

Faed

James jnr.
1856 - 1920

His Life

James Faed was born on 6th October 1856 at Overshiel House, Mid-Calder, West Lothian. He was the eldest child of James Faed (1821 - 1911) and Mary Cotton (1827 - 1888). The couple had seven children. He was named after both his father and grandfather and was known as Jamie in his youth. Later in life, as both he and his father were artists, he added 'Junior' after his name to avoid confusion.

At the bottom of this file is a Faed family tree which highlights where James fits in.

He was interested in art from an early age, his father making him teach himself and to find his own materials. Although he had not gone to art school he exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy at the age of twenty.

In Edinburgh on 15th July 1897, he married Eleanor Annie Herdman, from a flour-milling family in East Lothian.

Soon after their marriage, the couple moved to Abbey Road in St John's Wood, London, not far from where his uncle Thomas Faed was living. Their elder son James Ronald Herdman Faed (Ronnie) was born there in 1899. On Sunday afternoons the Faeds held tea parties with a large number of guests. One guest was Harry Lauder who much admired one of James' pictures of an old road between Dalwhinnie and Laggan Bridge which James had probably painted on his honeymoon. Lauder's offer to buy the painting was turned down, but a few weeks later he composed the song 'Keep Right on the End of the Road' which he said was inspired by the painting.

Another well-known visitor was the playwright J M Barrie. James' son Alastair (born 1905) recalled being told a tale about 'Peter and Wendy' long before it was published as 'Peter Pan'

Whilst living in London, James and his family often visited Galloway and Invernesshire. He particularly liked painting Galloway landscapes and especially heather covered hills. In 1893 he presented one of his paintings 'The Town Park' to the town council of New Galloway to hang in their Town Hall.

His uncle, John Faed, who died in 1902, had a house in Gatehouse, where his Aunt Susan continued to live until her death in 1909.

In 1912 James had a house built outside New Galloway, where the family settled permanently after World War I. He was very fond of nature and is known to have planted trees all over Scotland.

James's last few years were difficult. His son Ronnie had joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1913, and he was tragically drowned when his ship HMS Goliath was torpedoed in the Dardanelles. Ronnie was one of the youngest (age 15) to be killed in action during the First World War. He is remembered on the New Galloway War Memorial.

About 1912, James developed some kind of paralysis which meant he could no longer use his hands but, from 1915, he was known to use his mouth to hold his paint brushes.

James Faed junior died on 17th February 1920. He is buried in Kells Churchyard, New Galloway. His wife Eleanor went to live in Edinburgh for the rest of her life.

His Work

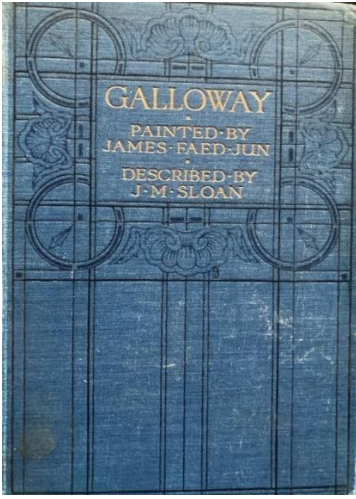
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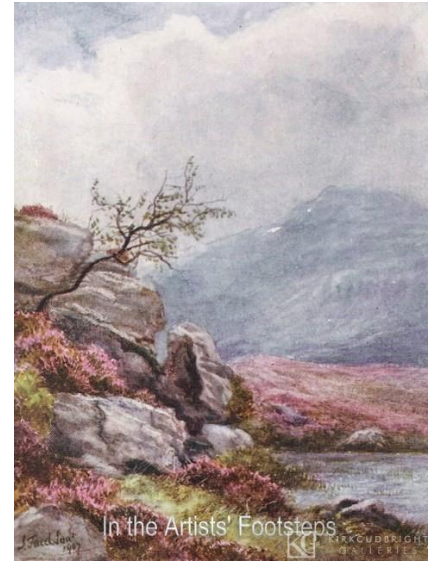
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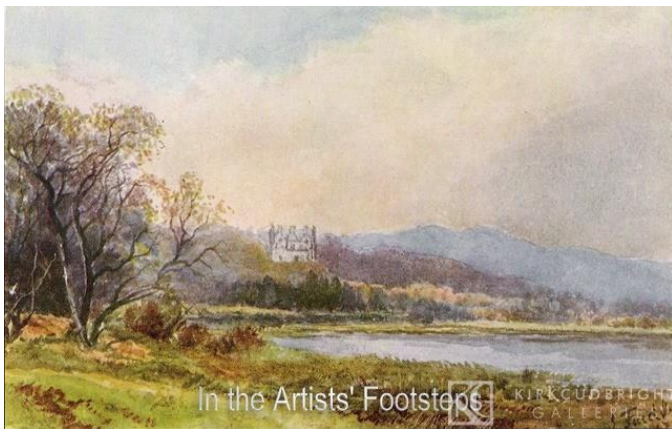
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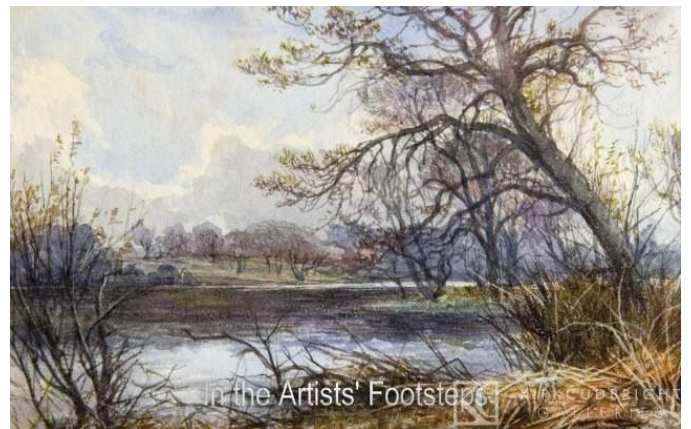
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Described by J M Sloan
London 1908



