

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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**BLOCK, Frau Benjamin von, née  
Anna Catherina Fischer**

Nürnberg 1642 – Regensburg 1719

Daughter of the painter Georg Fischer, in 1660 she married the portraitist and history painter Benjamin von Block in Halle, where he was in the service of Herzog August von Sachsen-Weißfeld. They were in Nürnberg 1665–70 before settling in Regensburg. In addition to flower pieces she made small portraits in oil and pastel. She appears in Le Brun's *Galerie des peintres flamands, hollandais et allemands*, Paris, 1796, III, as “Anne Catherine Blocken, peintre de fleurs en miniature, et de portraits au pastel et à l’huile”.

**Bibliography**

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