

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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EDGEWORTH, Mrs Richard

Lovell, née Frances Anne Beaufort

Navan, Co. Meath 1769 – Edgeworthstown, Co.
Longford 1865

Amateur artist and writer. Fanny was the daughter of Dr Daniel Augustus Beaufort, vicar of Collon, Co. Louth, topographer and associate of Richard Lovell Edgeworth, whom she married (as his fourth wife) in 1798. Her siblings included Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort and two sisters, Henrietta and Louisa. Educated at Mrs Terson's school at Portarlinton, she was taught art by a Mr Bowring in Gloucester, F. R. West (*q.v.*) in Dublin, and La Houlyère (*q.v.*) in London, c.1790. Ellison calls her "an exceptionally talented artist" and noted the oils and crayons which filled the family home. The miniature he reproduces does not suggest she advanced beyond amateur accomplishment in portraiture. Numerous botanical watercolours survive.

Bibliography

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