

Mary Meigs Atwater Timeline

1878 – 1956ⁱ

- 1878 Born February 28 to Montgomery Meigs and Grace Lynde Meigs, in Rock Island, IL, home of her maternal grandparents.
- 1894 Attended Miss Wheeler's Academy, Providence, RI.
- 1895 Summer tour in Europe.
- 1896 In France, painting with a group of Miss Wheeler's students.
- 1897 Attended Chicago Art Institute School of Design and Chicago Art Academy life drawing classes.
- 1902 In Paris studying art; met Maxwell Atwater.
- 1903 May 14, Married Max Atwater and traveled to mining camp in Telluride, CO.
- 1904 Moved to Baker City, OR, to the Baisley-Elkhorn mine. Montgomery Meigs Atwater born October 21.
- 1906 Moved to La Paz, Bolivia.
- 1907 Abby Elizabeth Meigs born October 5 in Bolivia; she died October 18.
- 1908 Moved to Black Mountain, Mexico.
- 1909 Moved to Butte, MT.
- 1914 Moved to Basin, MT.
- 1916 Elizabeth Joan Atwater born February 29. Began a weaving business.
- 1918 Occupational therapist in Camp Lewis, WA. Moved to Letterman General, San Francisco, CA.
- 1919 Max died June 4, Rochester, MN. Mary completed army service and moved to Seattle, WA. Worked with patients using Occupational Therapy at University of Washington.
- 1922 Started the Shuttle-Craft Guild Correspondence Course.
- 1923 Moved to Cambridge, MA. Monty attended Harvard.
- 1924 Began publishing the Shuttle-Craft Guild Bulletin.
- 1928 Published the *Shuttle-Craft Book of American Handweaving*. Moved to Basin, MT.
- 1933 *Mary Meigs Atwater Recipe Book: Patterns for Handweavers* published.
- 1937 First weaving institute held. Many additional institutes were later held in US and Canada.
- 1946 Sold the Shuttle-Craft Guild to Harriet Tidball. Continued to write for the Bulletin. Traveled to Guatemala.
- 1947 Moved to Salt Lake City, UT. Continued to teach weaving.
- 1954 *Byways in Hand-Weaving* published.
- 1956 The Mary Meigs Atwater Weaver's Guild organized, Salt Lake City, UT in February. Led a weaving trip to Mexico. Died September 5.

ⁱ Source: *Weaving a Life: The Story of Mary Meigs Atwater*. Compiled by Mary Jo Reiter, edited by Veronica Patterson. Interweave Press, Loveland, CO. 1992.