

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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DÜR, Johann Sebastian

Burgdorf, Switzerland bpt 25.XII.1709 – Warsaw
9.X.1749

Miniaturist and pastellist, baptised in Burgdorf 25.XII.1709 to Johannes Dür and Barbara, née Grimm; pupil of Johann Grimm in Bern, to whom he was no doubt related. All that is known of him comes from a letter to Grimm from the painter C. J. Werner, sent from Warsaw, 15.X.1749 (summarised in Pfarrer Kuhn's notes) informing him that the Miniatur- und Pastellmaler Dür, who had served as Hofmaler to a prince in Poland from whose service he had been dismissed, had finally returned to Warsaw, 23.V.1749, had died there 9.X.1749 from "Auszehung", and was buried in the Protestant churchyard. He had been married from 1741; his widow, née Dorothea Hedwig Vermehrin from Dresden, and three children survived.

Bibliography

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