

Welch, Herbert Arthur 1884 - 1953

Herbert Arthur Welch was born in Seaton, Devon in 1884 and was articled to Thomas Farrell in Sherborne, Dorset from 1899 to 1903. He then moved to London where he worked as assistant to John Robert Moore Smith (1856-1945) from 1903 to 1905 and in the Architects' Department of the London & Northwestern Railway in 1905-06. He also studied at University College, London from 1905 to 1907 and attended classes at the Architectural Association Schools in London. He qualified as an architect in 1910.

In 1908 he was engaged by [Parker & Unwin](#) to work on the development of Hampstead Garden Suburb, where he designed the residences on Wordsworth Walk and Coleridge Walk, and several other houses. He was subsequently in independent practice in London and was in partnership with Francis James Watson (1880-1953) in c.1910; with [Henry Clifford Hollis](#) (1883-1946) as [Welch & Hollis](#) from c.1913 to 1928; and with [Felix James Lander](#) (1897-1960) and [Nugent Francis Cachemaille-Day](#) (1896-1976) from 1928 as [Welch, Cachemaille-Day & Lander](#). In collaboration with Frederick Etchells (1887-1953), the partnership designed the much-admired Crawford's Advertising office building at 233 High Holborn, London in 1930. The partnership was dissolved in 1935 when Cachemaille-Day left to set up his own practice and Lander and Welch continued as Herbert A. Welch & Felix J. Lander.

Welch was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1911 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1924. He was awarded the London Architecture Medal in 1933. He died in North Walsham, Norfolk, Norfolk on 13 February 1953.

Worked in

UK

Works

Hendon Central Fire Station (1913); the Refectory, Golders Green (1914); rebuilding Messrs. Drage's premises. High Holborn (1922-23); many houses and cottages at the Hampstead Garden Suburb, Hendon and Edgware (1925); stud stables and alterations and extensions to Corsley House, near Frome, Somerset (1922); "Shortlands", Seaton. Devon (1913); "The Hollies". Great Missenden (1912); houses at Horne Bay (1923); Hindhead (1923); Oaklelgh Park, N. (1923);

Sherborne, Dorset; Minehead (1924); Margate; Northwood (1925) and Golders Green (1913 and 1923); housing schemes, Sherborne, Dorset: Friern Barnet, Middlesex (1919-21); and Erith, Kent (1914-15): United Dairies Delivery Depot, Finchley Road, N.W., 1923: shops (1913) and motor garage (1914) at Golders Green; Golders Green War Memorial, 1923; alterations and additions, Spencer Hotel, Portman Street, W., 1921- 22; flats at Eastbourne, 1919-20: shops and flats at Golders Green, Hendon and Edgware (1925). [Who's Who in Architecture 1926]

See also [Welch, Cachemaille-Day & Lander](#)

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