

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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COLLINS, Mrs

fl. England c.1777–84

Assistant to Mrs Harrington (*q.v.*), Mrs Collins, equally obscure, advertised in various local newspapers from 1777–

By HM Letters patent. Late pupil and assistant to Mrs Harrington who has the honour of taking profiles of the Royal Family &c and is now making a tour of the whole Kingdom, having purchased a moiety of that Lady's patent. Price 2s 6d. Time of sitting three minutes. Coventry, Warwick, Wolverhampton, Litchfield & Derby will be visited.

She was in Bath in 1778, at 6 Bond Street, where the *Bath chronicle* for 10.XII.1778 disclosed that her "miniature likenesses" were "in Crayons, highly finished at only Half-a-Guinea, frame and glass included...But one sitting required and *that* a very short one." A similar advertisement in the *Norfolk chronicle* on 30.X.1784 announced that she had paid Mrs Harrington 60 guineas for a half share of the patent, which still had four years to run.

Bibliography

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