Sharples, James, artist Dict. Nat. Biog. has this to say:

Sharples or Sharpless, James (1750? -1811) Roman Catholic and educated for priesthood but turned to art instead. He usually painted small portraits in profile, mostly executed in pastels. In 1796 at Philadelphia he drew a small portrait of George Washington from the life. This he and his wife often copied. A

copy by his wife hangs in the National Portrai Gallery. He died in New York, February 6, 18 1811.