

# SASSOON

David

1888 - 1978

## His Life

David Sassoon was born in Walton on Thames in 1888. His father was Joseph Sassoon Sassoon (1856 - 1918), who was a magistrate, born in Bombay, India. His mother was Baroness Louise de Gunzburg (1862 - 1920), born in Paris.

The Sassoons were a wealthy family of merchants and bankers that were descended from Iraqi Jews.

David was a cousin of Siegfried Sassoon, the poet and writer.

He studied at the Slade School of Art, London.

During the First World War, he joined the Queen's Regiment before transferring to the Labour Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After the war, David resumed painting and an artist friend suggested that he might find the Kirkcudbright area a suitable place for an artist to live. He moved to Kirkcudbright in 1920, first living in a studio in Castle Street, then later moving to a house at 3/5 High Street.

In Berlin, on 24th February 1926, David married Vera Rosa Katerina de Rosenberg (born 1891 Germany, died 1973).

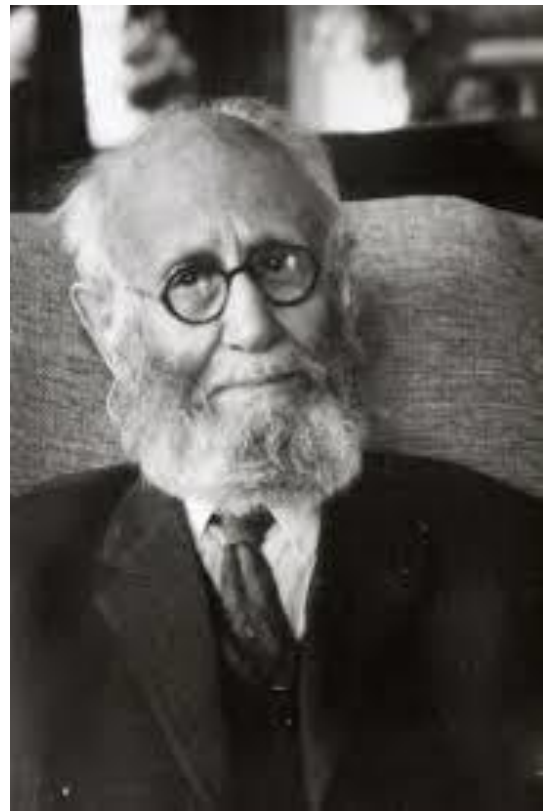
They had 2 sons : Joseph born 1927, and Gabriel Jacques born 1931, both in Kirkcudbright.

The Sassoons bought a chalet at Carrick Shore - the original fisherman's Cottage known as 'The Hut'. This burnt down in 1936 and David had the plot cleared and built a new hut. He proudly painted a new name over the door 'J and J' after his two sons Joey and Jackie. The Sassoons owned their hut until 1960.

Carrick Shore was the subject of many of David's paintings. He often gave his paintings away to friends.

In the late 1950s he and Vera returned to live in the south of England. When his wife Vera died in 1973, David returned to Kirkcudbright to live with his son Joe.

David Sassoon died in 1978 in Kirkcudbright.



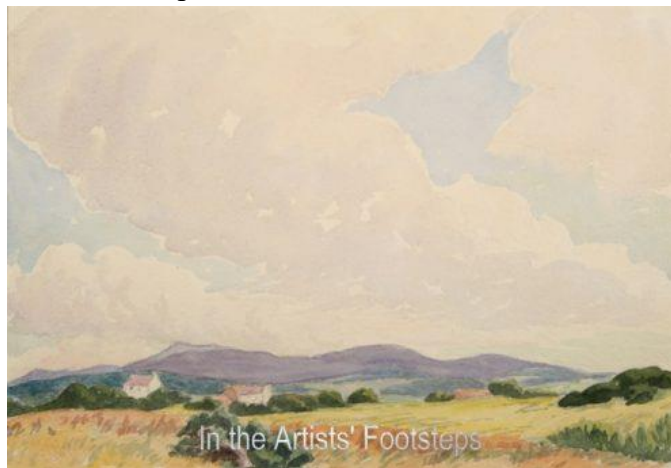
## His Work

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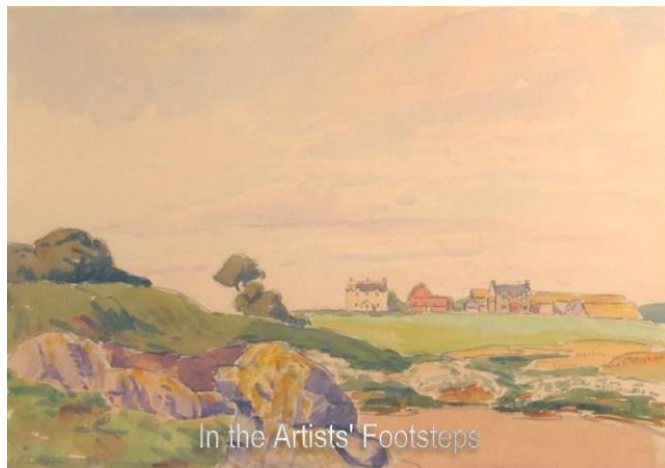
Here is an [interview by Tania Sassoon](#) of her father Joseph about her grandfather David Sassoon and other Kirkcudbright artists

Here are examples of this artist's work around Gatehouse.



In the Artists' Footsteps

Boreland of Girthon



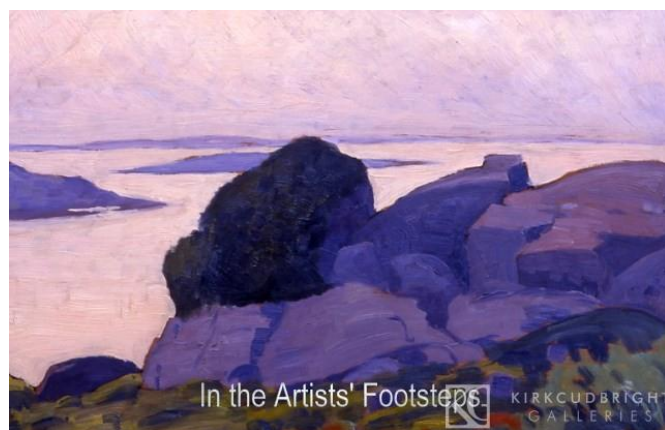
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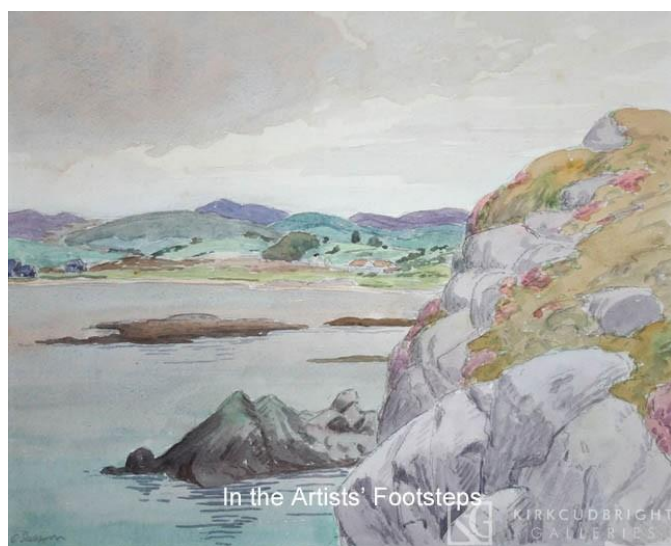
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