



CC Watson is responsible for the work "Providence Valley Farm " and "Kent Cottage" as per signature, was the grandfather of David C Irwin.

Jean Watson, the daughter of CC Watson, married W.H (Bill) Irwin, a well known New Town shop keeper from the 1930's until the 1980's.

CC Watson was a native Tasmanian born in Hobart on 3rd July 1872 and died on the 21st July 1962. Sadly, for such an artistic man he had lost his sight a few years earlier before his death.

He married on 10th October 1900 and eventually built his house at 88 Newdegate Street which is still there in the locality of "Providence Valley Farm".

At this stage of his life (probably before he married) he attended the East London Historical College group of representative stone sculptures to be erected above the entrance of the new Customs House building in 1900, opposite Constitution Dock, which are still in existence today. The verification of this work can be found in the publication "The State of Tasmania" compiled by Michael Roe of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association.

Another work created by CC Watson, was a statue commissioned by the Morrisby family in 1903 in the memory of the Boar War, and maybe a family member which was erected at Bellerive, and was a well known landmark, it may have recently been moved to a different location in the area.

He was also talented in other artistic directions, painting in oils and water colour. Creating wooden engraving's and works in beaten copper, winning prizes in arts and crafts exhibitions in the new customs house, which led to him being a leading figure in the Tasmanian Arts Society and was asked to make a contribution of his work in an illuminated address that was presented to the Duke (Queen Victoria) and Duchess and York, on the occasion of their visit to Hobart in 1903.

Another of his legacies he has left to the City of Hobart, are some engravings in the stone facade of the Hobart GPO building, high up near the roof on the Elizabeth Street side.

We still have a photograph of him carving a shield in stone and that is also on the GPO Hobart. E was an artist in more than one field.

Signed,

David C Irwin