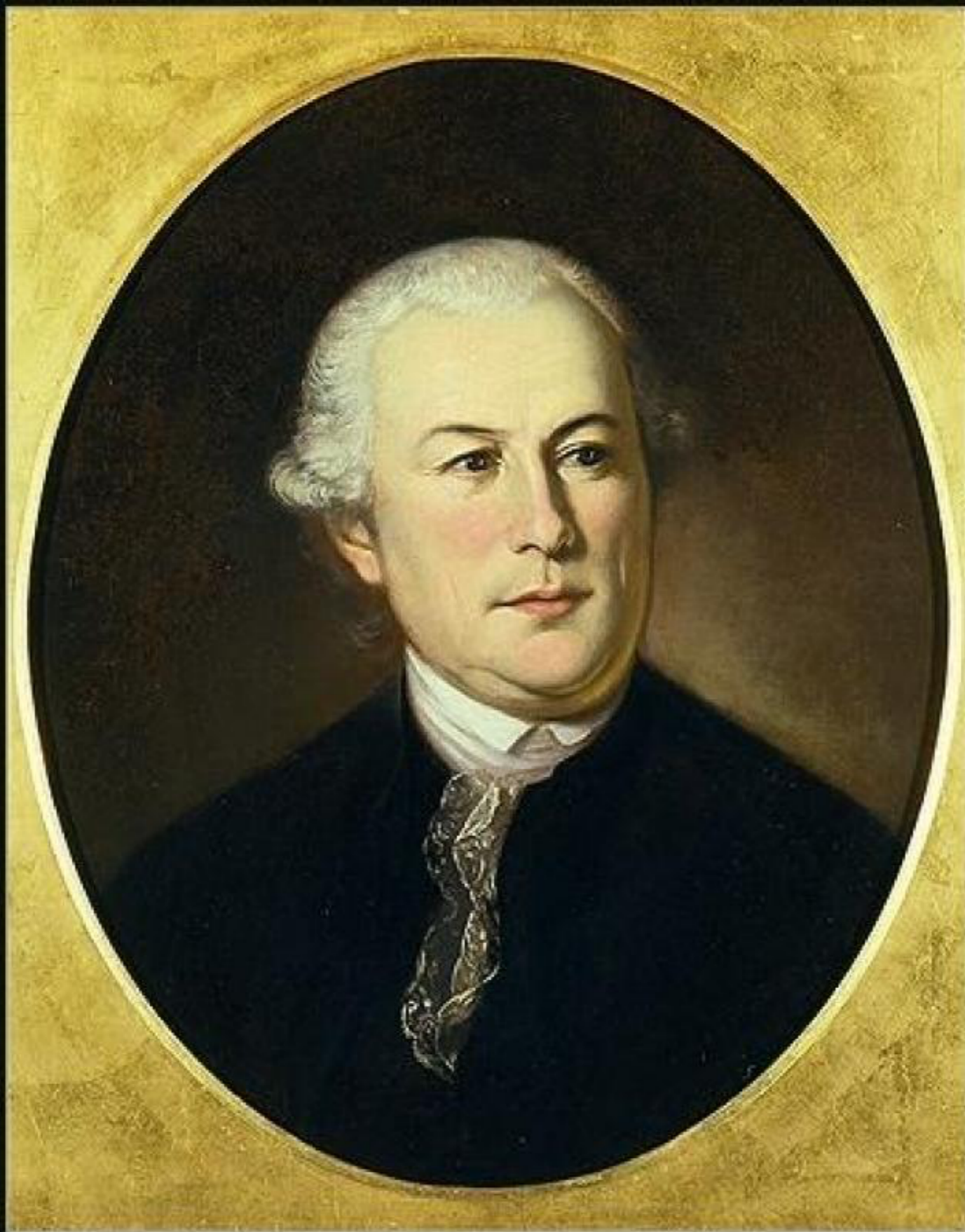
Matthias and Thomas Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale 1767  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Matthias and Thomas Bordley  
by Charles Willson Peale 1767  
(Yale University Gallery)



Elias Boudinot IV  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Princeton University Art Gallery)



Elias Boudinot IV  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782 - 1784  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Mrs. Elias Boudinot IV (Hannah Stockton)  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Princeton University Art Gallery)



Portrait of a Lady, Possibly Mrs. Peddy Bowen  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(Christie's)



Gunning Bradford  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Private Collection)



Joseph Brant  
by Charles Willson Peale 1797  
(Independence National Historical Park)



William Henry Bruce of the Maryland Line  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(The Society of the Cincinnati)



William Buckland, Architect and Builder from Annapolis, Maryland  
by Charles Willson Peale 1774, Reworked in 1789  
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Anthony Butler  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania Militia, John Cadawalader, with his Wife, Elizabeth, and Daughter, Ann  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



John Cadwalader, Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania Militia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. "1788"  
(Luce Foundation Center for American Art)



Mrs. John Cadawalader (Elizabeth Lloyd)  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Colonel Lambert Cadwalader  
by Charles Willson Peale 1771  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Dr. Thomas Cadwalader (1708- 1779)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1775  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Mrs. Thomas Cadwalader (Hannah Lambert)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



"Caldwell Sister"  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



“Caldwell Sister”  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Barrister Charles Carroll  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Barrister Charles Carroll of Maryland  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770  
(Mount Clare House, Baltimore, Maryland)



Mrs. Charles Carroll (Margaret Tilghman)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1770  
(Mount Clare House, Baltimore, Maryland)



Mrs. Charles Carroll  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1773  
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Mrs. James Maccubin Carroll (Sophia Gough)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790  
(Yale University Art Gallery)



Joshua Carter  
by Charles Willson Peale October, 1765  
(Winterthur)



Lieutenant Colonel Richard Cary, Aide de Camp of General Washington  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Heritage Auctions)



Samuel Chase  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1773  
(Maryland Historical Society)



Mrs. Samuel Chase (Ann Baldwin) and Her Daughters, Ann and Matilda  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772 - 1784  
(Maryland Historical Society)



Francois Jean de Beauvoir, Marquis de Chastellux  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Independence National Historical Park)



James Claypoole, Sr. of Philadelphia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1783  
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Mrs. James Claypoole, Sr. (Mary)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1783  
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Sir Henry Clinton  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Heritage Auctions)



Colonel John Cox of New Jersey  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Colonel John Cox  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1792 - 1793  
(Private Collection / The Athenaeum)



Mrs. John Cox (Esther Bowes)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1778  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



James Crawford and His Daughter  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1800  
(Unknown)



Mrs. James Crawford and Her Son  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1785  
(Unknown)



Dr. Ebenezer Crosby, Surgeon to General George Washington's Commander-in-Chief's Guards  
by or After Charles Willson Peale c. 1777  
(Heritage Fine Arts Auctions)



Martha Parke "Patsy" Custis  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Martha Parke "Patsy" Custis  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(Mount Vernon)



John Parke "Jacky" Custis  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(Mount Vernon)



Mrs. Joseph Daffin  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790  
(Springfield Museum of Art, Ohio)



Mrs. John Dagworthy (Martha Cadwalader)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Silas Deane, Connecticut Delegate to the Continental Congress  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1774  
(Connecticut Historical Society)



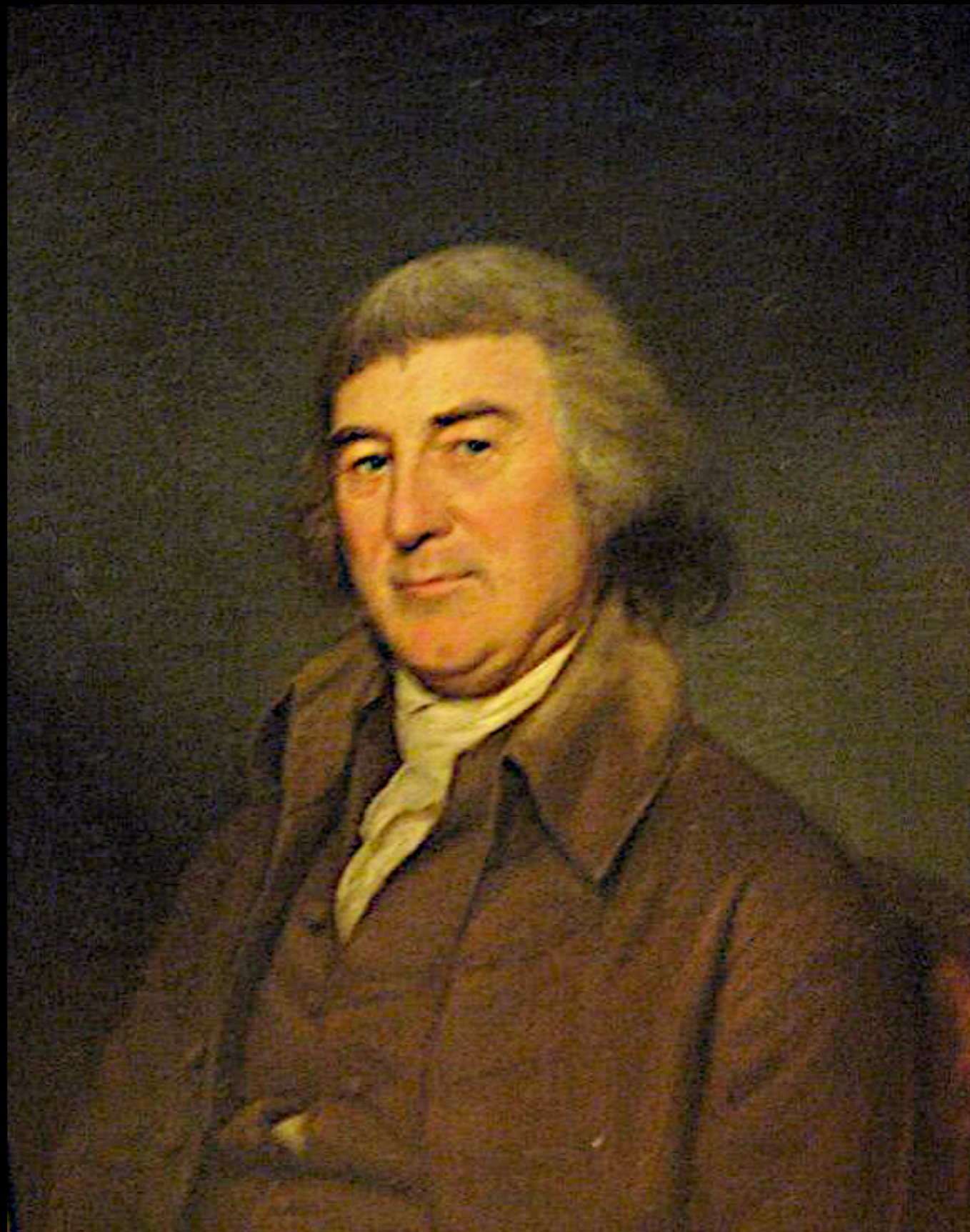
Brigadier General John Phillip De Haas , Colonel of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.)



