

## **Bossom, Alfred Charles 1881 - 1965**



Alfred Charles Bossom [also known as Alfred C. Bossom; and as Baron Bossom of Maidstone] was born in Islington, London on 16 October 1881 and studied architecture at the Regent Street Polytechnic and the Royal Schools in London. In 1903 [or 1904 - sources differ] he moved to the USA and after working in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, established a highly-successful architectural practice in Manhattan which specialised in the design of skyscrapers. He also designed a number of large private houses.

In 1926 he returned to Britain. He effectively abandoned architecture and switched his attention to politics and public service. In 1931 he was elected Member of Parliament for Maidstone in Kent, a seat he held until his retirement in 1959.

Bossom was the author of a number of books on architecture. He died at his home in Westminster, London on 4 September 1965

Worked in

UK

USA

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