

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **ISAACS, Martha, Mrs Alexander Higginson**

*fl.* London 1771–79

Exhibited miniatures, some crayons and other works at the Free Society from her father's and other London addresses. She was a pupil of Mr Burgess. In 1778 she went to India where she encountered William Hickey and made numerous miniatures of British subjects. After converting, when she received the Christian name of Martha, she married Alexander Higginson of the Board of Trade (1779), whom she probably accompanied on his return to England in 1782; their eldest son, born 1784, became a judge in the Supreme Court of Calcutta.

### **Bibliography**

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