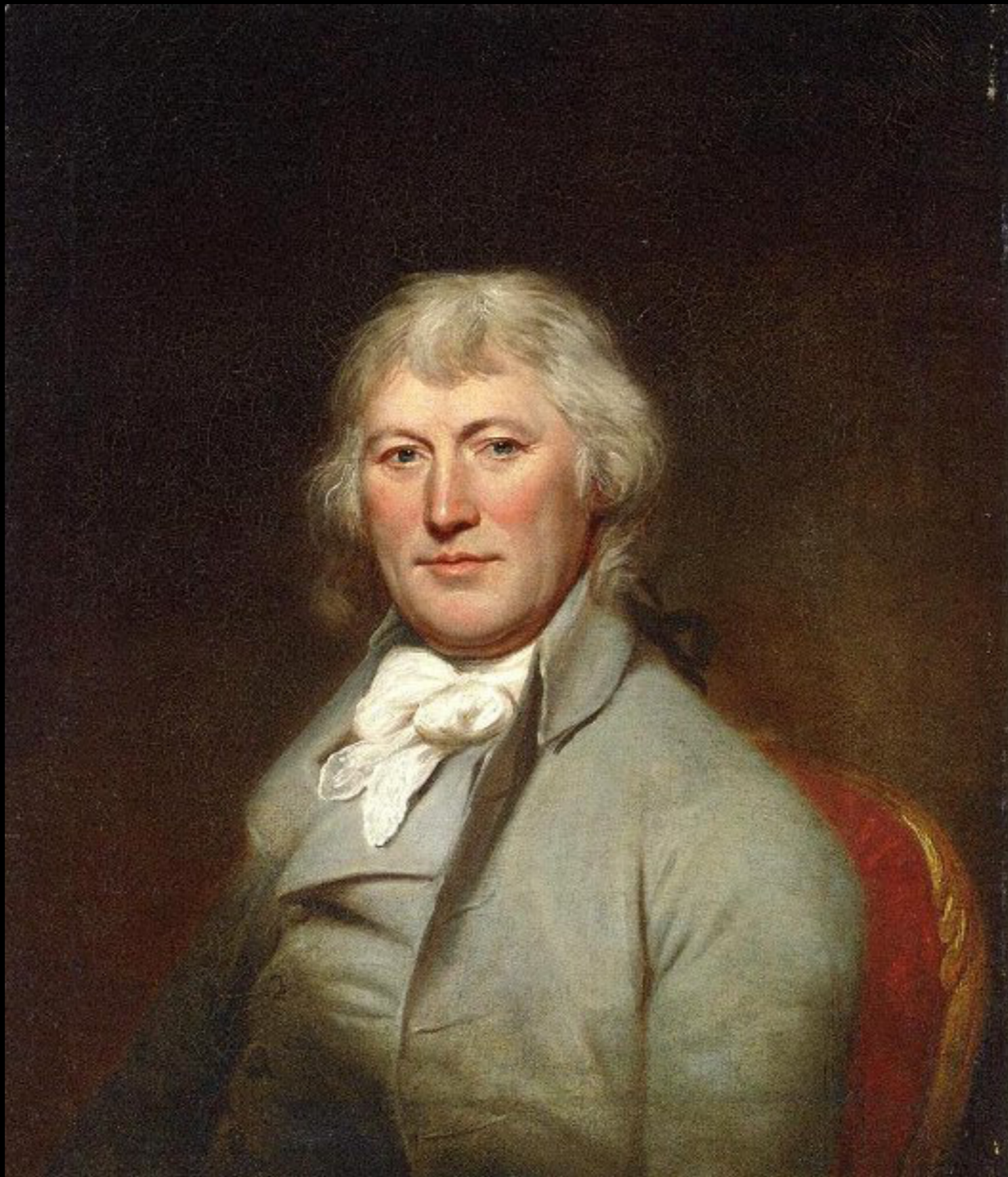
Abraham B. DePeyster  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



Mrs. Gerard DePeyster  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



James W. DePeyster  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



James W. DePeyster  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(Christie's)



Mrs. James W. DePeyster (Anna)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



Mrs. James W. DePeyster (Anna)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(San Antonio Museum of Art)



John B. DePeyster  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



John Watts DePeyster, New York Merchant  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



John Watts DePeyster, New York Merchant  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



Mrs. William DePeyster, Jr. (Christina Daily, Charles William Peale's Mother in Law - William DePeyster's Second Wife)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1798  
(New York Historical Society)



John Dickinson Before the Schuylkill River  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Historical Society of Pennsylvania)



John Dickinson of Pennsylvania  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782 - 1783  
(Independence National Historic Park)



Mrs. John Dickenson and Her Daughter  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(Historical Society of Pennsylvania)



Joseph Donaldson  
by Charles Willson Peale 1776  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



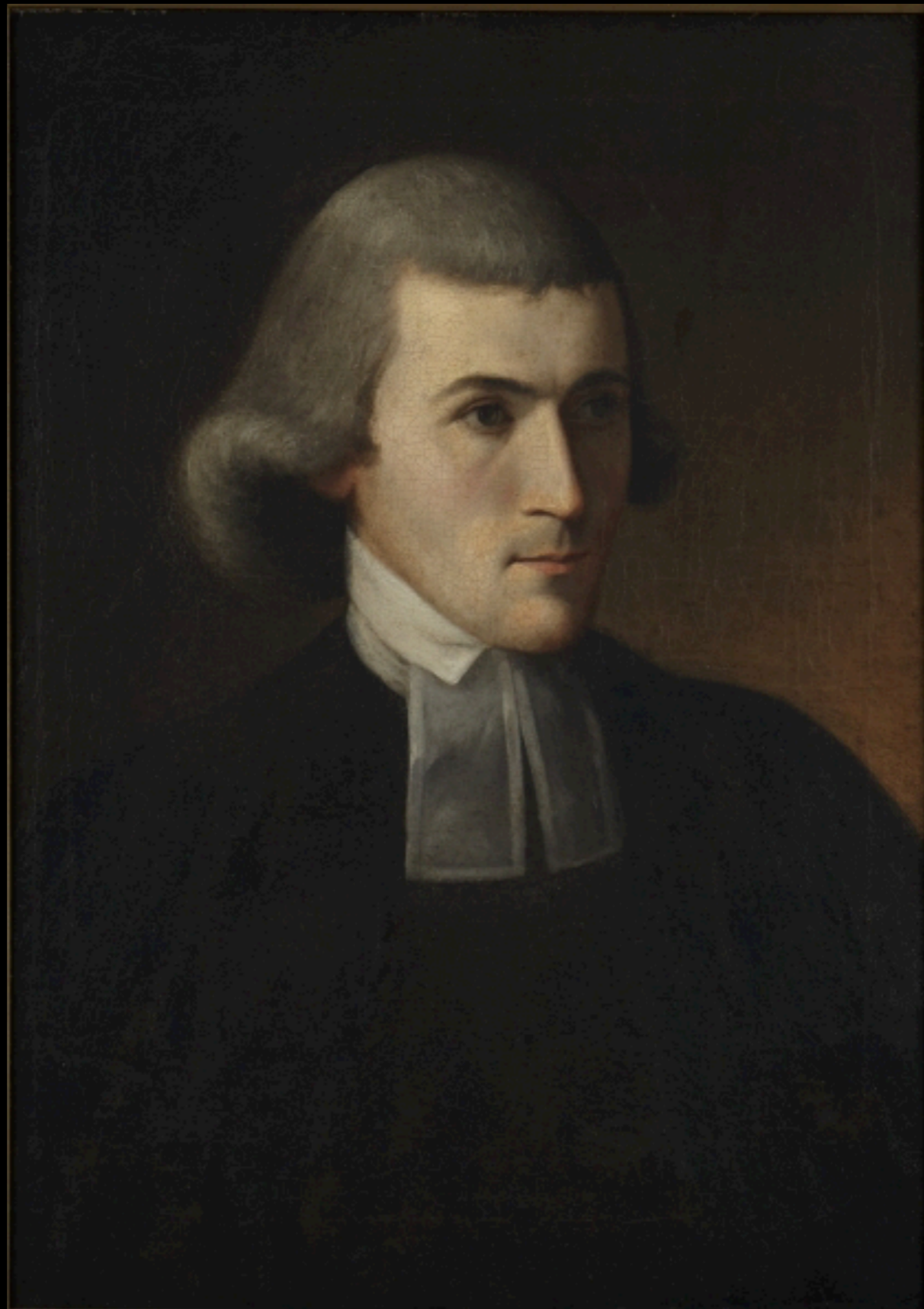
Mrs. Joseph Donaldson (Frances Johnston)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1776  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Mrs. William Duer "Lady Kitty" (Catherine Alexander)  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Brigadier General Chevalier Louis Lebègue Depresle Duportail  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1782  
(Independence National Historic Park)



