

Ranger, Edgar 1888 - 1971

Edgar Ranger was born on St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England on 8 September 1888. Nothing is known about his training as an architect. In 1911 he established a private practice in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire where built a house, Old Basing, for himself. In 1919, following war service, he moved to Broadstairs, Kent

He built a number of medium-sized and some larger country houses in the Arts and Crafts tradition. A photograph and floor plan of 'The Downs' in Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire, designed by Ranger is featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1912 (p.60), photographs of the exterior and interior of a house at Gerrard's Cross designed by Ranger are featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1913 (p.56), a photograph and floor plan of 'Kinnerton', Gerrard's Cross, designed by Ranger are featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1914 (p.40), photographs of 'Pines Hurst' and the interior of 'Long Barn', Broadstairs designed by Edgar Ranger are illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1926 (pp.18, 42, 43), photographs of two houses at Cliftonville, Kent, and a hall fireplace in a house at Cliftonville, Kent, designed by him are illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1927 (pp.39, 55), a photograph and ground-floor plan of 'Old Court' in Wimbledon, London, designed by him is illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1928 (p.63), a photograph of Walcheren in Broadstairs, Kent, seen from the garden, designed by him is illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1931 (p.28), and a photograph and description of a house at Arran Court, Purley, Surrey, designed by him is illustrated and described in 'Decorative Art' 1940 (p.20).

Ranger designed about 40 houses in Thanet, including Long Barn (1925) for his own occupation, and other houses in the Home Counties. In 1934 he relocated to Marlow in Buckinghamshire. During World War Two he was employed as an architect by the Government and moved to Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire. In 1951 he converted three 16th-century houses in Curridge, Berkshire where he subsequently lived.

Ranger was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1930 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1931. For many years he had an office at 12 Grays Inn Square, London. He exhibited at the Royal Academy in London from 1927 to 1929. Ranger died 1971. His death was registered in Newbury, Berkshire.

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Bibliography

Brittain-Catlin, Timothy. 'Picturesque, Modern, Tudor-Style: Edgar Ranger in Thanet'. Twentieth Century Architecture no.12, 2015 pp.34-37

Links

- UK Modern House http://ukmoho.co.uk/html/architect/Edgar_Ranger.html
- Quaker Heritage <http://heritage.quaker.org.uk/files/Broadstairs%20LM.pdf>
- English Heritage - Long Barn, Thanet, Kent
<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1391855>
- Smith Woolley <http://www.smithwoolley.com/edwardian-splendour-exclusive-area/>