

## Adams, Harry Percy 1865 - 1930

Harry Percy Adams [also known as H. Percy Adams; and as Henry Percy Adams] was born in Ipswich, Suffolk, England 26 October 1865 and in 1881 was articled to Brightwen Binyon (1846-1905) in Ipswich later worked as his assistant. He also attended South Kensington Branch School of Art. He subsequently worked as an assistant to Stephen Salter (1825-1896). Adams was awarded the RIBA Silver Medal for Drawing in 1888; the RIBA Donaldson Medal for 1888-89; Gold and Silver Medals by South Kensington Museum; the Godwin Bursar in 1894.

In 1888 he commenced practice as an architect in partnership with Stephen Salter and in 1907 formed a partnership in London with [Charles Holden](#), (1875-1960) as [Adams & Holden](#). They were joined in 1911 [or 1913 - sources differ] by [Lionel Godfrey Pearson](#) (1879-1953) as [Adams, Holden & Pearson](#), and later by Adams's son, Percy Webster Adams (1900-1962). The partnership was dissolved in 1940.

Adams was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1896. His address was given as Chestnut House, Ipswich, Suffolk in 1888; 28 Woburn Place, Russell Square, London in 1896 and 1914; 9 Knightsbridge, Hyde Park Corner, London in 1926 and 1928. He died in London on 7 April 1930.

Worked in

UK

Works

The King's Sanatorium, Midhurst (for his late Majesty King Edward VII); University of London, King's Coll. for Women: new hall and premises for Law Society, Chancery Lane; new hall and premises for Institution of Electrical Engineers. Embankment; Orchestral Association's premises. New Bond Street; English Hospital, Constantinople; Sutton Valence Schools for Cloth-workers' Company; Woburn Hospital, Woburn Town Hall extensions, and many houses for his Graco the Duke of Bedford, K. G.; "Rignalls", Missenden, for Sir Felix Semon; business premises, Oxford Street, London (Evelyn House, Norwich House, and Oakley House): No. 15 Old Bond Street: South London Children's Hospital; Tunbridge Wells Hospital; West Ham Hospital; Heart Hospital (with Mr. Goslett). [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

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The King Edward VII. Sanatorium ; the Newcastle Royal Infirmary; the Bristol Royal Infirmary; the Bristol Central Library; the Sutton Valence Public School; the British Hospital at Constantinople: the Tunbridge Wells Hospital; the Law Society's new buildings; the Institute of Electrical Engineers new buildings ; Evelyn House, Oxford Street, W.; Norwich House, High Holborn, W.C.; Oakley House, Bury Street, W.C.; Woburn Cottage Hospital; Ampthill Hospital; Hitchin Hospital: Orchestral Association's now premises; Ipswich Workhouse and Infirmary; " Rignalls", Great Missenden; the British Medical Association, Strand; London University, King's College for Woman; West Ham Hospital; Belgrave Hospital, Kennington; the Women's Hospital, Soho: Southport Hospital; Deal and Walmer Hospital; Bedford County Hospital; Royal Northern Hospital Nurses' Home; 15, Old Bond Street. W.; Warneford and Leamington Hospital; Bedford Council Offices [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1923]

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King Edward VII Sanatorium, Midhurst; Newcastle Royal Infirmary; Royal Infirmary, Bristol; Central Reference Library, Bristol ; Incorporated Law Society's Building, Chancery Lane ; British Medical Association's Building, Strand ; Institute of Electrical Engineers ; London University, King's College for Women, Kensington ; Women's Hospital, Soho ; Public Schools at Sutton Valence, near Maidstone ; Woburn Cottage Hospital. [Source: Marriott, Charles. Modern English Architecture. London: Chapman & Hall, 1924 p. 227]

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See also the Wikipedia entry on Adams [*link below*]

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