



Dedham Vale
John Constable

John Constable, son of a mill-owner, born at East Bergholt, Suffolk, studied at the R.A. Schools. He made his life's work the study of natural scenery, and more particularly of his native valley of the Stour. Constable could gain little recognition from patrons in his own lifetime. As he wrote "I do not enter into the notion of varying one's plans to keep the publick in a good humour". And of his own art he wrote, "The landscape painter must walk in the fields with a humble mind. No arrogant man was ever permitted to see nature in all her beauty".

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