

Investigating an artist – Transcript

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[Dawn Layland, archivist, stood in front of bookshelves]

Finding out about artists and their work can be really inspiring. It can give us new ideas and, sometimes, tell us about the past as well.

The artist we're going to be finding out about is Tom Lamb, who came from Craghead, near Stanley.

He was a miner as well as an artist and his work shows that he really understood the scenes he painted. Some of them even feature members of his family! I wonder how they felt about that.

As well as being great paintings, they're really important because they show us about a way of life that doesn't exist in County Durham anymore. By looking closely at the details, we can find out lots of information such as what miners wore underground, what safety equipment they had and the different jobs that they did.

Good luck with your research.

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