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HORSLEY

fl. London 1774

Master Horsley exhibited a head “in chalks” at the Free Society in 1774 (from James Street, Covent Garden), probably at a younger age than the J. or Thomas Worsley who entered the RA Schools four years later, aged 24. Waterhouse copies Graves in calling him a crayon painter, but there is nothing to support this. The Westminster rates book have a John Horsley at James Street, presumably the artist’s father. A John William Horsley, born 1758; died in Chiswick 1833, was the son of the brandy merchant John Horsley (–1782) of Drury Lane. In his will, proved 26.VII.1833, he mentions a painting of Musidora by Smirke (presumably that exhibited at the RA in 1792).

Bibliography

Graves 1907; Waterhouse 1981