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ARISHALL, Francis

Portsmouth 1771–1809

Portraitist in miniature and pastel; misspelled Arichall in most sources. After studying in London, he travelled to Hamburg in 1786, remaining there until 1794. By 1797 he was back in London, exhibiting landscapes and miniatures at the Royal Academy from 3 Tool's Court, Chancery Lane. At an early age Arishall married Christine Caroline Mathilde Bennet, the illegitimate daughter, by an English mother, of Burchard Christian von Behr (1714–1771), a politician in Hannover, its representative in London from 1762, and Kurator of the Universität Göttingen. A portrait (medium unspecified) of the Göttingen doctor Lebrecht Friedrich Benjamin Lentin (1736–1804) is known from an engraving by Johann Daniel Laurenz.

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