

Cadell

Francis Campbell Boileau

1883 - 1937

His Life

Francis Campbell Boileau Cadell was born in Edinburgh in 1883, to parents Francis Cadell (surgeon) and Mary Hamilton Boileau. He became one of a group of four Edinburgh artists to be referred to as 'The Scottish Colourists'.

In 1899, aged 16, he went to study in Paris at Academie Julien.

When World War I broke out he tried to enlist but was rejected as being unfit for service. For a while he worked on a farm near Kirkconnell, Dumfriesshire to improve his fitness and he gave up smoking his pipe. He then served with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

After the war he travelled widely at home (particularly Iona) and abroad but he often visited Galloway, especially Shambellie House, New Abbey and his various artist friends in Kirkcudbright.

Gatehouse connection – painted the rocks at Ravenshall. Probably came to Gatehouse whilst visiting friends at Kirkcudbright.

His work

These links contain descriptions about the artist and include some of his paintings.

[Wikipedia](#)

Here is a very useful website dedicated solely to [Francis Cadell's life and work](#)

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This painting of the rocks at Ravenshall, near Gatehouse, is the work of Francis Cadell. It looks to be a very different style to most of his work.

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