

## **Usher & Anthony 1880 - ?**

Usher & Anthony was an architectural partnership formed in Bedford, Bedfordshire, England, in 1880 by John Usher (1822-1904) and Alfred Ernest Anthony (c.1853-1920).

Virtually all the commissions undertaken by the practice were in the Bedford area. This included a mansion and lodges at Clapham Park, Bedford for Mr. James Howard (1873); Mill Street Baptist Chapel and restoration of the Howard Chapel in Bedford; Baptist Chapel in Rothsay Road, Bedford; the Bedford Liberal Club; the Woodlands in Clapham, Bedford; and Great Barford House in Bedford.

Usher & Anthony were the first surveyors to the Trustees of the St. John's Hospital in Bedford and were responsible for laying out Waldeck Avenue and De Parys Avenue in Bedford; and Bedford Cemetery.

By the mid-1880s Usher had significantly reduced his involvement in the practice, and from then on, Anthony effectively ran the office.

Usher died at his residence, Hiawatha, 6 Goldington Road, Bedford on 5 November 1904. Anthony died in Bedford, Bedfordshire on 18 March 1920.

It would seem that the name of the firm was maintained after the death of the two founding partners as a photograph, floor plan and brief description of a house at Biddenham, Bedford, executed to a design by Michael Dawn, by Usher & Anthony is featured in 'Decorative Art' 1931 (p.10).

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Links

- Article on John Usher by Linda S Ayres. Forest Hill Road Cemetery

<https://www.fosterhillroadcemetery.co.uk/john-usher-architect-surveyor-1822-1904/>

- The National Archives - Miscellaneous Records of Usher & Anthony of Bedford, architects <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/f86e08bb-306a-4112-80a5-6b313d5dea48>

- Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service - 77 and 81 High Street Blunham

<https://bedsarchives.bedford.gov.uk/CommunityHistories/Blunham/77And81HighStreetBlunham>