

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **MERLO, Mlle**

*fl.* Metz 1781

“La Dlle *Merlo*, demeurant au bas de la place de chambre, à Metz, peint en miniature & au pastel d’après nature, imite parfaitement la ressemblance, & enseigne le dessein chez elle.” (*Affiches des Trois-Évêchés*, 13.XII.1781). She was probably Jeanne Merlo (Metz 17.V.1738–27.II.1800) who did not marry. Her sister Marie-Thérèse-Gabrielle (1733–1799) had married Nicholas Herbecq, an architect, in 1763. They were the daughters of Jean-Pierre Merlo, a wax maker in Metz, and his wife, Marguerite Sigronde; both lived in the rue des Clercs in Herbecq’s house at their deaths.