

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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HESS, Ludwig

Zurich 1760–1800

Swiss landscape painter and engraver. He initially followed his father's trade as a butcher, but was persuaded to take up art professionally by Salomon Gessner. He visited Florence and Rome in 1794. He commenced engraving only two years before his death. Chodowiecki mentions a "Pastellmaler Heß" in a letter to Gräfin Christiane von Solms-Laubach (20.IV.1784); his editor suggests that this may be Ludwig Hess.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Bryan 1904; Chodowiecki 1919, p. 410; Nagler 1835–52