Reverend Samuel Eakin  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Princeton University Art Gallery)



Thomas Elliot, and His Granddaughter, Deborah Hibernia  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Chrysler Museum of Art)



Mrs. Thomas Elliot (Mary Chase)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Chrysler Museum of Art)



Maskell Ewing of New Jersey  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Biggs Museum of American Art, Dover, Delaware)



Mrs. Ewing (Jane Hunter)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(Sotheby's)



Major Benjamin Fishbourne of the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(Private Collection)



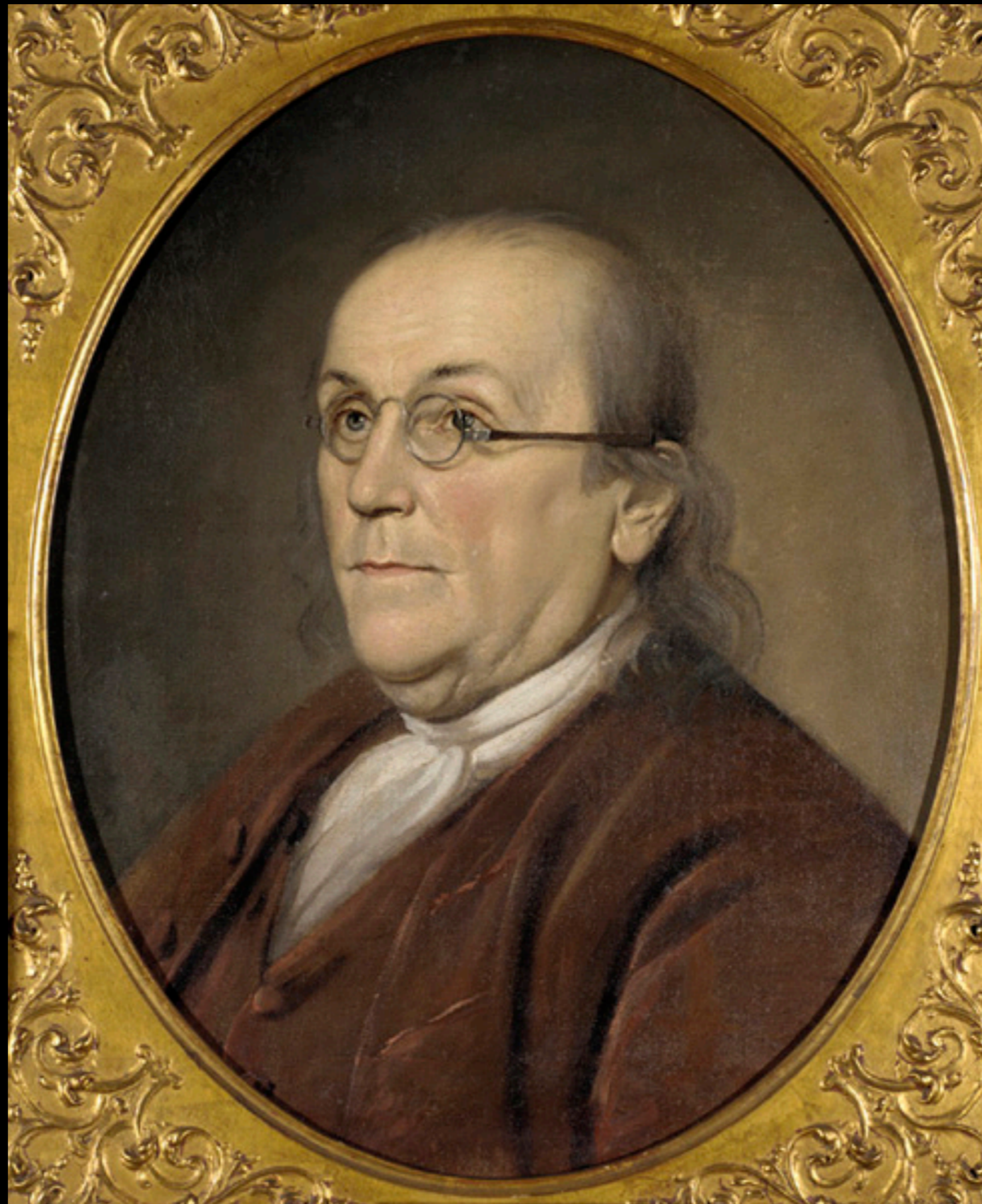
Catherine "Kitty" Floyd, 15 Year Old Daughter of New York Delegate, William Floyd - To Whom Madison Proposed Marriage  
by Charles Willson Peale 1783  
(Library of Congress)



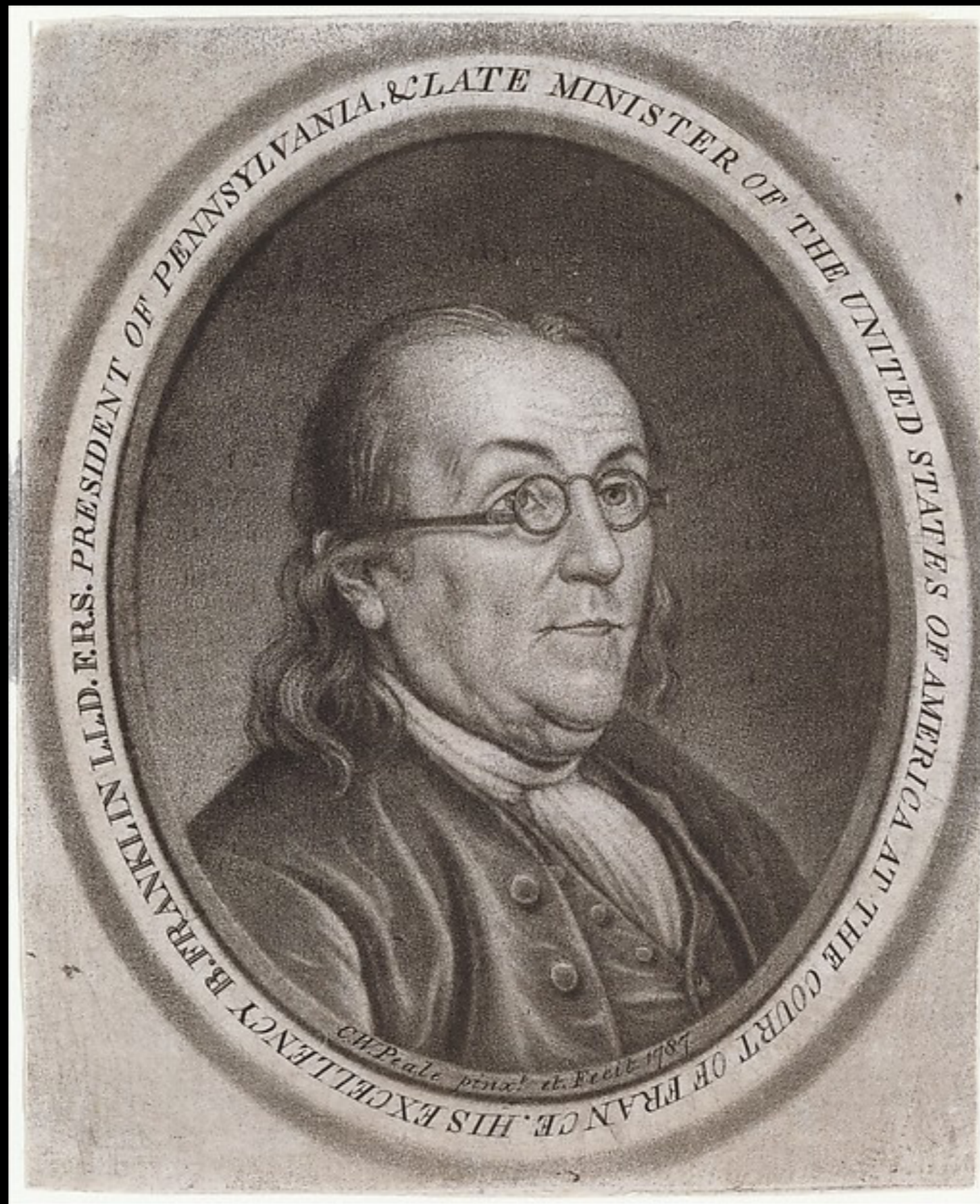
General David Forman  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Unknown)



