

Thomas Gainsborough

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- **thomas Gainsborough** (14 May 1727, died 2 August 1788) was an English portrait and landscape painter, draughtsman, and printmaker. He surpassed his rival [Sir Joshua Reynolds](#) to become the dominant British [portraitist](#) of the second half of the 18th century.



- He preferred landscapes to portraits, and is credited (with [Richard Wilson](#)) as the originator of the 18th-century British landscape school.

Margaret Burr



- In 1746, Gainsborough married Margaret Burr, an illegitimate daughter of the [Duke of Beaufort](#), who settled a £200 annuity on them.





- In 1759, Gainsborough and his family moved to [Bath](#), living at number 17 [The Circus](#). There, he studied portraits by [van Dyck](#).

Coastal Landscape with a Shepherd and His Flock



- Thomas Gainsborough as a landscape painter



- In 2011, Gainsborough's portrait of *Miss Read* (Mrs Frances Villebois) was sold by [Michael Pearson, 4th Viscount Cowdray](#), for a record price of £6.5M

