

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastelists before 1800*

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## VINCENT DE MONTPETIT, Marie-Françoise, dite Thérèse, Mme Jean-Philibert Dupuis, Mme Joseph Cerisier

Paris 8.IV.1774 – Brest 14.III.1837

Arnaud Vincent de Montpetit's daughter exhibited a portrait of her father "à demi pastel" at the age of 11. Born on 8.IV.1774 and baptised at Saint-Eustache, Marie-Françoise was his only recorded daughter by his second wife, Jeanne Houdinet. Evidently precocious, she must have copied pictures in the Louvre: a letter from her father of 30.VI.1796 (Archives de musées nationaux, 20144790/124) "demande que des recherches soient faites pour retrouver le chevalet de sa fille qui avait été autorisée à travailler au musée." Montpetit's portrait of her, la jeune fille au raisin, is listed as in the musée de Brest by Pradère, along with three of her own works, genre pieces in unspecified media. On 21.VII.1795 she married Jean-Philibert Dupuis (1764–1797), the son of a hatter from Bourg, a naval surgeon and lieutenant de vaisseau. (Again the contract gave her name as Marie-Françoise rather than Thérèse, but evidently she adopted this name as several letters to her father, reproduced in Pradère, are also signed "Thérèse de Montpetit, femme Dupuis". The 1795 marriage act in the Paris archives, reconstitué, also contains a note that Montpetit should have the t, not Monpetit as it erroneously appeared.) They settled in Brest in 1793 (according to Pradère, but perhaps an error for 1795); he died three years later, as capitaine of the 36-gun frigate *La Bellone*, on the expedition to Ireland, and was buried in Brest, 14.I.1797. Three years later, in Paris on 8.VIII.1800, she was remarried, to Joseph Cerisier, commissaire de la marine and later a chevalier de la Légion d'honneur; children were recorded between 1801 and 1807. There is no record of any pastel after she married.

### Bibliography

Lalande 1800; Pradère 1874; Sanchez 2004, *s.n.* Montpetit

### Pastels

J.7622.101 Arnauld VINCENT de Montpetit (1713–1800), à demi pstl, Salon de la Correspondance, 16.VI.1785

J.7622.261 Homme en habit bleu; & pendant: J.7622.262 dame en robe rouge, pstl, 55x46, each sd → "Marie Therese/De Montpetit/1791" (Épinal, Marquis, 2.IV.2022, Lot 142 repr., est. €1200) φ

