

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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ROBERTS, John

Scotland 1768 – New York 1803

Engraver, miniaturist and pastellist; he arrived in New York in 1793. Later he abandoned art and turned to experiments in steam navigation, becoming according to Foskett a musician and a drunkard. He advertised as a portraitist in Portsmouth in 1800, and this is the basis of the attribution of the Portsmouth pastel made about that time.

Bibliography

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Pastels

William APPLETON (1778–1830), importing merchant and shipmaster, pstl, c.1800 (Portsmouth Historical Society, Don Annie Appleton Ferree). Exh.: “We tell Portsmouth stories”, Portsmouth Athenæum, 3.II.–1.V.2004 ♪