Mrs. David Forman and Child  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1785  
(Brooklyn Museum)



Benjamin Franklin  
by Charles Willson Peale 1785  
(Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts)



Benjamin Franklin  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Benjamin Franklin

by Charles Willson Peale 1789 (After the 1785 Portrait Due to Franklin's Illness)  
(Historical Society of Pennsylvania, History Museum at the Atwater Kent Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)



Captain John Gassaway of the 2nd Maryland Regiment Who Was Captured at Camden on August 16, 1780  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Major General Horatio Gates  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Independence National Historic Park)



David Gelston  
by Charles Willson Peale 1792  
(LaSalle University Art Museum)



Robert Gilmore, Sr.  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Mrs. Robert Gilmore (Louisa Airey) with Her Daughters, Jane and Elizabeth  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Brigadier General Mordecai Gist  
by Charles Willson Peale 1774  
(Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco)



Brigadier General Mordecai Gist  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1774  
(Maryland Historical Society)



Mrs. Mordecai Gist (Elizabeth McClure)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1774  
(Milwaukee Art Museum)



Richard Gittings  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



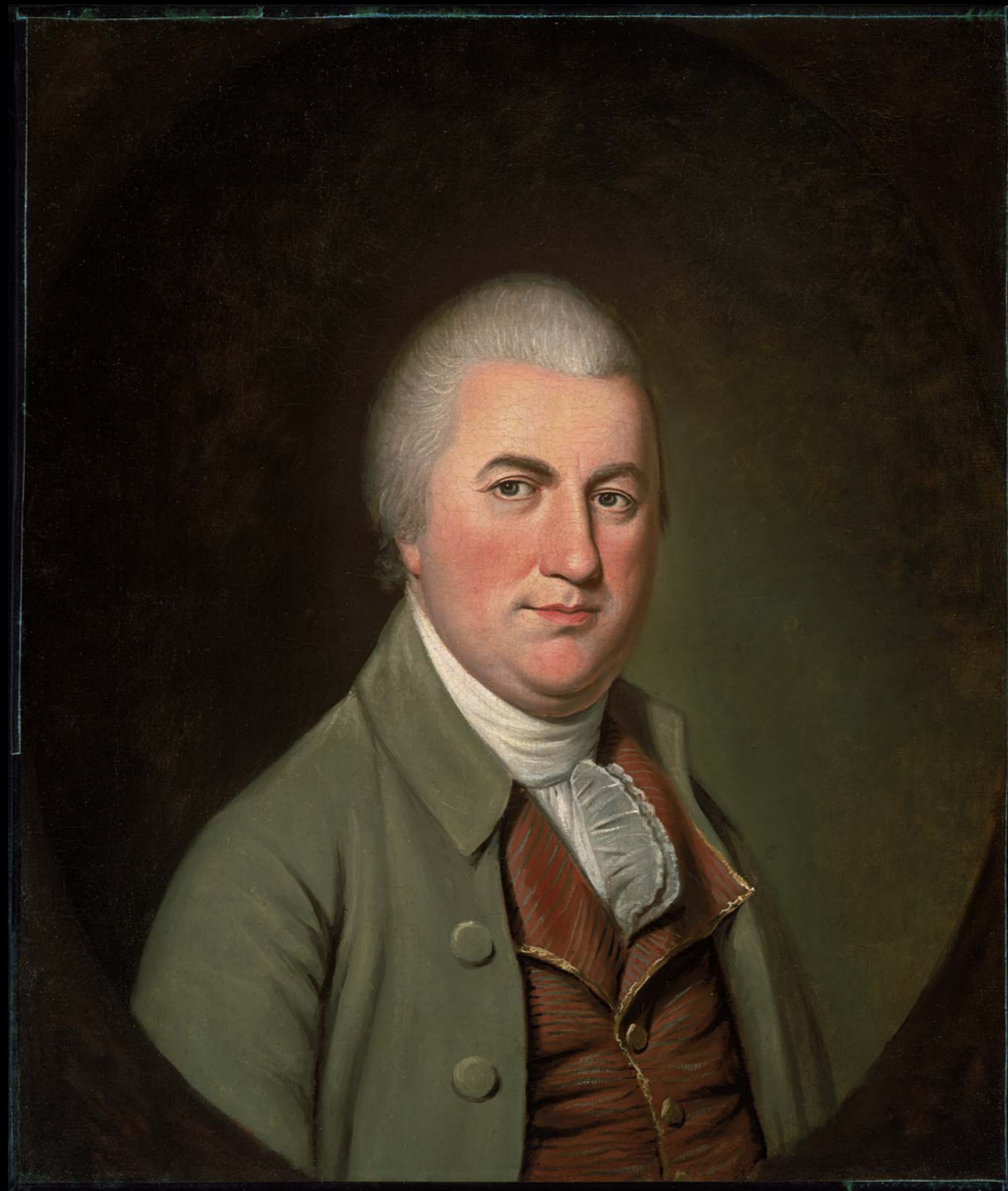
Mrs. Richard Gittings (Mary Sterrett)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Robert Goldsborough and Family  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Private Collection)



Nathaniel Gorham  
by Charles Willson Peale 1786  
(Adams National Historical Park)



Nathaniel Gorham  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1793  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Ann Catherine Hoof Green  
by Charles Willson Peale 1769  
(National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.)



Mrs. Frederick Green (Ann Sanders) of Annapolis, Maryland  
by Charles Willson Peale 1789  
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Major General Nathaniel Greene  
by Charles Willson Peale 1783  
(National Portrait Gallery)



Major General Nathaniel Greene  
by Charles Willson Peale 1783  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Major General Nathaniel Greene  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Colonel Elhu Hall  
by Charles Willson Peale 1773  
(Newark Museum)



Mrs. Elhu Hall  
by Charles Willson Peale 1773  
(Newark Museum)



Nancy Hallam as Fidele in Shakespeare's Cymbeline  
by Charles Willson Peale 1771  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Nancy Hallam as Fidele in Shakespeare's Cymbeline  
by Charles Willson Peale 1771  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Lieutenant - Colonel Alexander Hamilton  
by Charles Willson Peale 1777  
(Museum of the City of New York)



Alexander Hamilton  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(Avery Library, Columbia University, New York)



Alexander Hamilton  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1790 - 1795  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Major General Alexander Hamilton During the Quasi War with France  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1798 - 1801  
(New York Historical Society)



Major James Hamilton, Aide-de-Camp to Major Arthur St. Clair  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(The Society of the Cincinnati)



Likely Captain John Halreston, 2nd Lieutenant South Carolina Regiment & Colonel of South Carolina Militia in 1777 - 1778  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Art Institute of Chicago)



John Hanson  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781 - 1782  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Benjamin Harrison of Brandon  
by Charles Willson Peale 1775  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Mrs. Benjamin Harrison (Elizabeth Page)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1775  
(Virginia Museum of Fine Arts)



Thomas Harwood of Annapolis, Maryland  
by Charles Willson Peale 1775  
(Winterthur)



Mrs. Thomas Harwood (Margaret Strachan)  
by Charles Willson Peale 1771  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



