

John Jones, vestry Clerk to St Marylebone in 1813



John Jones, Vestry Clerk to St Marylebone by James Northcote (1746-1831)

Date painted: c. 1813, Oil on canvas, 125 x 100 cm

Collection: City of Westminster (P058)

James Northcote was a pupil and biographer of Sir Joshua Reynolds

The history and portrait painter James Northcote was largely self-taught before he joined Sir Joshua Reynolds's studio as a pupil and assistant between 1771 and 1776. He came to consider himself an authority on his master and in 1813, after Reynolds' death, he published his posthumous *Memoirs of Sir Joshua Reynolds*. Northcote also advised his patron Sir John Fleming Leicester on the formation of his gallery of contemporary British art and painted grandiose scenes from Shakespeare for John Boydell's Shakespeare Gallery.