

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **WOOLLET, William**

Maidstone 1735 – London 1785

Also Woollett; draughtsman and engraver. Self-taught, he developed his own engraving techniques. He was an active member of the Society of Artists, becoming its director in 1772 and Engraver to His Majesty in 1775. Among the numerous exhibits (sent mainly from Leicester Fields in London) only one pastel is mentioned. The pastel of “Miss Robinson” is said to be signed and dated Woollet, and its attribution should be treated with caution.

### **Bibliography**

Bénézit

### **Pastels**

J.8038.061 Miss Robinson [Mrs Thomas ROBINSON, née Mary Elisabeth Darby (1758–1800), actress], maîtresse du Régent, en buste, de face, chevelure blonde bouclée, coiffée d'un chapeau de paille orné d'un ruban rose, robe blanche avec fichu négligemment noué laissant voir la naissance de la gorge, pstl, sd (D. de B.; Paris, Drouot, Delestre, 10.II.1891, Lot 60 n.r.)

J.8038.101 A view of Wainford in Suffolk; in crayons, Society of Artists 1772, no. 366

J.8038.102 Two beautiful Views in crayons (London, Ellis & Fletcher, 3.XI.1801). Lit.: *Morning chronicle*, advertisement, 2.XI.1801