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Extract from "George Coates. His Art & His Life"  
by D. M. Coates.

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London 1937. Page 7.

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"Mr J. McCubbin, cheeriest and most encouraging of teachers, used to keep open house for the gallery students, and many a happy Saturday afternoon we spent in his BRIGHTON garden and large orchard"

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1896. Melbourne Directory gives address: New St Brighton

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Extract from "A catalogue of Australian Oil Paintings  
in the National Art Gallery of N. S. W."  
Page 137.

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McCubbin's father died in 1876; this made it necessary for the son to leave his art studies and accept full responsibility for the family business"

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"In 1900 he visited Tasmania and, following a brief sojourn in Carlton, settled with his family at Macedon. In 1906 he left for England, and on returning, settled at South Yarra"

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1915 Melbourne Directory gives the address  
42 Kensington Rd South Yarra

Extract from "Frederick McCubbin"

A consideration by Alexander Colquhoun  
 Published by Alexander McCubbin, Melbourne  
 (not paginated)

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In 1894 the artist and his wife - for he was now married - went to live at Blackburn, close to Box Hill, where he painted "The Bush Burial", and it is characteristic of the sincerity of purpose which pervaded all his dealings with art that in painting it he should dig a little grave in his back yard and pose Mrs McCubbin (who was ever to him as a modern Saskia) on the brink in the character of the bereaved and grief-stricken mother.

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On the facing page appears a sepia reproduction of the painting "The Bush Burial".

McCubbin, Frederick (1855-1917), artist, was born at Melbourne on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1855, the son of Alexander McCubbin, master baker. On leaving school he spent a few months in a solicitor's office and then assisted his father. He was next apprenticed to a coach-painter, but soon after the completion of his indentures, in 1875, his father died and he took charge of the bakery.

After attending evening classes at a school of design, McCubbin joined the drawing school of the National Gallery; but he made little progress until the advent of C. F. Jollingsby as director in 1882. A little later he won the first prize of £30 in a Students' Competition with a composition, "Home Again".

In 1886 he was appointed acting master of the school of drawing at the National Gallery, later becoming master. He remained in that position to the end of his life.

In 1894 one of his pictures, "Feeding Time" was bought ~~by~~ for the gallery. Six years later this was exchanged for his painting "A Winter Evening".

In 1897 he exhibited at the Paris Salon and the Grafton Gallery, London. In ~~1897~~ 1906, his large ~~stiff~~ triptych, "The Pioneer", was acquired for the National Gallery of Victoria.

In 1907 McCubbin visited Europe and made his first acquaintance with the great masters of painting. Towards the end of 1911 he left the Victorian Artists Society (of which he had been president) and joined Walter Withers, Max Meldrum, Edward Officer and others in forming the Australian Art Association. In 1915 his health ~~had~~ declined and in 1916 he was granted six months leave of absence from the National Gallery School. He died on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1917.

McCubbin had married in 1890 Annie Moriarty, who with two daughters and four sons survived him. One of his sons, Louis McCubbin, born 18<sup>th</sup> March 1891, became a noted artist and was president of the Victorian Artists Society from 1933 to 1935. He was director of the National Gallery, Adelaide, from 1936 to 1950. He died on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1952.

Frederick McCubbin's enthusiasm and kindness had a strong influence on his students. His portraits were unequal, but in his landscapes painting he showed sincerity, good colour, sound composition, and much poetical feeling. Examples of his work are in the art galleries of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Geelong, and Castlemaine.

Bibliography: "The Art of Frederick McCubbin" (1916) A Colquhoun  
 Frederick McCubbin (1919) W. Moore.

# Melbourne Directories

1875. Alexander McCubbin, Baker  
167 King St. Melbourne.
1880. Mrs McCubbin, Baker,  
165 King St. Melbourne
- 1891 Mrs McCubbin, Bay View Av. Hawthorn
- 1891 Fred. McCubbin Rathmines Rd Hawthorn
1896. " " New St. Brighton
- 1900 " " " " "
1915. " " 42 Kensington Rd. South Yarra