Gotthilf, Ernst von 1865 - 1950

Ernst von Gotthilf [also known as Ernst Gotthilf] was born in Temesvár, Hungary [now Timosara, Romania] on 1 October 1865. He studied architecture at the Polytechnikum in Zürich, and at the Technische Hochschule and the Akademie der bildenden Künste in Vienna. After working in the office of Ferdinand Fellner the Elder (1847–1916) and Hermann Helmer (1849–1919) of Helmer & Fellner in Vienna for two years, he started his own practice in Vienna in c.1892. His first commissions were mainly rental houses and residential and commercial building. His most significant project from this period was a hospital for the Wiener Kaufmannschaft on Peter-Jordan-Straße (1908-10)

In 1909, with Ernst Gotthilf and Alexander Neumann (1861–1947) he established an architectural partnership Vienna. They soon became one of the leading architectural firms in Vienna, and were particularly know for their work as bank designers. Unlike many architectural firms, continued to prosper during the First World War, working on construction contracts. However, they hit financial difficulties in the post-war years.

Following the Anschluss [Nazi annexation of Austria] in 1938, Gotthilf, who was Jewish, emigrated to England and settled in Oxford, where he died on 17 September 1950

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