

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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HIRD, William

?Leeds 1724–1782

In 1772, Walpole saw at Dr Hurd's, a physician at Leeds, a few fine pictures, among them a head of Rosalba, in crayons by herself, and "The Doctor's own head d^o by himself?". The ditto implies that this too was a pastel. He was senior physician at Leeds Infirmary, where, in 1777, he faced an examination by the Weekly Board for an accusation of neglecting his patients.

Bibliography

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