

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

## Online edition

### **DEVIS, Arthur**

Preston 1711 – Brighton 1787

English portrait painter; pupil of Tillemans. His clientèle was mainly middle class and he specialised in conversation pieces and small-scale full-length figures. John Hayes suggested the attribution to Devis of the British Museum lady, but in the absence of other pastels by him, this must be entirely speculative.

#### **Bibliography**

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#### **Pastels**

?Mrs Eldred Launcelot LEE seated in a landscape  
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