

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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SHEERER, William

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Graves 1907 lists “William Sheerer” as a crayon painter on the basis of two chalk drawings sent to the Free Society in 1773 from Mr Harth’s [*recte* Horth], Gloucester Street. (Waterhouse 1981 erroneously has “Sheers”.) We can identify him as the “William Sheerer son of Charles Sheerer of the Middle Temple” apprenticed to Henry Horth of the Painter Stainers Company by indenture of 30.XII.1766 (Horth (c.1740–1793) was a pupil of Joshua Kirby of Ipswich and was employed as a decorator at Greenwich Hospital). His father, a legal clerk, married Elizabeth Wallas in 1750, aged 22; he died in 1795, leaving his son 1 shilling.

Bibliography

Graves 1907; Waterhouse 1981