

Family in an Interior by Nollekens

Acquisition of painting by J F Nollekens (1702-48) depicting a group of 12 adults and an infant boy, identified in the past as the 1st Earl Tylney (d 1750) with his family and friends. The identification has been made on the grounds that this particular painting may have been sold at the Wanstead House sale in 1822 with other paintings by J F Nollekens (1702-1748) who was one of Lord Tylney's favourite artists. Wanstead House was a Palladian residence built in 1714-1720 by Colen Campbell for the merchant banker Sir Richard Child, who later became the 1st Earl Tylney. This work resembles W Hogarth's *The Assembly at Wanstead House* 1728-1731 (Philadelphia Museum of Art) and a version of the painting still belongs to a branch of the Tylney's family. The classical Palladian style of the decor and arrangement of the interior is carried through the painting in every detail.

Region

Yorkshire and the Humber

Grant awarded

£70,000

Year awarded

1998