

Who Was Who and Local History Collection

Born in Vienna, son of Adolph Wahlbrock, a famous clown. Could trace his family's theatrical links back for 3 generations. Became famous European stage actor and international film star, e.g. La Ronde. Began stage career 1920 in Germany in Max Reinhardt Productions. Following rise of 3rd Reich came to England in 1936. First London production Design for Living (1939) and his last Call Me Madam (1948).

Film career began in Germany in 1931. English films include Dangerous Moonlight, Sixty Glorious Years, 49th Parallel, proceeds from the latter being donated to the International Red Cross.

From 1936 helped many of his fellow countrymen escape from Europe.

1960-67 lived at Flat 3, 69 Frognal, NW3, and was a popular figure in the neighbourhood, 'quiet and gentlemanly'.

Eugene Edwards

The ashes included in Anton Walbroock's grave are of his devoted secretary, Eugene Edwards, who died in 1971. He was Walbroock's secretary for 23 years and inherited the very modest estate left by Walbroock.