## Cossins, Jethro Anstice 1830 - 1917



Jethro Anstice Cossins was born in Kingsdon, Somerset, England on 7 July 1830 and was articled to Frederick William Fiddian in London in 1847. In 1850 he moved to Birmingham.

He was in partnership with John George Bland (1820-1898) from 1880; with <u>Frank</u> <u>Barry Peacock</u> (1859-1937) from 1889 [or 1887- sources differ] as Cossins & Peacock; and with <u>Hubert Rawson Bewlay</u> (1869-1904) as <u>Cossins, Peacock &</u> <u>Bewlay</u>. When Bewlay became ill, he was replaced in the partnership by his younger brother, <u>Ernest Chawner Bewlay</u> (1872-1942) in c.1900.

Cossins subsequently withdrew from the practice and by 1916 Peacock and Bewlay were in partnership with <u>Samuel Nathaniel Cooke</u> (1882-1964) as <u>Peacock</u> <u>Bewlay & Cooke</u> in Birmingham. Cooke at some time also dropped out of the partnership and Peacock and Bewlay continued the practice as Peacock & Bewlay. The partnership was eventually dissolved in December 1934.

Cossins was a member Birmingham Architectural Association and its President. He was also a member of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). In addition to his work as an architect, Cossins was a painter. He died in Birmingham on 8 December 1917.

A biographical file on Jethro Anstice Cossins is available at the Enquiry Desk at the Royal Institute of British Architects Library in London

Worked in UK Works Architectural projects by Cossins included Mason Science College, Edmund Street, Birmingham (1880); 15 Westbourne Road, Birmingham (1881-82); Old Liberal Club, Edmund Street, Birmingham (1883); Cromwell Junior and Infant School, Birmingham (1888); Town Hall, Darlaston (1888); Bloomsbury Library, Nechells, Birmingham (1890); Birmingham Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital (1890-91); Library, Balsall Heath, Birmingham (1895); 15 Wentworth Road, Sutton Coldfield (1908).

See also: Baker, Ann; Butler, Joanne and Southworth, Pat. 'Cossins Peacock and Bewlay' [*see* **Bibliography** *below*] for a selected list of architectural works by Cossins Peacock & Bewlay (pp. 239-248).

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