



## Franklin Carmichael

The youngest of the Group of Seven, Franklin Carmichael was born in 1890 in Orillia, Ontario. He studied at Ontario College of Art, where he studied with William Cruickshank and George Reid.

In 1911, he joined Tom Thomson and other painters who were training to become serious artists, joining them on weekend sketching trips. He moved to Belgium in 1913 to study painting but due to the war returned to his native Ontario to rejoin the other artists.

Carmichael was greatly influenced by Tom Thomson and shared space with him at the Studio Building in 1914. He was also on the fringe of the group because of his difference in age and was closely associated with the newer members of the Group of Seven.

Along with A. J. Casson and F. H. Brigden, Carmichael founded the Ontario Society of Painters in Watercolour in 1925. He also founded the Canadian Group of Painters in 1933, which several members of the Group of Seven would later join.

Famous for his watercolours, many of his paintings depict Ontarian landscapes.