

Trotter

Alexander Mason
1890 - 1946

His Life

Alexander Mason Trotter was born in Edinburgh in 1890. His father was William Trotter (born 1853, Berwickshire). The 1891 census says he is a coachman (domestic) and on Alexander's death certificate William was a horse breeder. His mother was Helen Stewart.

On the night of the 1901 census Alexander was a patient in an Edinburgh hospital.

In 1922 he married Barbara Ethel Avis at Camberwell, London. She died in 1937 and he married again to Williamina (Mina) Bryson in 1938 in Edinburgh.

William and Mina were living at Ravenshall, Kirkmabreck, midway between Gatehouse and Creetown in 1946, the year William died there in 15th December.

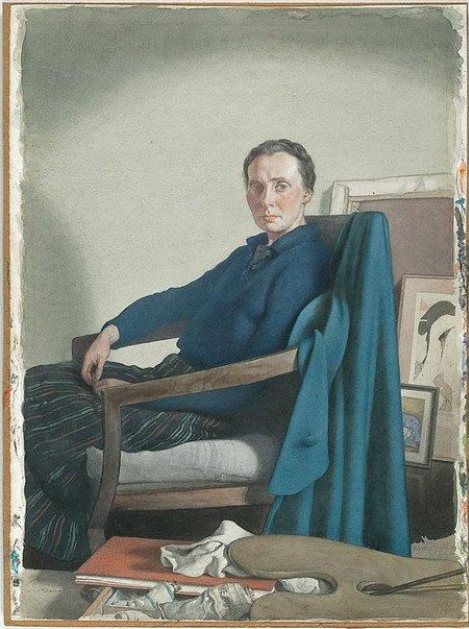
His Work

His study of dykers at Ravenshall was used for the cover of the first edition of *Dry Stone Walling* by Colonel F. Rainsford-Hannay. The dykers were Adam Scott and Edwin Farmer. This was also the subject of a postcard as shown below.

Col. Rainsford Hannay lived at Kirkdale near Ravenshall and was a neighbour. It is said that although he liked Alexander's painting of Galloway Dykers, he was disappointed that the guide lines for the dykers had been missed off.



Galloway Drystone Dykers at work near Gatehouse-of-Fleet after picture by A. Mason Trotter, R.S.A.



Mrs Mason Trotter

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