

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **ROBERTSON, Archibald**

Monymusk, Scotland 8.v.1765 – New York  
1835

One of three brothers who were miniaturists; he was also an architect and pastellist. He was taught miniature painting by Charles Shirreff (*q.v.*). He arrived in America in 1791 and the following year set up a drawing school, the Columbian Academy, in New York with his brother Alexander (1772–1841). The third brother was Andrew (1777–1845). Archibald is not to be confused with his homonym, the painter, engraver, print-seller and supplier of artists' materials.

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