

Budgett

John

1934 - 2005

His Life

John Budgett was born in London about 1934, son of Thomas Charles Joseph Budgett (Tom) and Laura Elizabeth Purcell. His parents were married in 1931 at Street, Devon. Tom born Essex 1905. Laura born 1908.

John McCluskie was born 1883, New Galloway. By 1939 he was a civil servant, working in customs & excise, probably in London. There he met Elsie Jean Millard and the couple married in Amersham, Bucks in 1940. They had no children.

John and Elsie bought 26 Fleet Street, Gatehouse in 1949. Elsie taught piano, played the organ in Girthon and other churches in the town as well as organising choirs and Nativity Plays.

John McCluskie died in 1953 at Gatehouse. (Buried at Anwoth Cemetery). Laura Budgett died in 1963.

Tom Budgett then married Elsie McCluskie née Millard in Birmingham in 1964.

After marriage, Tom and Elsie continued to live at 26 Fleet Street, Gatehouse as did Tom's son John.

Elsie Budgett died in 1975. Tom Budgett sold 26 Fleet Street in 1984, and died in Reading the following year.

At some stage John Budgett moved from Gatehouse to Kirkcudbright to advance his painting career.

John Budgett died in 2005 at Castle Douglas.

Tom, Elsie and John Budgett are each named on a gravestone in Girthon Cemetery.

His work

John Budgett was a prolific artist, but most of his paintings are now in private hands with few in exhibitions and his works have probably never been catalogued. Many of his paintings were of religious subjects, but he did produce about a dozen very attractive paintings of the Galloway Hills above Gatehouse in about 1970.

The [ArtUK](#) website has a single painting on display, but more may be added in due course.

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This is the single painting that was on the ArtUK website.



It is untitled and the original is in the Stewartry Museum



John Budgett – in written word

John Budgett was born in London in 1934 where he became an abstract artist before moving to Gatehouse in 1964. He later relocated to Kirkcudbright. He died on 1st September 2005, after which his great friend Ian Devlin fulfilled his promise to write this booklet about John.

John was closely associated with several churches where a lot of his work was exhibited.

Ian said that everybody in Kirkcudbright knew and loved John. He was a prolific painter and would give away his paintings, so there are few Kirkcudbright folk that won't know of John Budgett or have a painting of his. He even sent a picture to the Pope that was hung in the Vatican and he sent one to Bill Clinton.

Ian, who has now sadly died, admitted to having a collection of 30 of John's paintings, some of which are featured in the book.

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