

Hunter, James Kennedy 1863 - 1929

James Kennedy Hunter [also known as J.K. Hunter] was born the son of Andrew Hunter, a builder, in Ayr, Strathclyde, Scotland, in 1863. After studying architectural drawing from 1878 to 1880, and training as a surveyor (1880), he trained as an architect with John Mercer in Ayr (1880-83). He was then an assistant to James Archibald Morris from 1883 to 1885 first in Ayr and later in London, where he was responsible for running Morris's office. Hunter was subsequently in partnership with Morris from 1885 to 1896. In 1896 Hunter returned to Scotland and later that year established his own independent practice in Ayr.

Hunter was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1906. He was president of Glasgow Institute of Architects in 1926-27. Between 1898 and 1919 Hunter exhibited at the Royal Academy in London, the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh and at the Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts. He died in Ayr on 13 February 1929.

Worked in

UK

Works

Architectural projects by Hunter included the Industrial School for Girls in Ayr (1896), Cairn Public School in Maybole, Ayrshire (c.1896), Ayr Town Hall (1898), Corsock Free Church in Corsock, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland (1901), Morrison Congregational Church in Ayr (1901), Portpatrick Hotel in Portpatrick, Wigtownshire, Scotland (c.1904), Carnegie Free Library in Maybole, Ayrshire (1905), additions to Ayr County Hospital (c.1906), the reconstruction and extension of Ayr Grammar School (1908), Biggart Memorial Home for Cripple Children in Prestwick, Ayrshire (1908), Ayr Pavilion (1910), and Ayr War Memorial (1924).

For an additional list of work by Hunter see Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980 [*link below*]

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Links

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http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/architect_full.php?id=200109
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<https://southayrshirehistory.wordpress.com/tag/james-kennedy-hunter/>
- Alamy - The Pavilion (1911) by James Kennedy Hunter
<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-the-pavilion-1911-by-local-architect-james-kennedy-hunter-now-pirate-84641279.html>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Ayr Pavilion (1911)
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB21575>
- Historic Environment Scotland, Portpatrick (1905)
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB16778>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Dunskey House (1901-04)
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB16749>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Carnegie Free Public Library, 1 High Street, Maybole (1906) <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB49582>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Wellington Square Memorial (1924)
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB47259>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Dunskey, Gatepiers and boundary walls
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB45192>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Dunskey, kennels house and kennels
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB45194>
- Historic Environment Scotland - House of Knock, Leswalt, Dumfries and Galloway <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB13493>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Dunskey, South Lodge, Portpatrick
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB45195>
- Historic Environment Scotland - 21 and 29 New Bridge Street and 1-9 (odd nos), High Street, Town Buildings, Ayr
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB21692>
- Historic Environment Scotland - St. John the Baptist's Baptist's Tower, Ayr
<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB21766>