

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **ENNIS, Jacob**

Dublin bpt 20.IX.1728 – Wicklow 1771

History and portrait painter. He born to James and Margaret Ennis and baptised at SS. Peter and Kevin, Dublin (Church of Ireland). A pupil of Robert West in Dublin, he also studied in Italy c.1754–56. Returning to Ireland, he succeeded West as professor of figure drawing in the Dublin Society school. Although no record survives of a pastel by him, the prevalence of the medium in the school suggests that he was probably an exponent. Sources state that Ennis did not marry; but on 26.VI.1760, at St Andrew's, Dublin (Roman Catholic), a Jacob Ennis (perhaps a homonym) married a Maria Fitzharris.

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