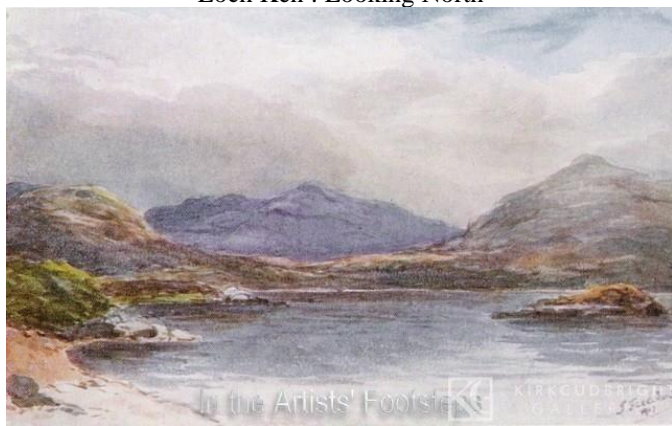
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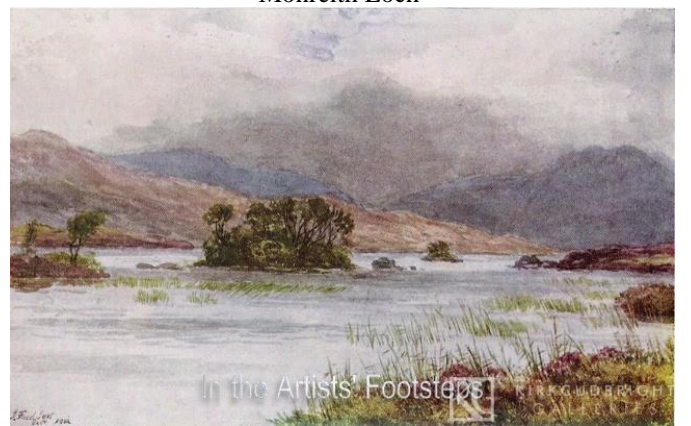
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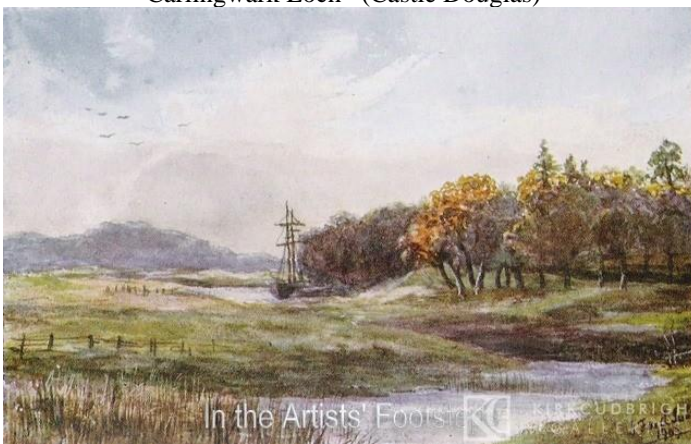
Monreith Loch



Carlingwark Loch (Castle Douglas)



Loch Skerrow



On the Fleet (at Gatehouse)

Faed family – artists & engravers



Barlay Mill & Miln of Barlay, Laurieston Road, Gatehouse

John **Fead** (b.1704? d.1788?) m.1736 Kirkmahoe Mary **Walker** (b.1722? d.1758?)

