

Murals by George Breck:

As you walk down the marble stairs on the right (north staircase) you will see the mural of The Conference between De La Barre and the Five Nations by George W. Breck.

This mural was a “conference between De La Barre, Governor of Canada, and representatives of Five nations was held at La Famine Bay, Jefferson County, September 3, 1684. The French desired to conclude a treaty of alliance with the Indians but were defeated in the purpose.”

As you walk down the marble steps on the left (south staircase) you will see the mural of the First Celebration of Declaration of Independence in Jefferson County held at Independence Point.

The inscription below the mural states: “The first public commemoration of the Declaration of Independence in Jefferson County was held at Independence Point, July 4, 1802. Patriotic demonstrations and revolutionary reminiscences characterized the celebration of the day.”

George W. Breck was the Director of the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome from 1904 to 1909.