

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **MURPHY, James Cavanah**

Blackrock, near Cork 1760 – London 12.IX.1814  
Architect and antiquary. He was a pupil in the Dublin Society drawing school c.1775, working in miniature, chalk and crayons, before becoming an architect. In 1788 William Burton Conyngham sent him to Portugal where he spent two years studying the monastery at Batalha. Later he lived in Cadiz. No pastel is known.

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