



NEW
EXHIBITION
Rogers-Claussen
Feature Gallery

SHAWVER

An Artist of Rare Merit



BACKGROUND: *The American School* by Matthew Pratt,
oil on canvas, 1765
Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City
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EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MUSEUM of EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY

601 South Gay Street, Downtown Knoxville

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LEARN THE STORIES OF THE
EAST TENNESSEANS

WHOSE PORTRAITS WERE CAPTURED BY
SAMUEL M. SHAVER (1816-1878),
THE REGION'S FIRST NATIVE-BORN ARTIST

PORTRAITS ON DISPLAY ARE FROM
THE COLLECTIONS OF



THE EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY CENTER
CALVIN M. McCLUNG
HISTORICAL COLLECTION

“There are two ways of understanding
portraiture—either as history or as fiction.”

—Charles Baudelaire, 1846

FRONT: Portrait of Mary Jones Nelson and her infant daughter Elizabeth
by Samuel M. Shaver, oil on canvas, c. 1858

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