

Faed

William Cotton
1858 - 1937

His Life

William Cotton Faed was a grandson of James Faed and Mary McGeoch, and 2nd child of James Faed snr and Mary Cotton. He was born at Oversheil House Mid-Calder, West Lothian on 20 July 1858. He had an elder brother James (junior) and six younger siblings.

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

Like his brother James, he was interested in art from an early age and is believed he started painting in oils from about ten years old. Although his father encouraged him, he insisted that William found his own materials for his hobby.

Having started their married life in London, his parents had moved to Oversheil House before his birth and they later moved into Edinburgh. William may well have visited his grandmother Mary Faed née McGeoch at Fleetbank, Dromore Road, Gatehouse before her death in 1866.

Between 1870 and 1876 his father's family also had a holiday house at Craigenveoch, Glenluce. which they visited regularly from their home in Edinburgh, so William would have known the Galloway coast and hills well and painted several scenes of the area, such as 'Ravenshall'.

William exhibited regularly at the Royal Scottish Academy between 1883 and 1889. At some stage William visited the Middle East and North Africa, like his artist Uncle John had done, which influenced some of his paintings such as 'The Water Seller'.

Sometime after 1901, William travelled to Australia with the intention of making a living by painting wealthy settlers. He was following in the footsteps of his Uncle William Faed who had left Gatehouse in 1850 to run a large cattle ranch in Victoria. While William C. was overseas, he met Janet Helen Scott Armstrong and they were married in 1896. She was born in Victoria, Australia in 1871, and was the daughter of settlers from the Scottish Borders.

William and Janet returned to the UK to live. The couple had five sons. James Gordon and Thomas Douglas were born in Surrey in 1897 and 1901. The couple then moved to Jersey in the Channel Islands where Frank Grant, William Ian Armstrong and Kenneth Angus Scott were born in 1905, 1906 and 1911. In the 1911 census they lived at Pontac, Jersey, and had been married for 15 years. William's occupation was 'painter artist'.

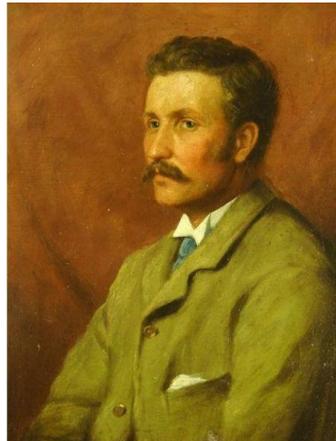
William was a good portrait painter and he painted a number of his family. It was a disappointment to his father James, that after his move to the Channel Islands, William did little painting.

He died in Jersey on 2nd November 1937.

This drawing was made by James Faed, probably William's father



WILLIAM COTTON FAED by James Faed.
Dr M. J. W. Faed. (Photograph Dr M. J. W. Faed.)



This painting of William Cotton Faed was painted by an unknown artist.

His Work

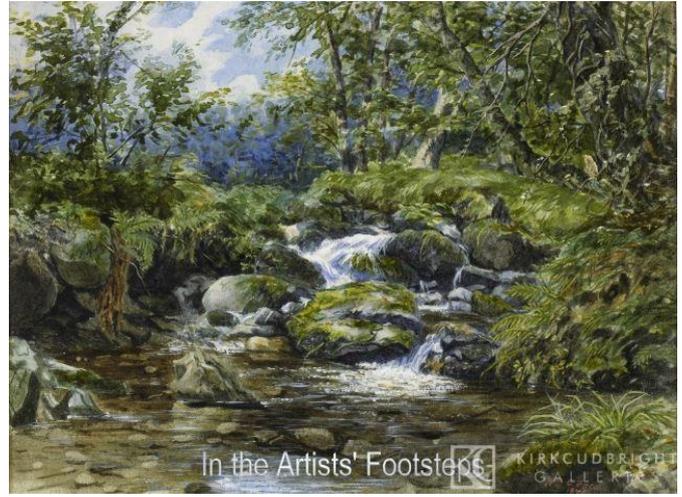
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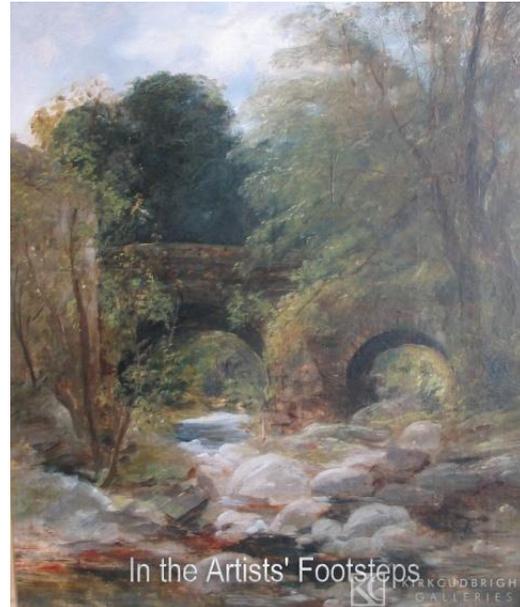
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Ravenshall



3 Generations of Faeds
James Faed jnr, William Cotton Faed &
Gordon Faed (son of William)



Queen Mary's Bridge, Minnigaff

Faed family – artists & engravers



Barlay Mill & Miln of Barlay, Laurieston Road, Gatehouse

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

1. Barbara **Faed** (b.1737 Kirkmahoe d.???)
2. William **Faed** (b.1739 Kirkmahoe d.1816?)
3. Samuel **Faed** (b.1740 Kirkmahoe d.???)
4. James **Faed** (b.1743 Kirkmahoe d.???)
5. Margaret **Faed** (b.1747 Kirkmahoe d.???)
6. John **Faed** (b.1751? d.1804?)
7. Robert **Faed** (b.1754 Kirkmahoe d.1821?)
8. Simon **Faed** (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 **Faed**, probably pronounced 'Fae'. The children were all called **Faed** at birth but during their lifetimes the surname was changed to **Faed**, probably without changing the pronunciation.

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

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

1. John **Faed** (b.1819 Girthon d.1902 Girthon) **artist** m.??? Jane **MacDonald** (b.1820 Gigha d.1897 Girthon) no children
2. James **Faed** (b.1821 Girthon d.1911 Edinburgh) **engraver**
3. William **Faed** (b.1823 Girthon d.1888 Melbourne) **farmer**
4. Thomas **Faed** (b.1825 Girthon d.1900 London) **artist** m.1852 London Frances Mary **Randz** (b.?? d.1895?) 2 children
5. Susan Bell **Faed** (b.1827 Girthon d.1909 Girthon) m.1887 London John **Walthew** (b.1822 Hyde d.1899 Stockport)
6. George **Faed** (b.1829 Girthon d.1852 Edinburgh)

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 m.?? Australia
- 1. James **Brechin** (b.?? d.???)
 - 2. Arthur Edward W **Barclay** (b.?? d.???)
- David **MacMillan** (b.?? d.???) m.1898 Edinburgh
- 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)