John McIver was born in Jacksonville, FL. He received an A.B. from Trinity College in CT, but became a self-taught painter of watercolors. He in turn taught others in his home town of Jacksonville, where he lived, exhibited, and sold numerous pieces of work to members of the community until 1967, when he then moved to Evansville, IN and later Grandville, MI. He continued to paint representational watercolors for thirty-six years up to 1993, when he abruptly changed his style and produced abstract canvases instead, though he still works in the watercolor medium. A 2005 exhibit recently described his present work as “collage and crafts energy-filled canvases of color, light, and texture...reminiscent of delicate Japanese-inspired textiles.” He presently lives in Hickory, N.C., and is still exhibiting his works within the state.

Mr. McIver is a member of the American Watercolor Society and has exhibited his works there and with the Southern Watercolor Society. Among the collections which hold his work are the Oklahoma Museum of Oklahoma City, the Jacksonville Art Museum, and the Asheville (N.C.) Art Museum. His painting that we own, “Untitled”, belongs to his earlier, representational period.