

Atkinson Grimshaw

John Atkinson Grimshaw was born 6 September 1836 in Leeds. He was a Victorian-era artist, a "remarkable and imaginative painter" Known for his city night-scenes and landscapes. In 1856 he married his cousin Frances Hubbard (1835 1917). In 1861, at the age of 24, to the dismay of his parents, he left his job as a clerk for the Great Northern Railway to become a painter. He first exhibited in 1862, mostly paintings of birds, fruit and blossom, under the patronage of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society. He became successful in the 1870s and rented a second home in Scarborough, which became a favorite subject.

His early paintings were signed "JAG," "J. A. Grimshaw," or "John Atkinson Grimshaw," though he finally settled on "Atkinson Grimshaw."

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