

REYNOLDS AT PORT ELIOT

Ann Bonfoy

1754

Sir Joshua Reynolds

Oil on canvas

Ann Bonfoy (1729-1810) was the eldest daughter of Richard Eliot and Harriot Craggs. She married Captain Hugh Bonfoy in 1751, but was widowed in 1762. She was Lady of the Bedchamber to the daughters of George III.

Reynolds decided to have this picture engraved as a demonstration of his abilities. The print by James McArdell (whose portrait is also on display) was published in 1755.

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