

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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MIRYS, Augustin

Paris c.1700 – Białystok 1790

Also Murs, Myris, Méris, Myrs; Augustyn. French-trained portrait and history painter, thought to be of Scottish emigrant parentage. Active in Rome, he moved to the Ukraine and then in the 1740s, Poland where he worked for the Branicki and Bieliński families. His obscure background has been researched by Niemira, who drew on a letter by Pierre-Michel Hennin, secretary of the French embassy, mentioning the artist's residence in Warsaw in 1753, alongside Louis Marteau. The only known pastel is a version of his self-portrait.

He married Apolonia Olsztyńska and their son Silvestre David was a painter in Paris, student of Vien and tutor to the children of the duc d'Orléans. He was a witness of the marriage of Pamela with Lord Edward FitzGerald in Tournai, 27.XII.1792.

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Pastels

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~version, older, pnt. (Muzeum Narodowe w Poznaniu). Lit.: Niemira 2019, fig. 2

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