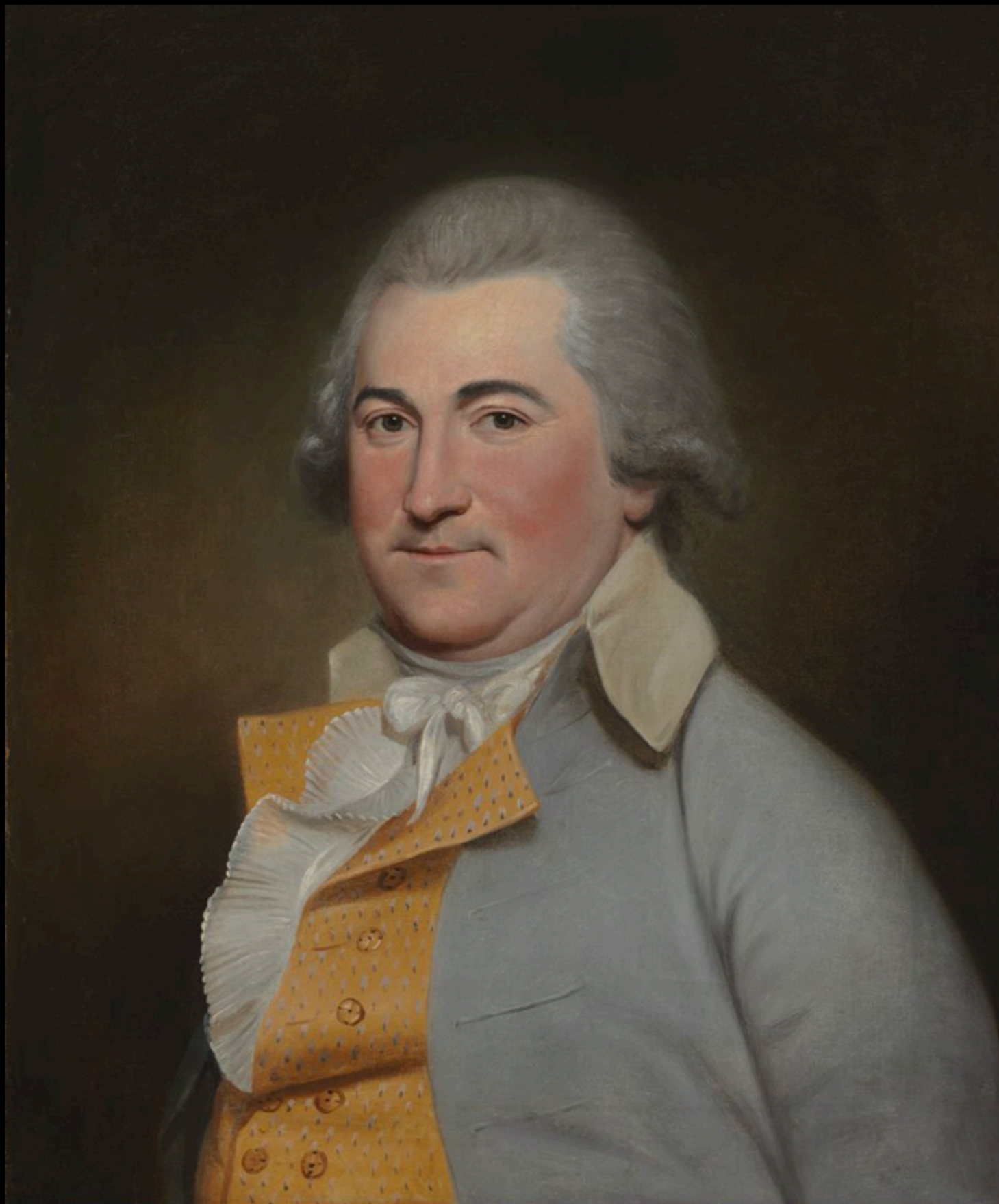
Commodore John Hazelwood of the Pennsylvania Navy  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777  
(Independence National Historic Park)



Robert Hazelhurst  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(High Museum of Art)



General John Eager Howard  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Independence National Historic Park)



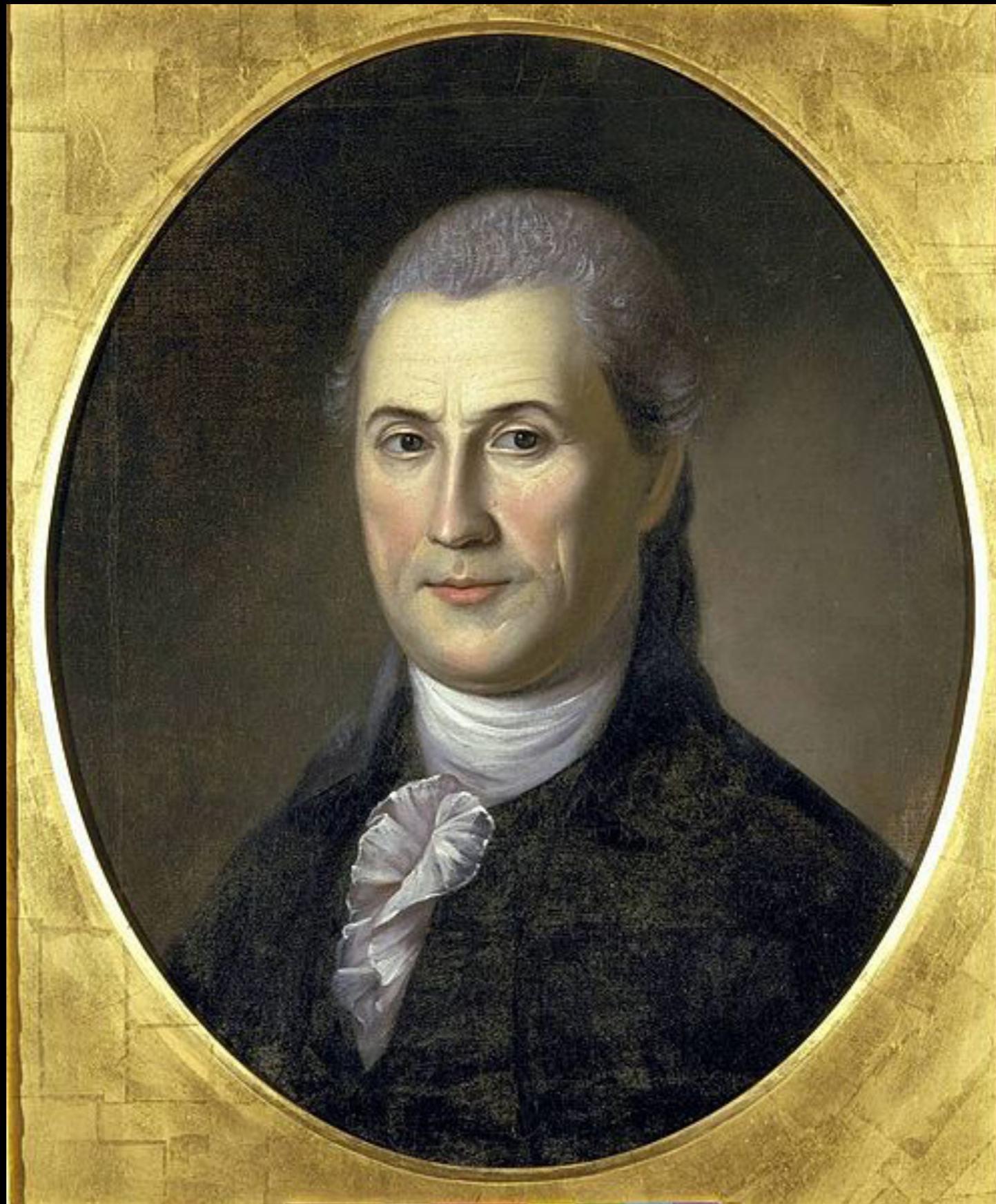
Samuel Hervey Howard  
by Charles Willson Peale 1789  
(Baltimore Museum of Art)



Christopher Hughes  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1788 - 1789  
(Detroit Institute of Arts)



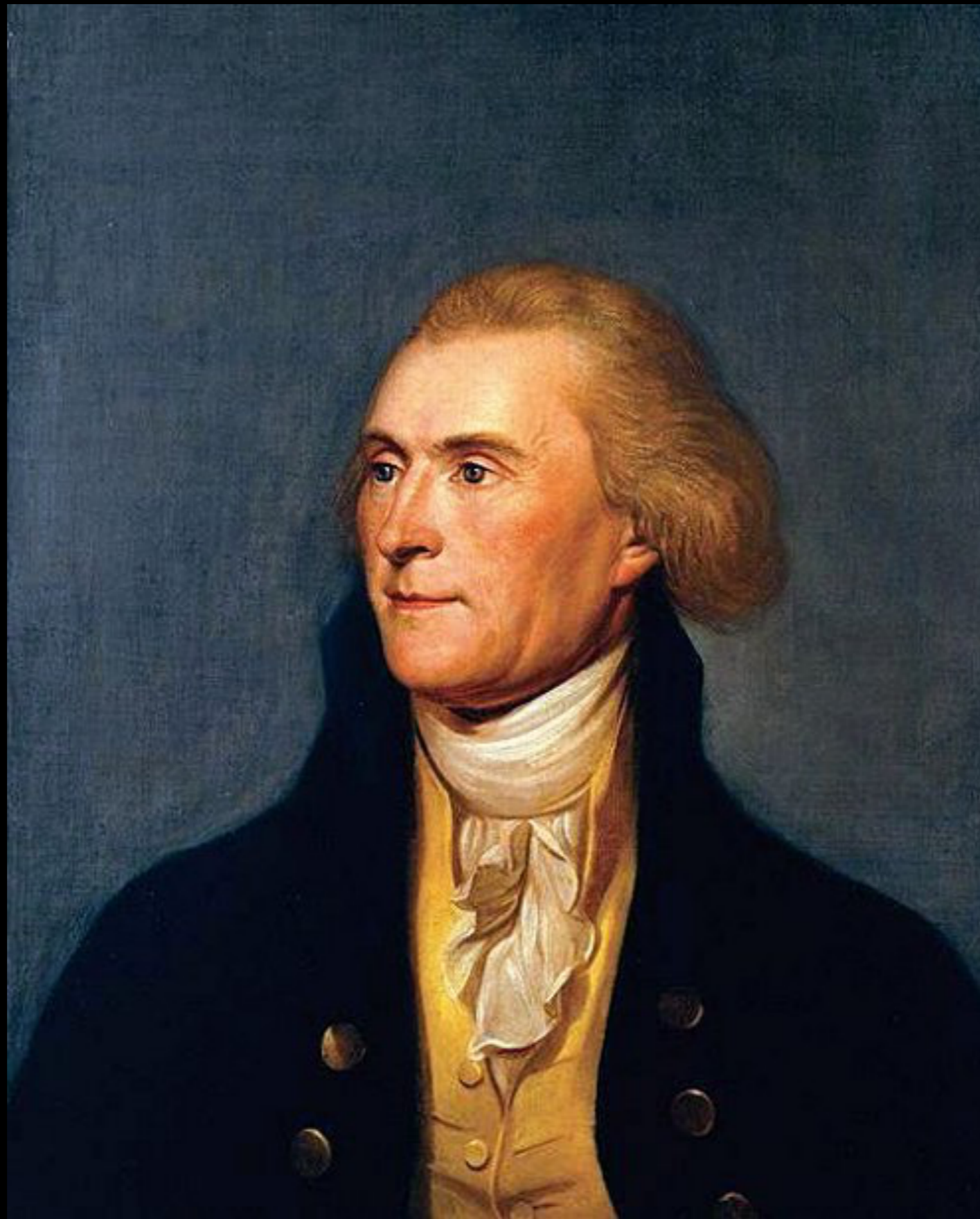
Mrs. Christopher Hughes (Peggy Sanderson) and Her Daughter  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1788 - 1789  
(Detroit Institute of Arts)



