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SADLER, William I

fl. Dublin 1768–88

Portraitist in various media; of English origin, said to have been the son of a professor of music (unconfirmed), he studied in Dublin under West, and exhibited portraits and still lifes in crayons and oils from South Great George's Street in 1777 and from 13 Great Ship Street in 1780. He was patronised by the La Touche family. He was also an engraver; his print after Robert Hunter's portrait of the future 1st Marquess of Buckingham (c.1783) was copied in pastel by P. Adams (q.v.). His son, also William (c.1782-1839), was an Irish landscape painter. It is possible that he was the William Sadler of Mountrath Street, Dublin who married Ann Cunningham on 30.VIII.1771; or the William Henry Sadler, gentleman, who married Sarah Plowman at St John's (Church of Ireland), Dublin, on 16.VIII.1777; a daughter, Jane, was baptised there 19.XI.1778.

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