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BROCAS, James

Dublin 1754–1780

Irish portraitist; he studied at the Dublin Society's drawing school, obtaining prizes in 1772 and 1773, and practised from his house at 64 Dame Street. He advertised in *Freeman's journal* (28.II.1778) his willingness to paint "likenesses in the most natural and striking manner in oils, crayons and miniatures. He will also take off likenesses in profile at an English half-crown each and whole lengths (which mode was never attempted before) at a crown each." His brother Henry engraved several plates after pastels by Hamilton and Stoker.

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