

A Complete Portrait of Arthur Jeffress 1905-1961

Introduction



Graham Sutherland, *Study for Arthur Jeffress*, 1955,
Estate of Graham Sutherland. Doncaster Art Gallery

Arthur Tilden Jeffress 1905-1961 was an art collector and dealer who lived lavishly in beautifully decorated homes in Hampshire, London and Venice. He was a homosexual and committed suicide in Paris in 1961.

99 works from his “subversive” collection and gallery were bequeathed to Southampton City Art Gallery after his sudden death in 1961.

The full story of his complex and entertaining life is introduced here for the first time. A full length biography *A Life in Art* - has just been published.



The entrance hall to Jeffress' house at Marwell, Hampshire,
Southampton City Archives