

Elsie Cave Patty



Elsie C Patty was born December 4, 1892 in Guthrie County, Iowa to Frank and Dora Hall Cave and married Marcus Patty August 6, 1910 in Redfield, Iowa.

Elsie developed an early interest in art, and through determination and energy managed to make herself into a recognized artist, while at the same time rearing a family of six sons.

She and her husband, Marcus, moved to Golden, Colorado in 1943. By 1946, with the war over, she began to exhibit her work, winning both acclaim

and ribbons in many shows. In 1953 she and Marcus moved to Grand Lake and opened an art studio which she operated until 1976, selling still lifes and Colorado landscapes to tourists from near and far. She presented one of her landscapes of Grand Lake to President Eisenhower in 1955 during one of his visits in the area. She was often called “Grandma Moses of the Mountains”.

This Grandma Moses of the Mountains is versatile and facile in pastels and water color as well as her favorite oils. She builds some of her rugged three-dimensional mountain effects with palette knife alone, or deftly combines brush and knife in others for dramatic contrasts. The result is always pleasing and recognizable.

Elsie died July 21, 1961 in Arvada, Colorado.

