

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## HEEMS, Louis-François-Joseph

Lille 1730–1.II.1811

The Lille pastellist, whose date of birth is provided on the inscription, can be identified from his burial certificate (Lille, Nord, 1.II.1811) which records him as a native of Lille, 81 years of age. He may be the pupil at the Académie royale who won prizes in 1755, although the accomplishment does not seem sufficient. Louis-François-Joseph Heems, peintre en émail is also known from the 1766 posthumous inventory of his wife Marie-Louise Moulin (and named in the registres de tutelles in 1790); they lived in Paris, quai des Morfondues. In 1780 in Paris he married his second wife, Marie-Jeanne Le Bouteiller de La Varenne, from whom he was divorced.

### Bibliography

AKI; Wildenstein 1966, p. 70; Wildenstein 1967, p. 189

### Pastels

J.383.101 Jeune homme tenant une pipe, pstl/ppr, inscr. "heems, né à Lille en 1730. fecit 1806" (Lille, musée de l'Hospice Comtesse, inv. HCI 788) Φ



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