

Basic Detail Report



Robert Gregory

Date

1906

Primary Maker

Charles Haslewood Shannon

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

101.6 x 101.6 cm

Description

Born 1881, Robert Gregory was the only child of Lady Gregory; educated at Harrow, New College, Oxford and the Slade School. After his marriage in 1907 he continued to paint, living mostly at Coole, his mother's home. In 1914 he held an exhibition of his paintings at the Chenil Gallery in Chelsea. He joined the army in 1915 and rose to the rank of Temporary Major. On January 23rd, 1918, he was killed in action on the North Italian front having transferred from the 4th Connaught Rangers to the Royal Flying Corps. Four of Yeat's poems are on Robert Gregory: The Sad Shepherd, In Memory of Major Robert Gregory, An Irish Airman Foresees his Death and Reprisals. It was Lady Gregory who commissioned the Shannon portrait of her son as a painter. (W.B. Yeats: A Centenary Exhibition in the National Gallery: Ex Cat Page 45)