

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **WORRALL, Ottiwell**

*fl.* Liverpool 1774–84

Also Otwell, Ottewell etc.; there are a surprising number of homonyms in Lancashire at the time. The amateur artist Worrall is mentioned in several sources suggesting that he was a leading citizen in Liverpool; in fact he seems to have been a schoolmaster. He exhibited five chalk drawings at the Liverpool exhibition of 1774, from 16 Basnett Street, including a copy after Frye (*q.v.*); in 1784 he sent a crayon portrait of a child. He may have been the son of Ottiwell Worrall, Sr and his wife Mary Taylor christened at St Michael, Ashton under Lyne, 25.v.1740; and is possibly the Ottiwell Worrall who married Esther Ogden on 1.v.1765 at Ashton under Lyne. The register at St Peter's, Liverpool records the baptism of a daughter Phebe to Ottiwell Worall, schoolmaster, of Basnett Street, 3.ii.1777. A Mrs Esther Worrall, of 10 Basnett Street, appears in *Gore's Directory* of 1790 (presumably by then a widow, suggesting that her husband was the Otwell Worrall who died 28.v. and was buried in St James, Toxteth, Liverpool, 31.v.1788; but he may have been the Otwel Worrall who was buried in Ashton under Lyne on 5.ii.1813 aged 71). Their son William Worrall (1769–1851) appears in 1800 as a schoolmaster at 18 Basnett Street, the school being in Church Lane. Renumbering of Liverpool streets was common at this time.

### **Bibliography**

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