

## Maxwell & Tuke 1868 - 1925

Maxwell & Tuke was an architectural partnership formed by [James Maxwell](#) (1838-1893) and [William Charles Tuke](#) (1841-1893) in Manchester, England in 1868.

In 1876 Maxwell and Tuke formed a separate architectural partnership with Samuel Hurst (1849-1890) as Maxwell, Tuke & Hurst in Southport, Lancashire. This practice, which specialised in the design of Nonconformist chapels and schools, appears to have operated independently of Maxwell & Tuke.

Following the death of the original partners, in 1893 Maxwell & Tuke was continued for some years by James Maxwell's son, Francis William Maxwell (1863-1941) who retained the original name of the firm. He had joined the practice in the 1880s and by the time of his father's death had been made a partner in the firm.

Maxwell & Tuke experienced financial difficulties in the years following World War One and ceased business in 1925 when Francis William Maxwell was declared bankrupt.

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The best known project on which Maxwell & Tuke worked was Blackpool Tower. It was commissioned by the Blackpool Tower Company who were inspired to create a structure similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris as a tourist attraction for the seaside resort of Blackpool. The tower was constructed between 1891 and 1894. Maxwell & Tuke also designed Marine Drive on the Isle of Man (1892-93); the New Brighton Tower in Wallasey, Cheshire, built in 1897-98, which was taller than the Blackpool Tower, but was later dismantled; Goodall's department store in Manchester (1902); a pavilion and entrance kiosks for Blackpool's north pier (1903); a Pavilion for the sea front in Rhyl, Wales (1908); and the Whitehead clock tower in Bury (1914)

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See also Architects of Greater Manchester 1800-1940 - Maxwell & Tuke;  
Wikipedia - List of works by Maxwell and Tuke; and Historic England (*links below*)

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- ART UK - Whitehead Clock Tower, Bury

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