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Thomas Worthington Whittredge

Thomas Worthington Whittredge was born May 22nd 1820. He was an artist, more specifically a landscape painter, of the Hudson River School. He was a well known painter of his time and accumulated some fame. Emanuel Leutze, the man who painted, "Washington Crossing the Delaware" was one of his good friends. At the time Leutze was painting his famous piece, in 1851, Whittredge was actually with him and posed as Washington, for Leutze to paint.

In 1880 he moved to Summit to spend the remainder of his life. He chose Summit because "Summit was a great region which had many attractions for me. There were wide stretches of forest land bordering on rich meadow lands along the Passaic, and from the hills, glimpses of the far-off Kill van Kull and of the great city could be obtained" (Worthington). His house was situated on Summit Ave, near where the current Worthington House Apartment buildings are, and across from today's Whittredge Rd. Both the Worthington House and Whittredge Rd. Are named after Summit's own painter, Thomas Worthington Whittredge who passed just three months shy of 90 years old, in 1910.