

## Jack Trowbridge Biography



*1937 – 2017*

Jack Trowbridge was a letter designer and cutter, but also created alphabets for book illustration and monologues.

He produced signs, memorials, gravestones, foundation stones and weathervanes and was a member of both the Letter Exchange and Cornwall Crafts Association.

In 1953 he trained as an apprentice under the sculptor John Skelton in Streat, Sussex.

Trowbridge became skilled in cutting letters into a variety of materials including stone, slate, wood, bronze, brass and copper, and eventually set up his own studio in Newmill, near Penzance.

In Cornwall, Trowbridge expanded and further developed his craftsmanship, turning his hand to gold and silversmithing. Using precious metals, he created jewellery, paperweights and other desk furnishings that were exhibited and sold at national and international craft fairs.

Amongst the numerous commissions he produced was a memorial for the former chairman of the Thomas Hardy Society of Great Britain, in the graveyard of St Juliot at Boscastle.

Trowbridge produced the plaque mounted on 'Sopers' in Ditchling village, denoting that Eric Gill had lived there from 1907-1913, as well as the plaque presented to the museum on its opening in 1985.