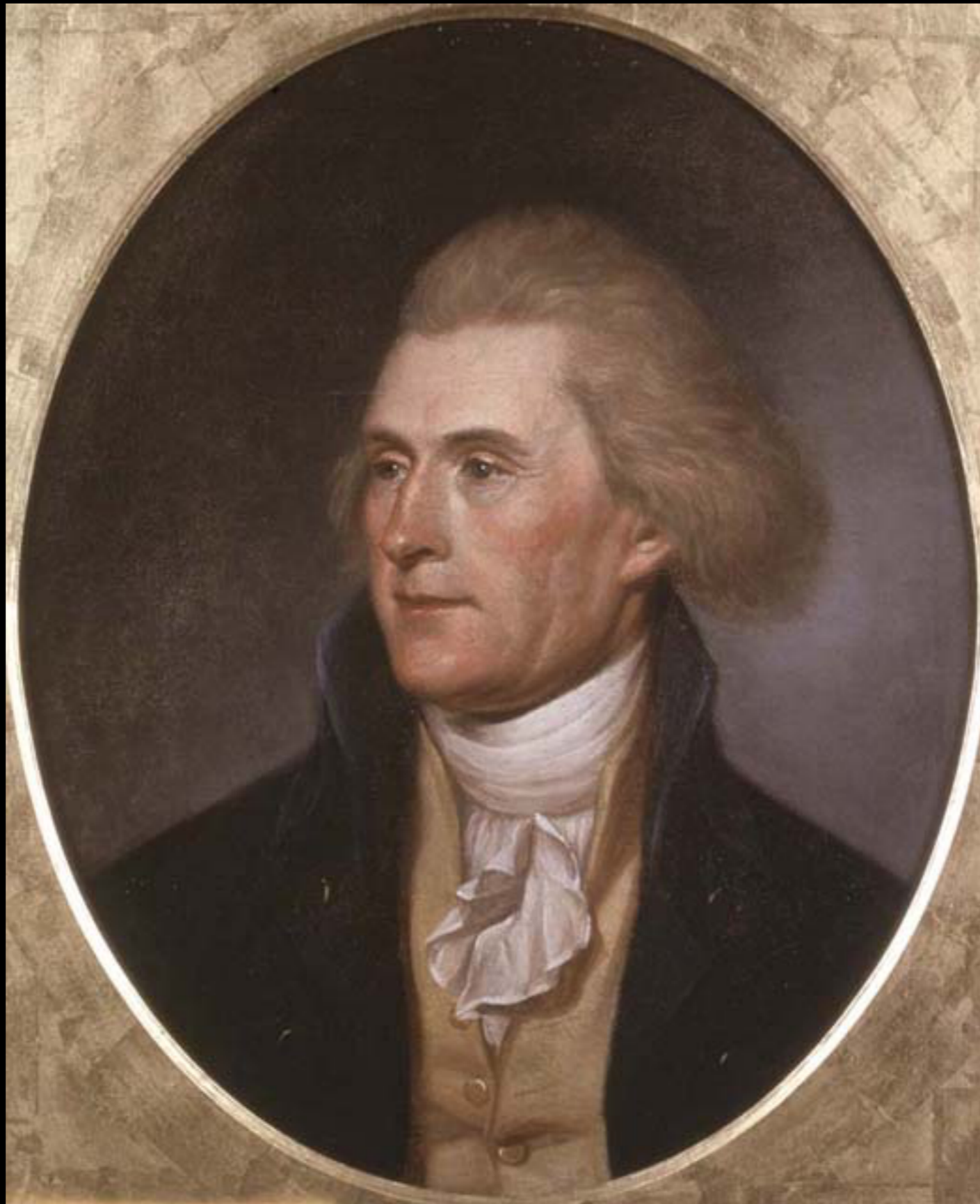
Samuel Huntington  
by Charles Willson Peale 1783  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Lt. Col. James Innes, Williamsburg Volunteers and 15th Virginia Regiment  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1777  
(Virginia Historical Society)



Thomas Jefferson  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Unknown)



Thomas Jefferson  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1791  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Thomas Johnson and Family  
by Charles Willson Peale 1772  
(C. Burr Artz Library)



John Paul Jones, Commodore in the Service of the United States of America  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781  
(Independence National Historic Park)



Captain James Joseph  
by Charles Willson Peale 1787  
(Private Collection)



Baron Johann, de Kalb  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781 - 1782  
(Independence National Historic Park)



Mrs. David Kerr (Rachel Leeds)  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(Dallas Museum of Art)



Colonel Henry Knox of the Continental Artillery  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Major General Henry Knox  
by Charles Willson Peale 1778  
(Private Collection)



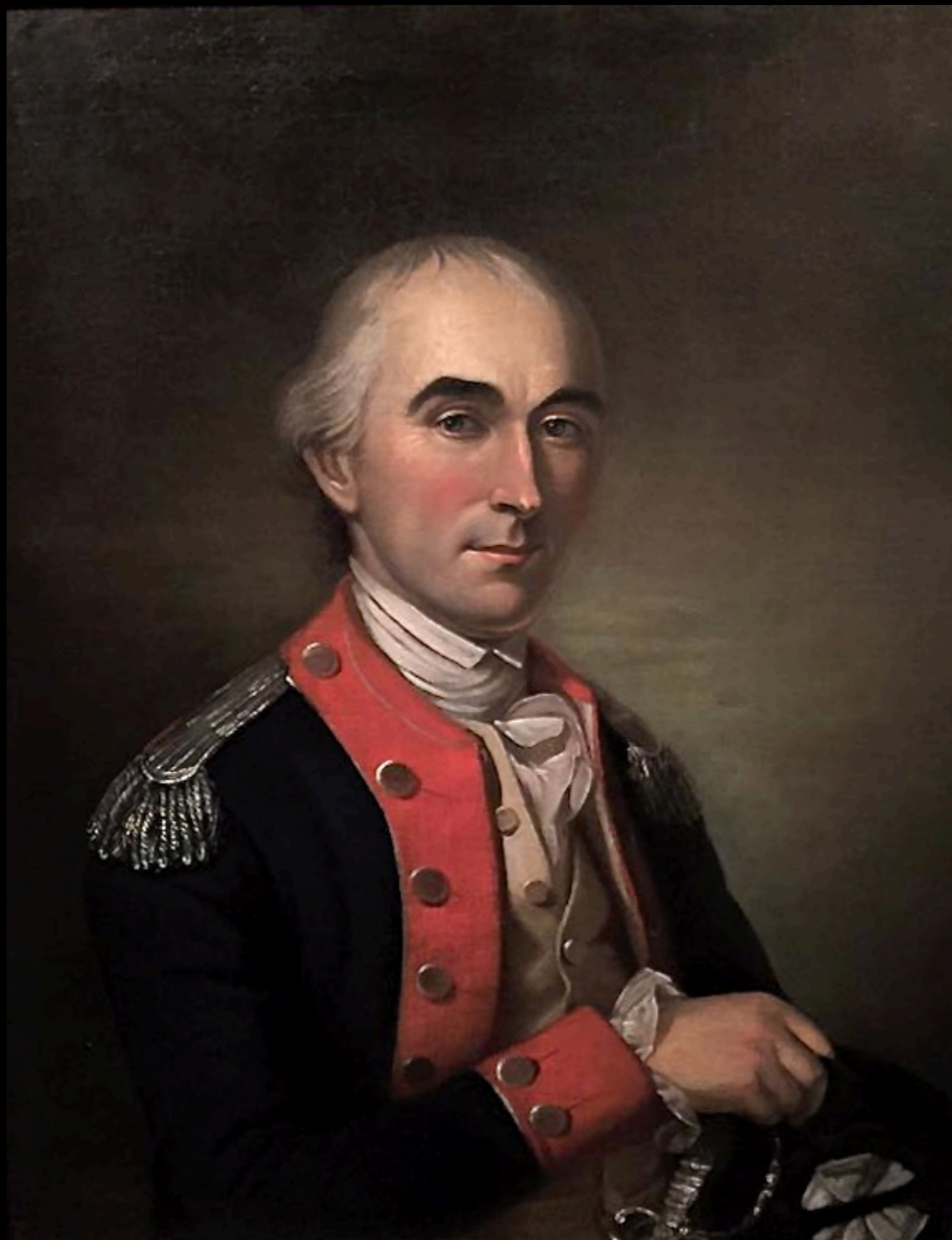
Major General Henry Knox  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Major General Henry Knox  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



