

Kelly

Robert George

1822 - 1910

His Life

Robert George Kelly was born on 22nd January 1822 in Dublin. His father was Commander Richard Nugent Kelly of the Royal Navy (born 1791 Dublin - died 1861 in Kent). His mother was Eliza Stringer (born 1797 Enniscorthy, Wexford - death unknown)

Robert is believed to have been educated in a private school in Stranraer before studying art at the Royal Dublin School and the Royal Hibernian Academy.

On 12th April 1853 he married Mary Walker (born 1833 Stranraer - 1921) in Stranraer. The couple had 11 children - 4 sons and 7 daughters.

They moved to Manchester in 1853 before moving to Birkenhead in 1858 where they lived for most of the rest of their married lives.

In the 1871 census Robert, age 49, was an artist (portrait and landscape) and he also gave tuition.

In 1891 census his son Robert J. Kelly is also listed as a landscape painter.

He often visited Galloway, particularly in the early part of his career, and he also painted many of the landed families in the area.

Robert George Kelly died on 10th May 1910 in Chester.

His Work

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Robert Kelly painted this scene "A View over Gatehouse of Fleet" in 1852.

Source : *Stewartry Museum*



Self-portrait