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Craig, Sybil Mary Frances

(1901 - 1989)

Born	19011118, London Middlesex England
Died	19890915, Surrey Hills Victoria Australia
Occupation	Artist, Painter

Summary

Sybil Mary Frances Craig was born in London in 1901 to Australian-born parents Matthew Francis Craig and his wife Winifred Frances (Major). Some time later the family returned to Melbourne and Sybil was educated at a school in St Kilda. In 1920 she began private art tuition and from 1924 to 1931 she studied at the National Gallery of Victoria's school of painting.

Sybil held her first solo exhibition at the Athenaeum Gallery in 1932. This was followed by further solo exhibitions in 1948, 1978 and 1982. In March 1945 Sybil became an official war artist. She was commissioned by the Australian War Memorial to record the work undertaken at the Commonwealth Explosives Factory at Maribyrnong.

Sybil Craig was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1981 'in recognition of service as an artist'.

Archival resources

State Library of Victoria
Papers of Sybil Craig, 1853-ca. 1980. [manuscript]

Papers, 1876-1987 [manuscript].

National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection
Sybil Craig interviewed by Barbara Blackman [sound recording]

National Library of Australia
[Biographical cuttings on Sybil Craig, artist, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

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