Major General Henry Knox  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1784  
(Private Collection)



Colonel Robert Knox of the Pennsylvania Militia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(Fort Ticonderoga - Photo Courtesy Wm. Booth, Draper)



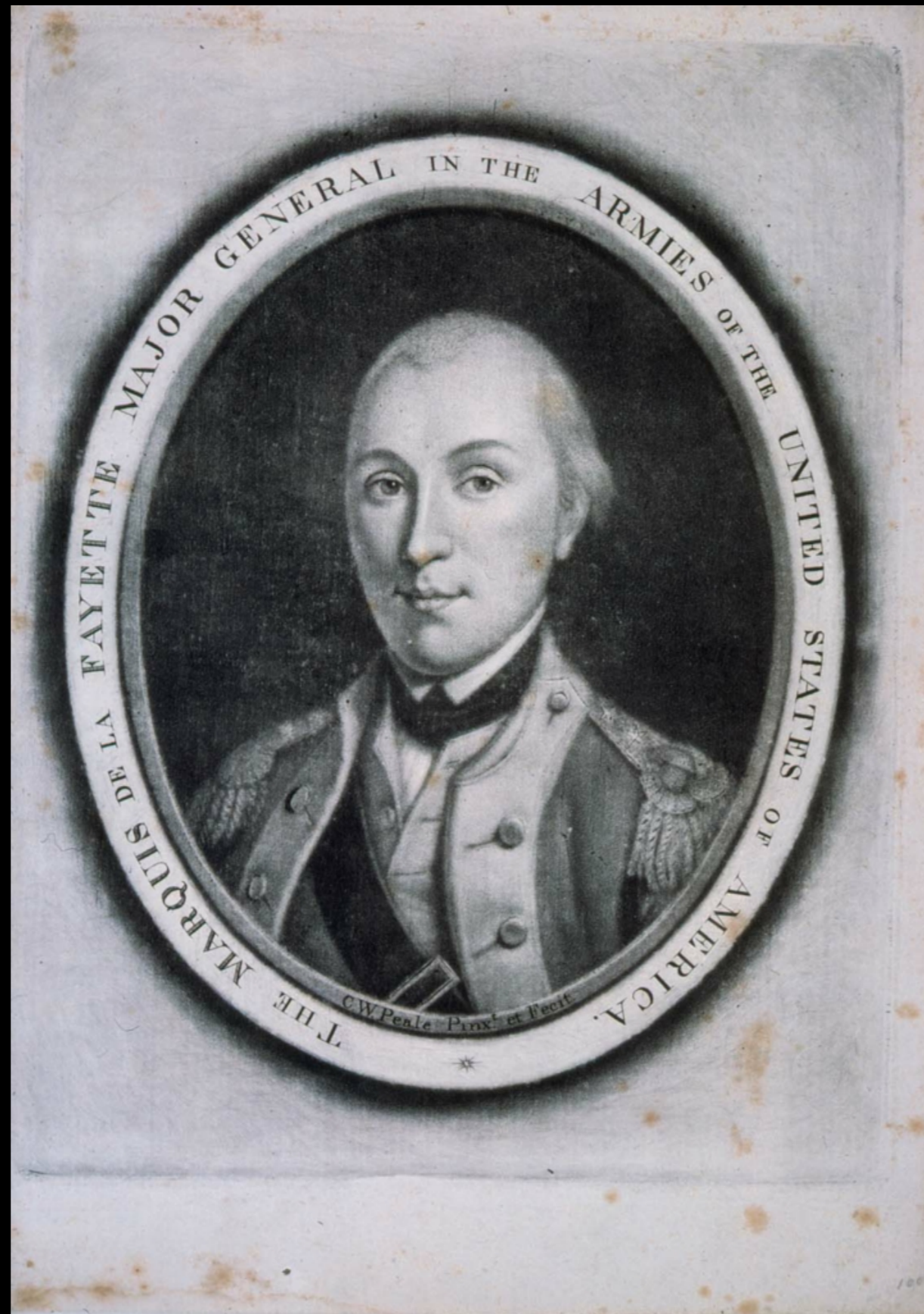
Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1780  
(Washington-Custis-Lee Collection, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia)



Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1780  
(Independence Hall National Historic Park)



Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1780  
(Winterthur)



Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1780  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1780  
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



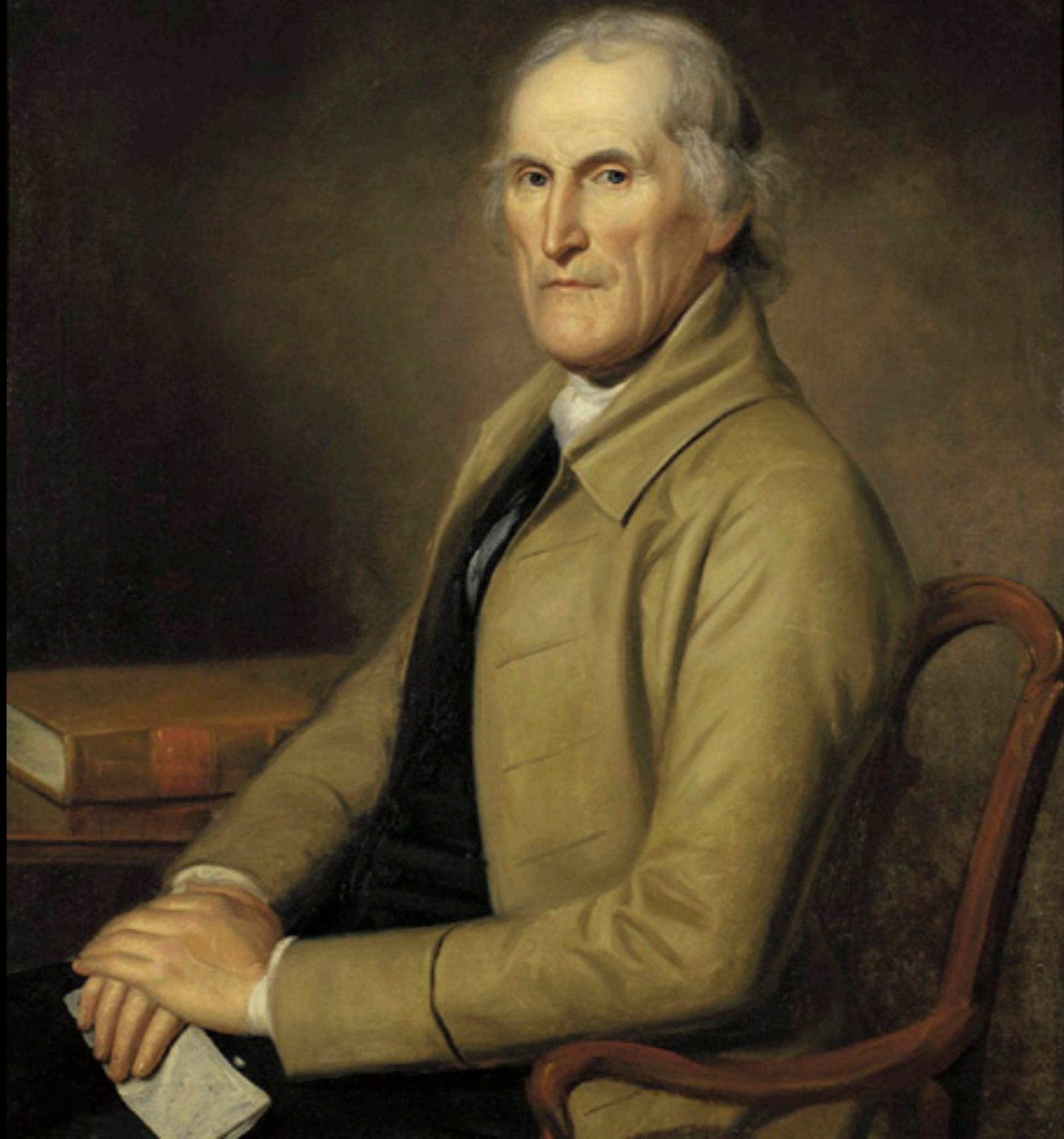
Major General Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette  
by Charles Wilson Peale  
(Virginia Historical Society)



Benjamin and Eleanor Ridgley Laming  
by Charles Willson Peale 1788  
(National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.)



