

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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DEAN, J.

fl. Calcutta 1791

J. Dean advertised in the *Calcutta gazette* on 13.X.1791:

Miniature and crayon painting by J. Dean, who begs leave to inform those gentlemen and ladies of Calcutta that wish to have their likenesses in either of those branches, that he is just arrived on the Hunter.

Terms were moderate, and a likeness could be depended upon. He is not otherwise recorded.

He has been confused (including here, to 2023) as the engraver John Dean (London 16.V.1754 – ?1791). He was admitted to the Royal Academy Schools on 11.VI.1771, “aged 17 16th May last”, and is evidently the John, son of Peter and Jane Dean of Great New Street born on that day and baptised a fortnight later at St Bride’s, Fleet Street. He exhibited portraits in various media at the Royal Academy 1789–91, from Bentinck Street, and at the Society of Artists 1773–78 from Salisbury Street as “a pupil of Mr Green” [Valentine Green]. A fire in 1789 destroyed his stock and plates. Various dates are given for his death in different sources. Alexander 2021 argues that he died in 1791 as prints of pictures he exhibited in 1791 were issued by his widow in .X.1791.

Bibliography

Alexander 2021; Foster 1931; Foskett 1987; Myrone 2022; Waterhouse 1981