

Leeson, Richard John 1850 - 1914

Richard John Leeson was born in Norwich, Norfolk, England in January 1850 and appears to have been articled to a London architect. He was in partnership in [Thomas Oliver](#) (1824-1902) in Newcastle-upon-Tyne from 1879, and with [William Henry Wood](#) (1859-c.1941) from 1898 as [Oliver Leeson & Wood](#). Oliver died in 1902, but the name of the company remained unchanged for some years.

A drawing and a plan for a country house designed by Oliver, Leeson & Wood are illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1907 (p.37) and a drawing and ground- and first-floor plans of a house in Northumberland designed by Oliver Leeson & Wood are illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1910 (p.64). The partnership was dissolved in 1911. Leeson was a member of the Northern Architectural Association and the Northumberland Handicrafts Guild. He died in Lacock, Wiltshire 7 January 1914. His obituary appeared in The Builder 16 January 1914 p.85.

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