

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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Durham 1647 – York 21.IX.1728

A lawyer until the plague of 1665 forced him to leave London, when he developed his varied interests as an amateur painter, draughtsman, engraver and manufacturer of stoneware. He was a friend of Hollar. He travelled widely through Britain until around 1680 when he settled in York. He married twice: to an Ann Wintringham c.1680, and in 1693 to an Ann Wilkinson; there were three daughters in all. He is best known for numerous topographical drawings in pen and ink, but he was also “capital in drawing portraits in crayons” (Hutchinson), while Surtees noted several “admirable” crayons owned by the antiquary George Allan of Blackwell Grange, Durham. One of these, Woolrich, is by Greenhill (*q.v.*) according to the lettering on the mezzotint by Place. A portrait drawing of Henry Gyles (British Museum) is in red and black chalks with watercolour; one suspects that similar drawings might erroneously be described as in crayons.

Bibliography

Bénézit; Croft-Murray & Hulton 1960; William Hutchinson, *The history and antiquities of...Durham*, 1794, III, p. 146; Longstaffe 1854, p. xix n.r.; Oxford DNB; Robert Surtees, *The history and antiquities of...Durham*, 1833, III, p. 238

Pastels

J.595.101 CHARLES I (1600–1649), crayons (George Allan of Blackwell Grange 1794). Lit.: Hutchinson 1794, n.r.

J.595.102 =?Charles II, fine head, pstl (George Allan; sale ?London, Phillips, 2–4.IV.1822; £5). Lit.: Longstaffe 1854, p. xix n.r.

J.595.103 Sir William PENN (1644–1718), founder of Pennsylvania, pstl, charcoal/ppr, 28.5x19.5, c.1696; & pendant: J.595.104 spouse, née Hannah Callowhill (1664–1726), pstl, charcoal/ppr, 23.6x18.7, c.1696 (Historical Society of Pennsylvania inv. 1957.8/7. George Allan of Blackwell Grange; sale ?London, Phillips, 2–4.IV.1822; Surtees; John Allan; Blackwell Hall 1854. Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, Bt; London, Sotheby's, 18.VI.1957, Lot 434). Lit.: Longstaffe 1854 φ



J.595.106 ~cop. (*Lady Penn*), Henry J. Wright, pnt., 1874 (Independence National Historical Park INDE14136). Lit.: Diethorn 2001, p. 256 repr.

Philip WOOLRICH, crayons (*George Allan 1794*). Lit.: Hutchinson 1794, n.r., v. Greenhill

J.595.108 [many other] Crayons [of the Dinsdale family] (George Allan of Blackwell Grange; sale ?London, Phillips, 2–4.IV.1822; Surtees). Lit.: Surtees 1833, n.r.; Longstaffe 1854