1. Barbara **Fead** (b.1737 Kirkmahoe d.???)
2. William **Fead** (b.1739 Kirkmahoe d.1816?)
3. Samuel **Fead** (b.1740 Kirkmahoe d.???)
4. James **Fead** (b.1743 Kirkmahoe d.???)
5. Margaret **Fead** (b.1747 Kirkmahoe d.???)
6. John **Fead** (b.1751? d.1804?)
7. Robert **Fead** (b.1754 Kirkmahoe d.1821?)
8. Simon **Fead** (b.17--? d.???)

Agnes **Robson** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet **Ferguson** (b.?? d.???)
 Beatrix (Bessie) **Smith** m.1850 Gordon (b.?? d.???)

N.B. The father of this family was born and died with surname Fead, probably pronounced 'Fede'. The children were all called Fead at birth but during their lifetimes the surname was changed to Faed, probably without changing the pronunciation.

- John **Farish** (b.?? d.???)
 Janc **Chalmers** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet **Smith** (b.?? d.???)
- John **Fead** (b.1780? d.1841?)
 - Samuel **Fead** (b.1782? d.1849?)
 - Barbara **Fead** (b.?? d.???)
 - William **Fead** (b.1787? d.1850?)

Margaret **Fead** (b.1772? d.1852?)
 James **Fead** (b.1777 Kirkton d.1843 Girthon) **miller & engineer**
 m.1819 Girthon Mary **McGeoch** (b.1790 Girthon d.1866 Anwoth)

1. John **Fead** (b.1819 Girthon d.1902 Girthon) **artist**
 2. James **Fead** (b.1821 Girthon d.1911 Edinburgh) **engraver**
 3. William **Fead** (b.1823 Girthon d.1888 Melbourne) **farmer**
 4. Thomas **Fead** (b.1825 Girthon d.1900 London) **artist**
 5. Susan Bell **Fead** (b.1827 Girthon d.1909 Girthon)
 6. George **Fead** (b.1829 Girthon d.1852 Edinburgh)
- Jane **MacDonald** (b.1820 Gigha d.1897 Girthon) no children
 Frances Mary **Randz** (b.?? d.1895?) 2 children
 John **Walthew** (b.1822 Hyde d.1899 Stockport)

Mary **Cotton** (b.1827 Edinburgh d.1887?) m.1853 Edinburgh

- male stillborn (b.1854?)
1. James J K **Faed** (b.1856 W.Calder d.1920 New Galloway)
 2. William Cotton **Faed** (b.1858 W.Calder d.1937 Jersey)
 3. John **Faed** (b.1860 Edinburgh d.1861?) died 7 mths
 4. Ellenor Merry **Faed** (b.1864 Edinburgh d.1955 Edinburgh)
 5. Francis Grant **Faed** (b.1867 Edinburgh d.1914 Edinburgh)
 6. Stewart **Faed** (b.1869 Edinburgh d.1898 Nice)
 7. Mary Annie **Faed** (b.1871 Edinburgh d.1945?)
 8. Mark George **Faed** (b.1873 Edinburgh d.1951 Edinburgh)

Eleanor Annie **Herdman** (b.1873 Edinburgh d.1951 Edinburgh) m.1897 Corstorphine

- Janet **Armstrong** (b.?? England d.???) 5 sons; lived in Channel Islands
1. James **Brechin** (b.?? d.???)
 2. Arthur Edward W **Barclay** (b.?? d.???)
- David **MacMillan** (b.?? d.???)
 1. Margaret Corson **Smith** (b.?? d.???)
 2. Frances Helen **Whitwell** (b.?? d.???)

James Ronald Herdman **Faed** (b.1899 London d.1915 Dardanelles)
 John Alastair **Faed** (b.1905 London d.1981 Zimbabwe) m.1933 South Africa Frances **Herdman** (b.1905 Edinburgh d.1996 Edinburgh) lived in Zimbabwe

Brian Collins (b.?? d.???) m. Fiona Joan **Faed** (b.1934?)
 Martin James Collins (b.1978?)
 Carline Corsar Wilson **Smith** (b.?? d.???) m.1990 Glasgow Stuart Alastair **Faed** (b.1964?)
 James Alastair (b.1992) Charles Simon (b.1994) Georgina Frances (b.1999)

Simon James **Faed** (b.1937?) m. Philippa **Milne** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet Frances **Faed** (b.1967?) m. Kevin **Foulkes** (b.?? d.???)
 Sasha Hayley (b.1992) Kathryn Emily (b.1995) Mathew Alastair (b.2003)

Sources of information for this tree include :

1. The Faeds – A Biography by Mary McKerrow (1982)
2. James Faed Junior – Celebrating 150 Years by Stuart Faed (2006)