

Watson

George Patrick Houston

1887 - 1960

His Life

George Patrick Houston Watson, known as 'Pat', was born in Edinburgh on 23rd July 1887. His parents were John Houston was an architect, born 1854, Edinburgh, and Agnes Elizabeth Miller (born 1856, Ireland). The couple married in Dundalk, Ireland in 1886. George was their eldest child.

Pat grew up in Edinburgh where he attended George Watson's School and later became an architect. He studied at Edinburgh College of Art, and made several month-long sketching tours - to Oxford in 1909, to Burford in 1910, and to France in 1911.

He enlisted with the Royal Engineers and served in France in 1915, where he was wounded, resulting in permanent lameness in one leg.

2nd Lieutenant George Watson married Elizabeth Isabel Amour on 14th October 1916 at Kelvin, Glasgow. Elizabeth was born in Lancashire in 1885, the daughter of a marine engineer. She was part of the artistic group known as 'The Glasgow Girls' and was known for her pottery painting. She founded the Bough Pottery in Edinburgh.

Pat exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy as a watercolourist from 1919.

Pat and Elizabeth owned the Old School at Anwoth from 1945 to 1956. The building was described in the valuation roll as "Studio and garage, Anwoth Kirk". At the time his home address was 23 George Square, Edinburgh. So presumably Gatehouse was a country retreat for George and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth died in Edinburgh in 1945.

George also died in Edinburgh on 27th December 1959.

His Work

Pat created two local paintings that we know of and they can both be seen on the [In the Artists Footsteps](#) website, and we show copies below.

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Skyreburn Bridge



The Road to Anwoth



The Dipping Pool (*ex MutualArt*)