

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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GYLES, Henry

York 1646–1709

Glass painter, from a family of York stained-glass makers. He was a member of the York Virtuosi, together with Ralph Thoresby and Francis Place; they met at Gyles's house in Micklegate, York. A portrait drawing of him in the British Museum (bearing Thoresby's identification) has been described as a self-portrait (first by Walpole) and as being in crayons. As he was not known to have made portraits, this may well be a misattribution.

Bibliography

Oxford DNB

Portrait drawings

?SELF-PORTRAIT, red, black, brown chalk, graphite/buff ppr, 31.3x22.7, inscr. by Ralph Thoresby "ye effigies of Mr Hen: Gyles the celebrated Glass-Painter at Yorke" (British Museum 1852.0214.372. Ralph Thoresby. ?George Vertue. Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford; Strawberry Hill, Robins, 13.vi.1842, Lot 1270. A. E. Evans & Sons; acqu. 1852). Exh.: London 1987, no. 137 repr. Lit.: Croft-Murray & Hulton 1960, no. 1 *q*

