

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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**RUTSON, Mrs William Calton,  
née Fanny Wrather**

Liverpool c.1770–p.1803

Fanny Wrather, the only child of Simon Wrather and Margaret Beckwith, married William Calton Ruchton, a merchant in Liverpool, at St Anne Richmond, Liverpool, on 16.XII.1790. Examples of her needlework also survive at the family home of Nunnington Hall, but it seems unlikely that she can be the author of the pastel described as her self-portrait, here reattributed to Sharples (*q.v.*).