Art Center Received Louisiana Painting From Ben and Roulhac Toledano

An early 20th century Louisiana artist's oil on canvas painting, "Portrait of Eliza", was given to the Art Center by Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Toledano of New Orleans about 1970. About 1912-1917 he painted his old servant set in a background of early spring trees and shrubs at his antebellum Garden District home on Jackson Avenue. The painting is in the manner of the French impressionists. Matisse and Suerat were personal friends of Stanton during his student days when he studied in Paris. They made the presentation when the Toledanos' were here during his campaign as a Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Roulhac Toledano became well known for art book series about the art and architecture of New Orleans during the 1970s and 1980s. She worked with the Cabildo's collection of art. Ben Toledano's family has lived in that city's since colonial days.

Portrait of Eliza
By William Stanton

TOLEDANO GIFT — The Art Center for Southwestern Louisiana was the recipient of an important early twentieth century Louisiana painting, Sunday, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Toledano of New Orleans. From left are Mr. Toledano, Mrs. John Love, and Mrs. Toledano. Mrs. Love accepted the gift for the Art Center and the LSU Foundation.