

Baker, Herbert 1862 - 1946



Herbert Baker [also known as Sir Herbert Baker] was born in Cobham, Kent, England on 9 June 1862 and was articled to his uncle, Arthur Baker (1842-1897) in September 1881 for three years. He also attended classes at the Architectural Association Schools in London. After working as Clerk of Works for Baker at Llanberis Church in North Wales for 18 months, he was employed as an improver and assistant with Sir Ernest George (1839-1922) and Harold Ainsworth Peto of Ernest George & Peto in London from 1886 to 1890. He also attended the Royal Academy Schools in London. In 1889 Baker qualified as an architect and the following year was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1900.

In 1891 he moved to South Africa and established architectural practises in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

In 1912 Baker worked with Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) in New Delhi, India, where he designed the Secretariat Building and the Parliament House. For reasons on health he returned to England in 1913. From 1917 he was employed as one of the main architects of the War Graves Commission. During the 1920s he designed several war memorials and acted as consultant in the design of others. Later in his career he worked as an architect to the Governments of Kenya, South Africa and India. He died in Cobham, Kent on 4 February 1946.

Worked in

UK

Works

New Delhi: the Secretariats; Legislative Buildings. South Africa: Union Buildings, Pretoria; Government House, Pretoria; Railway Station, Pretoria; the Cathedral, Pretoria; the Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia; the Cathedral, Cape Town (with Mr. Masey), and other churches; S. African Institute of Medical Research, Johannesburg [with Mr. H.L.F. Fleming]; Union Club, Johannesburg [with Mr. H.L.F. Fleming]; Groote Schuur, Cape Town; Rhodes Memorial. Table Mountain; 'Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg, and other houses. England: Harrow School War Memorial; Winchester College War Memorial; Kent County War Memorial, Canterbury; Hampshire and Isle of Wight War Memorial; Cubloy Village, Penlstone; [with Mr. E. Wilmott] House at Lympe for Sir Philip Sassoon, Bt. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1923]

Secretariats and Legislative Buildings, New Delhi ; South African Institute of Medical Research, Johannesburg ; Union Club, Johannesburg ; Groote Schuur, Cape Town ; Rhodes Memorial, Table Mountain ; Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg (all with H. L. F. Fleming) ; Union Buildings, Pretoria ; Government House, Pretoria; Railway Station, Pretoria; Cathedral, Pretoria; Cathedral, Salisbury, Rhodesia ; Cathedral, Cape Town (with Mr. Masey) ; Harrow School War Memorial ; Winchester College War Memorial ; Kent County War Memorial, Canterbury ; W. G. Grace Memorial, Lords ; Sir Philip Sassoon's house at Lympe (with E. Wilmott). [Source: Marriott, Charles. Modern English Architecture. London: Chapman & Hall, 1924 pp. 228-229]

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