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Fine Art

Leon (John Leon) Moran (1864-1941)

John Leon Moran was born in 1864 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to a prominent family of artists. His father, Edward Moran (1829-1901), was a distinguished maritime and history painter. His uncle, Thomas Moran (1837-1926), was a painter and etcher celebrated for his paintings of the American West. Moran began his artistic training under the tutelage of his father and later at the National Academy of Design, in London, and in Paris. In 1883, Moran established his studio in New York City.¹

Moran was known for his figurative work and genre scenes which he exhibited regularly with the Plainfield Art Association (Plainfield, N.J.) and the American Watercolor Society of which he was a life member. He won a gold medal in 1893 from the Philadelphia Art Club and a gold medal from the American Art Society in Philadelphia in 1904.

John Leon Moran died in Watchung, New Jersey in 1941.² His work can be found today in the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

¹ "John Leon Moran, Artist, Dies In Watchung," The Courier-News (Bridgewater, New Jersey), Tue, Aug 5, 1941, Page 1.

² Ibid