

Letter from Mr. Raffard [?] probably to Mr. Goëlet
1890

Here is some information about the much talked about ceilings, of the Rue des Archives, that I give you hastily and which could be more complete on making inquiries at the French National Library, or in finding some authentic documents.

One of these ceilings represents "the Four Seasons", by Mignard for the Marquis d'Anglade whose town-house was built by Mansard at the most interesting moment of Louis XIV's reign. It measures around 7m40 by 5m40.

Another ceiling represents "Aurora" by Coypel, with arcades and medallions of flowers surrounded by large figures on grisaille medallions.
Around 6m25 by 4m75

A smaller one represents "The chariot of the Sun", also called "Day and Night",
4m60 by 2m50

These paintings are in a very good state of conservation; this town-house, which was known as one of the most elegant in Paris, used to be inhabited by the Marquise de Pompadour.