

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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**LAURENT, Andrew Lawrence,
alias André-François**

London 1710– Paris 1747

Laurent was the illegitimate son of Andrew Laurent (–1726), an apothecary in Pall Mall. He fell in with an alchemist under whose influence he squandered his fortune and ended up penniless in Paris. Le Bas took him on as an apprentice engraver. He set up on his own, resisting offers to work for Arthur Pond (*q.v.*) back in London; but financial difficulties and illness culminated in his death in the arms of Nicolas Blakey (*q.v.*) in 1747.

Bibliography

Bénézit, *s.v.* Andrew Lawrence; IFF XIII; Oxford DNB

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AUTOPORTRAIT, pstl, 37.5x30.5 (Hanover, Hood Museum of Art, inv. D.963.60. Mrs Chatfield-Taylor, don)