

## [Douglas, John 1830 - 1911](#)



John Douglas [also known as "John Douglas of Chester"] was born in Sandiway, Cheshire, England on 11 April 1830 and was articled to Edward Graham Paley (1823-1895) of Sharpe & Paley in Leicester in the 1840s.

He commenced independent practice as an architect in c.1860 in Chester, Cheshire and worked on his own until 1884 when he formed a partnership with [Daniel Porter Fordham](#) (1845?-1899) in the Chester-based architectural practice [Douglas & Fordham](#). They were in partnership until 1897 when Fordham retired from the practice for health reasons. After working alone again, Douglas formed a partnership with [Charles Howard Minshull](#) (1858-1934) as [Douglas & Minshull](#) in Chester.

Failing health forced Douglas to retire in 1909 and Minshull took over the practice. In c.1911 he took on a new partner, [Joseph Edward Muspratt](#) (1857-1928). The firm subsequently continued as [Douglas, Minshull & Muspratt](#). It retained this title until at least the mid-1920s.

Douglas died in Dee Banks, Chester, England on 23 May 1911.

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Works

Notable work by Douglas included a new wing for Vale Road Abbey in Whitegate, Cheshire (1860); St John's Church in Over, Cheshire (1860-63); Congregational Chapel in Over, Cheshire (1865); a shop at 19-21 Sankey Street, Warrington,

Cheshire (1864); a lodge and other buildings at Grosvenor Park, Chester (1865–67); St John the Baptist's Church in Aldford, Cheshire (1865–66); Oakmere Hall, near Cuddington, Cheshire (1867); St Ann's in Warrington, Cheshire (1868–69); buildings on the Eaton Hall estate near Eccleston, Cheshire (1869–early 1890s); Shotwick Park near Saughall, Cheshire (1872); restoration of St John the Baptist's Church in Hartford, Cheshire (1873–75); restoration of Mary's Church in Whitegate, Cheshire (1874); rebuilding of St Paul's Church, Boughton in Chester, Cheshire (1876); The Geli in Tallarn Green, Flintshire (1877); St Michael and All Angels Church in Altcar, Cheshire (1878–79); 6–11 Grosvenor Park Road, a terrace of houses in Chester, Cheshire (c.1879–81); Eccleston Hill Lodge in Eccleston, Cheshire (1881); Eccleston Hill in Eccleston, Cheshire (1881–82); Grosvenor Club in Chester, Cheshire (1881–83); North and South Wales Bank in Chester, Cheshire (1881–83); St Mary's Church in Pulford, Cheshire (1881–84); Eccleston Paddocks in Eccleston, Cheshire (1882–83); Barrowmore Hall in Great Barrow, Cheshire (c.1883); a building for the Cheshire County Constabulary at 142 Foregate Street, Chester, Cheshire (1884); Abbeystead House in Abbeystead, Lancashire (with Fordham, 1885–87); Ford Lane Farm, near Aldford, Cheshire (1890); Obelisk, Belgrave Avenue, Eaton Hall estate, Cheshire (1891); Church of St James the Great in Haydock, Cheshire (with Fordham, c.1891–92); St Wenefrede's Church in Bickley, Cheshire (with Fordham, 1892); All Saints Church in Higher Kinnerton, Flintshire (with Fordham, 1893); Post Office, Warburton, Cheshire (1893); Brocksford Hall in Doveridge, Derbyshire (with Fordham, 1893); Eccleston Lodge and gates, Eaton Hall estate, Cheshire (1894); East side (including Martin's Bank) on St. Warburgh Street, Chester (1895–99); St. Oswald's Chambers, St. Warburgh Street, Chester (c.1895); Walmoor Hill, Dee Banks, near Chester for himself (1896); 38 Bridge Street in Chester, Cheshire (with Fordham, 1897); Dee Banks, in Chester, Cheshire, his own house (1897); Congregational Church in Great Crosby, Lancashire (with Fordham, 1897–98); Diamond Jubilee Clock, East Gate, Chester (1897–99); St John the Evangelist's Church in Weston, Runcorn, Cheshire (1897–1900); St Oswald's Chambers in St Werburgh Street, Chester (with Minshull, 1898); Congregational Church, Eshe Road North, Great Crosby, Lancashire (1898); Public Baths, Chester (with Minshull, 1898–1901); St Ethelwold's Church, Shotton, Flintshire (with Minshull, 1898–1902); additions to St Matthew's Church Buckley, Flintshire (with Minshull, 1898–1905); St Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, Flintshire (with Minshull, 1899–1906); St. Paul's Church, Boughton, Cheshire (1902); St John the Evangelist's Church in Sandiway, Cuddington, Cheshire (with Minshull, 1902–03); and Episcopal Church, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire (with Minshull, 1903).

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