Maud Lewis Painting - YouTube 7 Apr 2017. If you are from Nova Scotia, there is a high probability you know of celebrated folk-artist Maud Lewis, but if you aren’t from the area there’s a good chance you won’t have heard of her. Maud Lewis was born in 1903 and spent her life in poverty with her husband in a small house near Yarmouth. Although there is some debate about her name, Maud: Events. Directions. Maud Lewis Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Maud Lewis (1903-1970) was born to John and Agnes Dowley on the Yarmouth and Acadian Shore of Nova Scotia. Although there is some debate about her name, Maud: Events. Directions. Maud Lewis Art Gallery of Nova Scotia - Maud Lewis (1903-1970) was born to John and Agnes Dowley on the Yarmouth and Acadian Shore of Nova Scotia. Although there is some debate about her name, Maud: