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BLÄTTNER, Johann Samuel

Altenburg 1731 – 1800

Johann Samuel Blättner started painting portraits at the age of 15, and in 1749 was sent to Leipzig, where he specialised in miniatures and also painted history and religious subjects in oils. Later he travelled to Berlin and Dresden, returning to Altenburg. According to Kämpfe, pastel painting held almost no interest for him. However he is a more plausible candidate for the pastellist active in Bohemia and Moravia c.1753 than either his son, Heinrich August Samuel Blättner, or his younger brother, Ernst Samuel Blattner (1745–), who left Altenburg in 1764 to travel in The Netherlands and Italy, and became a pupil of Maron in Rome.

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