

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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SAUNDERS, Joseph

fl. London 1772–1811

As Waterhouse noted, there is much confusion between the various artists called Saunders and Sanders. The pastellist John Hodges Benwell was apprenticed not to John Sanders, Jr (as widely reported) but to “Joseph Saunders of St Paul’s, Covent Garden, crayon painter” (for seven years from 21.XI.1776 for a premium of £30: register of duties paid, 14.XII.1776). Joseph Saunders has previously been regarded as a miniaturist and engraver, and exhibited works in these media from various addresses at the Free Society, Society of Artists. A different Joseph Saunders (1773–1845) was active as a printmaker in St Petersburg c.1794–1810, one print describing him as “Graveur d’Histoire de S.M.I. l’Empereur, à l’Ermitage, au Sénat et Membre de l’Academie des Arts à St. Petersburg.”

Bibliography

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