

Butler, Edmund John 1862 - 1946

Edmund John Butler [commonly known as Edmund Butler] was born in Birmingham, England on 3 July 1862 and was articled to D. Smith & Son in Birmingham between 1878 and 1883. He then worked as an assistant to W.J. Moore in Bournemouth, Dorset; to Alexander Ross Stenning; and to [William Henry Romaine Walker](#) (1854-1940) and Augustus William Tanner (1843-1923) of Romaine Walker & Tanner.

Butler commenced independent practice as an architect in Birmingham in 1885. He was in partnership with [Joseph Crouch](#) (1869-1956) as [Crouch & Butler](#) from 1885, and with [Rupert Savage](#) (1871-1956) as [Crouch, Butler & Savage](#) from 1902. Butler was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1911, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1913.

With Joseph Crouch he was co-author of two books: *The Apartments of the House* (1900), and *Churches, Mission Halls and Schools for Non-conformists* (1901).

Butler died in Warwick, Warwickshire on 15 November 1946

Worked in

UK

Works

Works by Crouch & Butler included Shop for George Cadbury, Great Hampton Street, Birmingham (1887); 56 houses, three shops and workshop for H. C. Fulford, New Town Row, St. Stephen's Street and Ashford Street, Birmingham (1888); Chapel, Mission Room and caretaker's house, Inge Street, Long Acre, Birmingham (1888); Wesleyan Elementary School, Coventry Street, Birmingham (1888); 10 houses for Richard Rabone, Woodstock and Anderton Park Roads, Birmingham (1889); Baptist Chapel and School, St. Thomas and Charles Hentry Streets, Birmingham (1890); Factory, warehouse and shop, Oliver Street, Birmingham for Brampton & Co. (1890); Dactory, Hampton Street, Birmingham for N. S. Heeley (1890); Shop, Great Hampton Street for Green, Caper & Co. (1891); Shop, 5-7 Hockley Hill, Birngham for S. Dale (1891); Factory, Price Street, Birmingham for Bolt Addis (1891); 16 houses, Villiers Street, Winson Green, Birmingham (1891); Offices and shops for Dr Parks, Newhall and Lionel Streets, Birmingham (1891); Red Hill Elementary School, Yardley, Birmingham (1892); Red

Hill Elementary Boad School, Hay Mill, Birmingham (1892); 8 houses for John Loughton off Bacchus Road, Birmingham (1893); Factory, Northwood Street, Birmingham for W. J. Baker (1893); Factory, Oliver Street, Birmingham for F. Brampton (1893); 16 houses and a shop for John Loughton, Leonard Street, Birmingham (1894); Lozells Methodist Church, Loizells Street, Birmingham (1894); 46 houses for H. C. Fulford, Kenhelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham (1895); Wesleyan Chapel, Somerset House, Handsworth (1895); Premises, Livery Street, Birmingham for William Pope (1895); Shop, Shofield Street, Birmingham for F. Brampton (1895); 51 houses for H. C. Fulford, Kenhelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham (1896); Gaiety Concert Hall, Gem Street, Birmingham for Weldon Watt (1896); Business premises, workshops and restaurants, 153-161 Corporation Street, Birmingham for A. R. Dean, furniture manufacturer and retailer (1896-99); Cycle factory, Sampson Road, Birmingham for A. W. G. Baxter (1897); Shop, 36 Darwin Street, Birmingham for Charles Hodges (1897); Aston Higher Grade Elementary School, Whitehead Road, Aston (1898); Business premises for Edgar Evans, Lancaster Street, Birmingham (1899); Kiln, Cleveland Street, Birmingham, for Morland Bros.; Sydenham Hotel, Golden Hillock and Anderton Roads, Small Heath, Birmingham for Thomas Leckie (1900); Broadway Lower School, Whitehead Road, Aston, Birmingham (1900); Wesleyan Mission Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (1900).

Works by Crouch, Butler & Savage included Technical School, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield (1903); New premises, Barwick Street, Birmingham for Barwick Estates (1903); Chapel, Wesleyan School, Streetley (1903); Congregational Chapel, Lea Road, Penn Fields, Wolverhampton (1905); Factory, Hockley Hill, Birmingham for S. Wall (1905); Wesleyan Church, Briton Ferry, Glamorgan (1906); Rawtenstall Municipal Building and library, Rawtenstall, Lancashire (1906); Holyfield Road Elementary School, Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield (1906); Church hall, parsonage and caretaker's house, Four Oaks Methodist Church, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield (1907); Public Library, Walsall Street, Wednsbury (1908); Wesleyan Church, Tyburn, Birmingham (1909); Wesleyan Church, Stockfield Green, Birmingham (1909); Wesleyan Church, Streetley, Birmingham (1909); Hostel for Girls, Corporation Street, Birmingham (1910); Brook Lane Elementary School, King's Heath, Birmingham (1911); Premises, Cornwall Street, Birmingham for Coud Bros. (1911); Women's Hostel, St. Mary's Row, Birmingham for Wesleyan Central Committee (1912); New premises for Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, New Street, Birmingham (1912); Grammar School, Barnsley, Yorkshire (1914); 8 houses for F. Isherwood, Alum Park Road, Birmingham (1914); 114 houses, for F. Isherwood, Foxton Road, Saltley, Birmingham (1914); and 12 houses, for F. Isherwood, Hazelbeach Road, Saltley, Birmingham (1914)

See also:

Historic England [*link below*] - contains over 40 references to architectural work by Crouch & Butler and by Crouch, Butler & Savage

British Listed Buildings [*link below*] - 40 listed buildings by Crouch & Butler and Crouch, Butler & Savage

List of Architectural Works of Crouch and Butler in Herbert, Rudi and Shackley, Barbara. 'Crouch and Butler' pp. 471-76 [**Bibliography** below]

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Herbert, Rudi and Shackley, Barbara. 'Crouch and Butler' in Birmingham's Victorian and Edwardian Architects, edited by Phillada Ballard. Wetherby: Oblong Creative Ltd. for the Birmingham and West Midlands Group of the Victorian Society, 2009, pp. 451-478

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Links

- Historic England - contains over 40 references to architectural work by Crouch & Butler and by Crouch, Butler & Savage <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/photos/item/BL16348>

- Archiseek <https://www.archiseek.com/tag/crouch-butler/>

Wolverhampton Locally Listed Buildings - Buckminster Methodist Church

<http://www.historywebsite.co.uk/listed/localist/beckmeth.htm>

- Mapping the Practice and Profession of Sculpture in Britain & Ireland 1851-1951

https://sculpture.gla.ac.uk/mapping/public/view/organization.php?id=msib4_1243519243

- Geograph <https://www.geograph.org.uk/tagged/architects:Crouch+%26+Butler>

- Sutton Coldfield Local History Research Group <https://sclhrg.org.uk/history-spot/106-articles-201-240/2077-seven-gables-235.html>

- Four Oaks Methodist Church <https://www.fouroaksmethodist.org.uk/our-church-building>

- Art Nouveau World <https://art.nouveau.world/edmund-butler>
- British Listed Buildings - 40 listed buildings by Crouch & Butler and Crouch, Butler & Savage <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/site-search/?q=Crouch%20Butler>