

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **HOBDAY, William Armfield**

Birmingham 1771 – London 1831

Painter and miniaturist, working in London, Bath and Bristol; he exhibited miniatures and watercolours at the Royal Academy from 1794 to 1797. On the papers of his son Alfred Hobday's application for the freedom of the City of London, his father's address is given as Fleet Street. Some oil paintings are also known, including a group portrait of the Rothschild banking family. The Sibley portrait is described as a pastel, but appears to have extensive use of gouache; although apparently depicting ancestors of Mrs Sée, their precise identity has so far defied research.

### **Bibliography**

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### **Pastels**

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