

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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FRONDAT, Marie-Catherine de, Mme Petit

Meaux 29.VI.1760 – Paris 1784x1815

The pastellist is known only from a document in the Registres de tutelles (AN Y5119^C), dated 30.VII.1784, when, aged 24, she appeared at the Châtelet: “Marie-Catherine De Frondat, Peintresse en Pastel, demeurante à Paris, rue St Denis, paroisse St Nicolas Des Champs”, referencing her acte de baptême at Saint-Rémy, Meaux. Her deceased parents were Philippe Defrondat, marchand corroyeur in Paris and Marie-Geneviève Aujubault (variously spelt) who had remarried a limonadier, Claude-Antoine Fournier; both had died by 1765. The avis concerned her proposed marriage to Jean-Baptiste Petit, maître marbrier à Paris (later described as a sculpteur), whose mother was Suzanne Fournier, no doubt connected with her stepfather. The friends appearing for her included Marin-Louis-Julien-Jacob Boivert, graveur. On 19.III.1784 (AN Y5115^B) Marie-Catherine had appeared as sole heir of her aunt, Marguerite de Frondat. The marriage to Jean-Baptiste Petit took place in Saint-Nicolas-du-Chardonnet on 2.VIII.1784. We do not know when she died, but her widower died 15.VII.1838 aged 77, having remarried Jeanne-Marie Barat on 8.VI.1815 (Archives de Paris, état civil reconstitué).