

ARTIST

Robert Strong Woodward  
1885 - 1957

# "The Home Road"

Woodward's Life Journey



1890 - Woodward family, RSW @ 5 yrs old



Top Left: A teenage Woodward being silly in what is believed to be an early arcade photo booth novelty strip photograph.



Above: Young Rob posing with his family the day before they were set to leave for Knoxville, TN in 1891.

To the left: His parents Orion and Mary, standing in front of the Balboa Hotel in Newport Beach, CA in August 1895 just 3 weeks before RSW's tragic accident. It is likely Woodward took the picture.

Orion was a real estate developer specializing in building the streets and sewer systems of new and old towns during the height of urban growth across the country. His meant traipsing the family from city to city and often living in hotels, temporary housing, or as guest in other peoples homes.

Below: Woodward in his chair posing along side his Hiram Woodward 'sister' he converted into his studio. In the photo you see his caretaker tending to the letter garden he always kept. Behind him looks to be a bar that also is found at his Southwix Place just outside his studios north window.

Bottom Left: Woodward as a student at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, IL sitting on a fence at an unknown location with a group of friends.

Top Right: Woodward at 14 years old (1898) sitting on a log in the water of a lake in Schenectady, NY. The other 3 kids are unknown to us.

Bottom Right: A handsome young Rob from a class picture while attending McKinley Elementary School in what we believe is Springfield, OH. Woodward once told an interviewer in 1955 that his education was simply "Catch as one can." He told the reporter he attended as many as 18 schools. We believe this is a bit of an exaggeration. We know he was in Knoxville, TN for two years, Schenectady for two years and Peoria for four. If true, this would mean he attended 15 schools in a six year period. An unlikely probability.

**ACCIDENTAL SHOT  
MAY PROVE FATAL**  
**ROBERT WOODWARD MAY DIE  
FROM WOUND**  
After an Investigation Chief Scouts  
Theory of Suicide and Says  
Revolver Was Discharged  
Without Intent

Los Angeles Herald, September 4, 1906



Above: Woodward in 1922 posing for a picture that will appear in a newspaper. He did not like to publicize his disability. It was important to him he looked capable and vigorous.



To the right: He was undoubtedly brave and bold and curious. Here he is in the outdoors from his custom buggy with his trusty dog along side for company.

Below: A rare look at Woodward at ease painting "The Hills" from under the Beech Tree in Heath (MA). On the back of another picture from the same scene he wrote, "I haven't any idea why I have my pants on! There must have been guest about that day - I forget." This picture is from 1938 and has been altered to add a colorized insert of the painting along with the quote from the back of the other photograph.

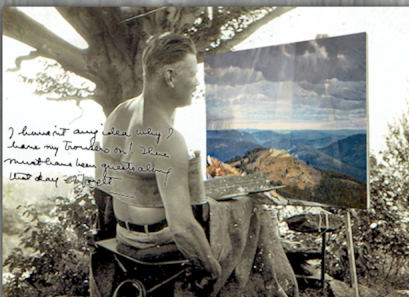


Above: Woodward with close friend F. Earl Williams in front of the Pasture Studio in Heath (MA). Williams, an amateur photographer took more pictures of Woodward than anyone. RSW trusted him very much.



Left: Woodward sitting in his 1935 Packard Touring car with long-time friend and companion Ethel Dow and a young Dr. Mark Parlinson. Dow and RSW first met in Peoria, IL while visiting with her roommate at Smith. Julie is Dow and the daughter of the family he was staying with some time. They reconnected 35 years later. Mark would grow close to RSW in his years of working for him becoming like a son. RSW upon his death would leave Mark the bulk of his estate. Mark carries on RSW's legacy in tribute.

Lower left and right: Woodward with his beloved friend Harold Grieve. Grieve first met RSW as a 5 year old child living in the same neighborhood as RSW until he recovered from his injuries in Los Angeles, CA. Grieve grew up to be a movie producer and founding member of the Motion Picture Academy. He later married silent film star Jetta Goudal (right) and became an interior designer to Hollywood's elite.



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