

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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STELLA, Claudine Bouzonnet-

Lyon 1636 – Paris 1697

The inventory of the French painter and engraver Claudine Bouzonnet-Stella recorded a portefeuille “dans lequel sont quelque desseins de pastel fait par ma tante Françoise Stella, par ma sœur Françoise et de moy, au nombre de cinquante et plus”, valued at 55 livres. Claudine was the niece of the best-known member of the family, Jacques Stella (1596–1657); he was the son of François Stella (1563–c.1606), and among his siblings were Françoise Stella (*q.v.*) and Madeleine, who married a Lyon goldsmith, Étienne Bouzonnet, parents of Claudine and Françoise Bouzonnet-Stella (*q.v.*) and three other children, all artists. The “pastels” were probably coloured chalk drawings.

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