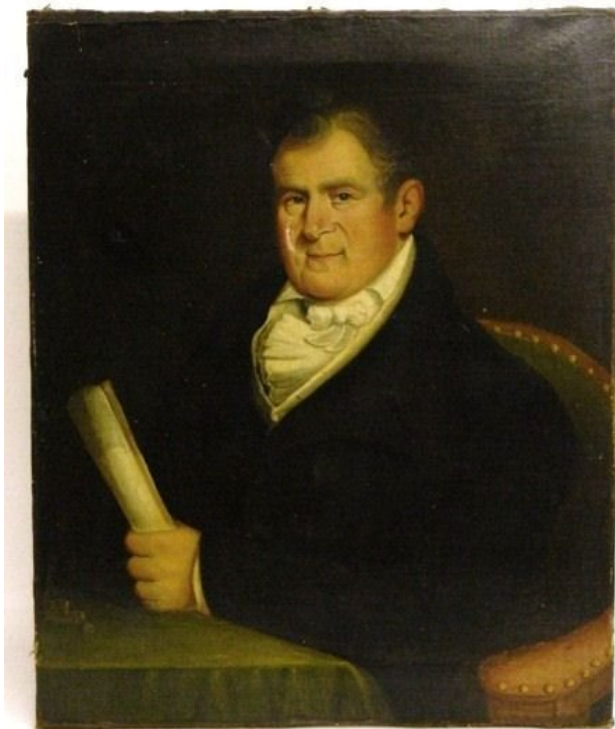


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American School 19th Century

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Description

Portrait of the Hon Governor Joseph Hiester 1752-1832 circa 1810 Oil on Canvas 30 x 25in. (76 x 64cm.) Joseph Hiester (November 18, 1752 – June 10, 1832) was the fifth Governor of Pennsylvania from 1820 to 1823. Six feet tall, weighing two hundred pounds, walking with a Malacca cane, Hiester was known as "Old German Grey," and spoke with a lingering Pennsylvania German accent. Born November 18, 1752, to a Berks County family, John and Mary Barbara (Epler) Hiester, of the German Reformed faith, Hiester worked on the farm until 1771, when he married Elizabeth Whitman. As a captain of militia, Hiester was zealous in raising soldiers at the beginning of the Revolution and served with distinction. Captured near Long Island, he suffered harsh treatment while confined on British prison ships. After he was released in a prisoner exchange and recovered at his home in Reading, Hiester returned to duty, but was wounded in the head, in the battle of Germantown. He raised and equipped in that town a company with which he took part in the battles of Long Island and Germantown. He was promoted to colonel. He was captured and briefly confined in the prison ship "Jersey," where he did mu...

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