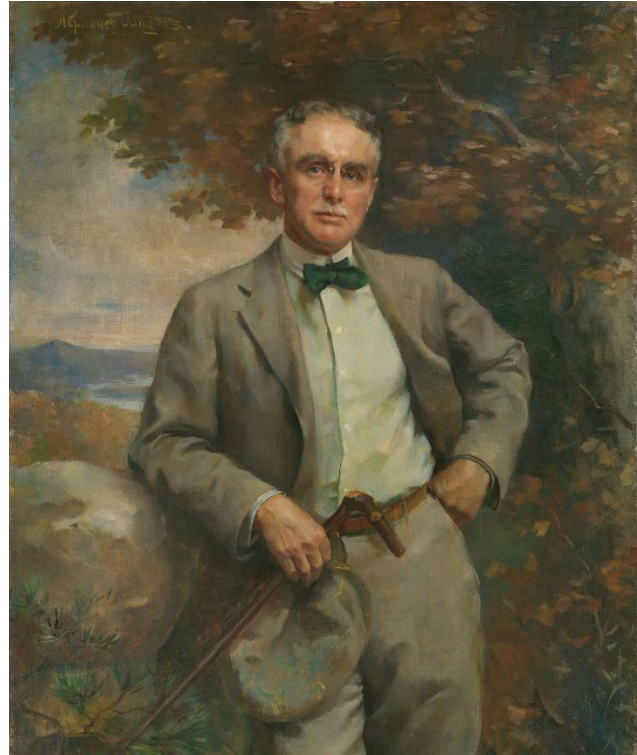


PICTURE PERFECT PORTRAIT

Tom Plant **commissioned** his **portrait** from popular portrait artist [Alphonse Jongers](#) around 1914. Today a digital reproduction of the original painting hangs above the stairs of Lucknow Mansion, and the original is hung at the retirement home he built in Bath, Maine.

Jongers had his **subject** pose for the painting, the way we do for pictures now. But since paintings take considerably longer to produce than photographs, this required the subject to stay still for a bit of time.

Tom wanted his portrait to show his love of nature, so Jongers made the **background** a representation of the view from Lucknow, and used natural looking colors for the background and Tom's clothing.



Portrait of Thomas G. Plant by Alphonse Jongers c. 1914

If you were going to have a portrait made of yourself, what would you want it to say about you?

What would you wear for your portrait?

Would you include any objects?

Try it yourself!

Ask a friend or family member to pose for you and grab your art supplies! Have them strike a pose, and capture as many details as possible! When you're finished, switch roles.

You can also try this with a camera – turn on the timer to see if you can hold the pose!