Captain Thomas Lansdale of the 3rd Maryland Regiment  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1781  
(Private Collection - Frick Art Reference Library)



Charles Latimer  
by Charles Willson Peale c, 1788 - 1789  
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Mrs. Charles Latimer (Sarah Geddes)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1788 - 1789  
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



Henry Laurens  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Colonel John Laurens  
Aide - de - Camp for General George Washington 1777  
“DULCE ET DECORUM EST PRO PATRIA MORI”  
“It is a Sweet and Honorable Thing to Die for One’s Country”  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1780  
(National Park Service)



Colonel John Laurens: Aide - de - Camp for General George Washington 1777  
by Charles Willson Peale 1780  
(National Portrait Gallery / Smithsonian)



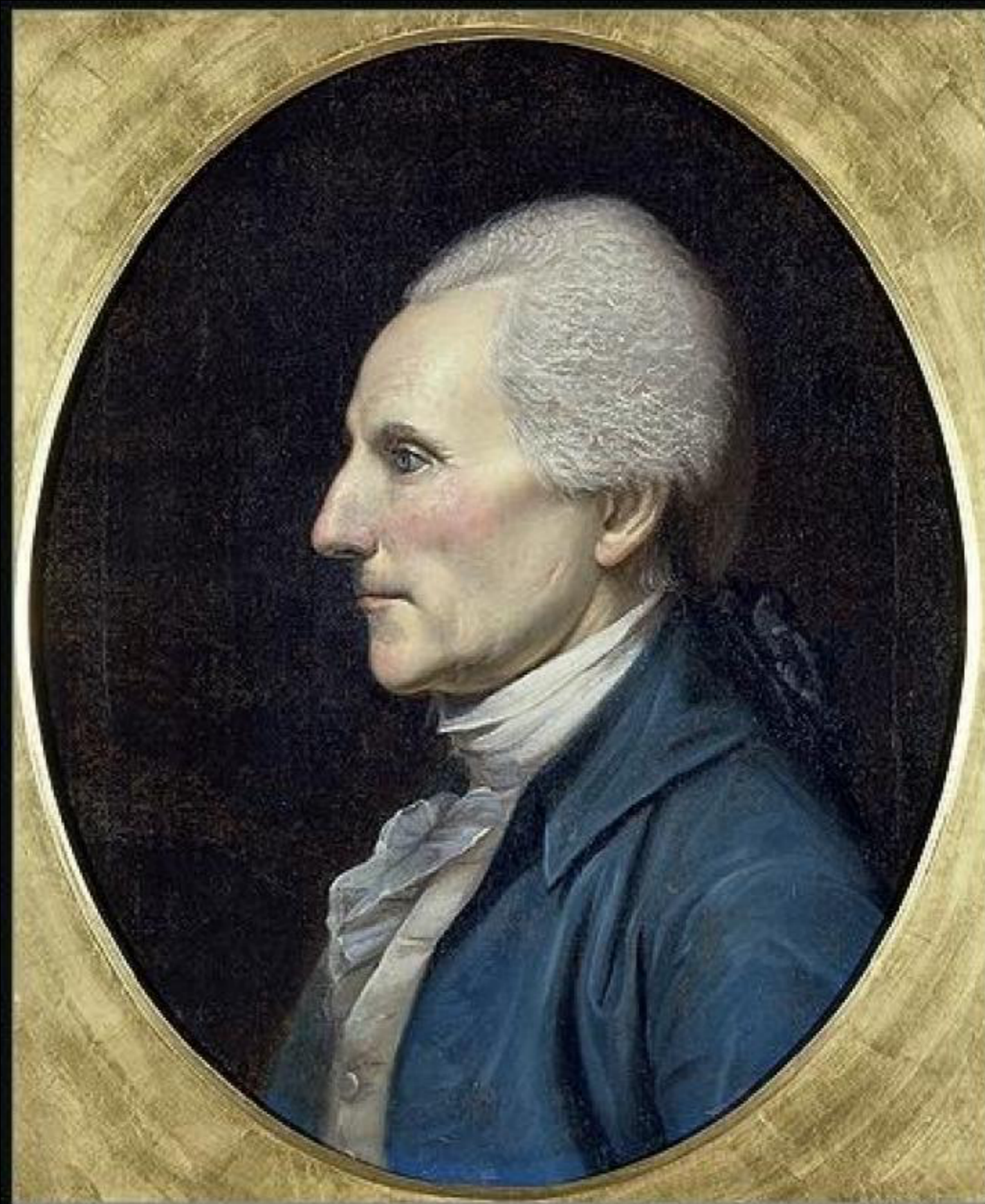
Arthur Lee  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1785  
(Virginia Historical Society)



Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee III of the 1st Continental Light Dragoons  
by Charles Willson Peale 1782  
(Independence National Historic Park)



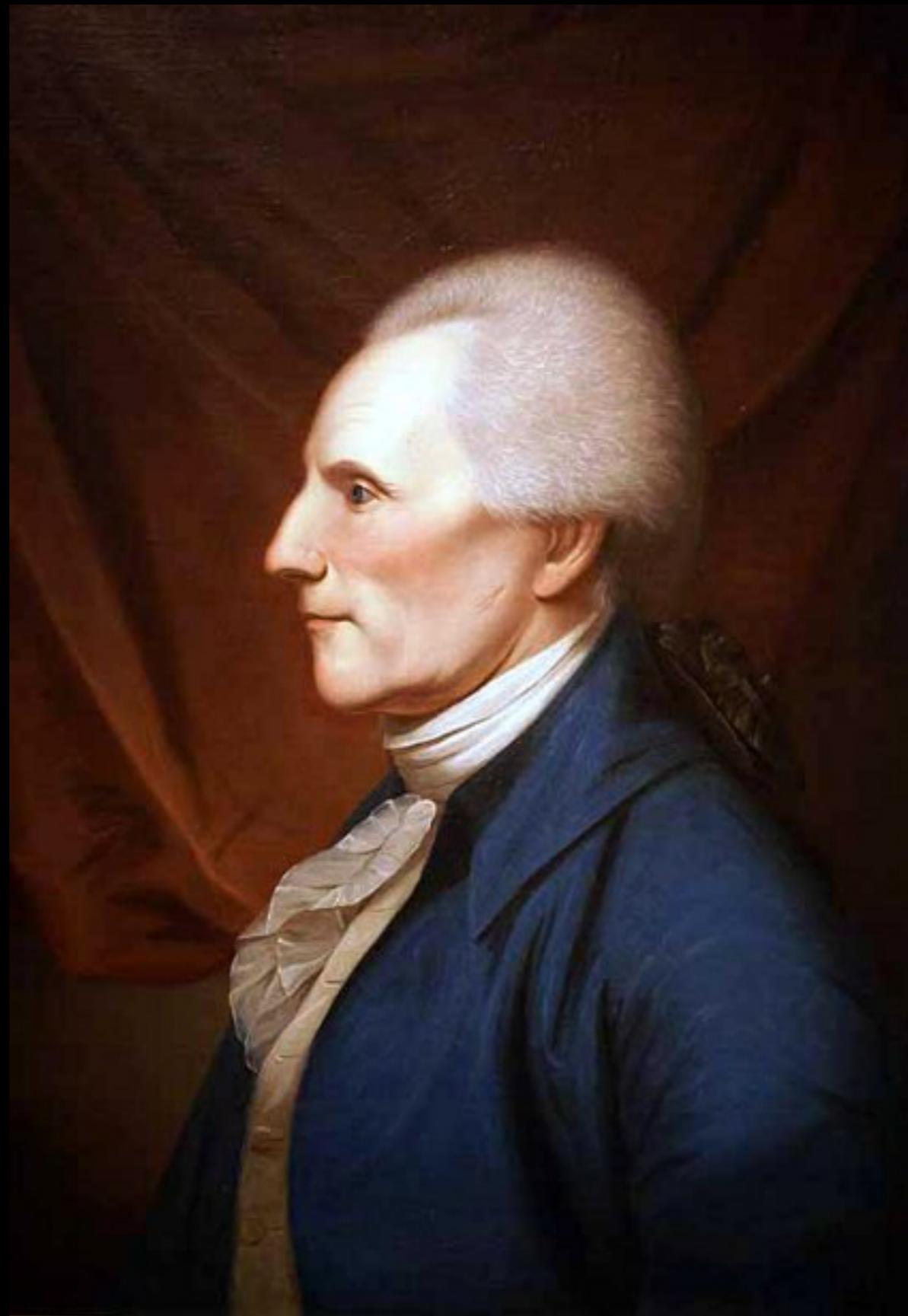
General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1785  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)



Richard Henry Lee, Delegate to the 1st & 2nd Continental Congress  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Independence National Historical Park)



Richard Henry Lee, Delegate to the 1st & 2nd Continental Congress  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Private Collection)



Richard Henry Lee, Delegate to the 1st & 2nd Continental Congress  
by Charles Willson Peale  
(National Portrait Gallery)



Mrs. Thomas Leiper and Her Daughter, Helen Hamilton Leiper  
by Charles Willson Peale 1794  
(Northeast Auctions)



James Lewis of Virginia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772 - 1775  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Captain John Lewis of Virginia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772  
(Christies)



Warner Lewis II of Virginia  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772 - 1775  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Mrs. Warner Lewis II (Mary Chiswell)  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1772 - 1775  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Le Duc De Liancourt Entourage to the Marquis De Lafayette  
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1794 - 1797  
(Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery)



Benjamin Lincoln  
by Charles Willson Peale 1784  
(Independence National Historical Park)



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