

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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THORPE, Father John

Halifax 1726 – Rome 1792

Jesuit priest and antiquarian, active in Rome from 1756 where he is best known as agent for Henry, 8th Baron Arundel of Wardour for whom he acquired a great many pictures. Their correspondence is of great value. Ingamells's full entry mentions that he has been an amateur pastellist, revealing a letter to Arundell of 18.x.1771 "a sleeping child" in pastels "of my own dawning above ten years ago."

Bibliography

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Pastels

[J.7144.101](#) Sleeping child, pstl, c.1761