

## **Blashill, Thomas 1830 - 1905**

Thomas Blashill was born in Sutton-in-Holderness, Hull, England in October 1830 [or 1831 - sources differ]. He subsequently moved to London and studied at University College, London and spent three years training in the office of Thomas Edward Knightley (1823?-1904). In 1866 he was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) and in 1877 a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA).

In 1876 he was appointed District Surveyor for Bethnal Green East by the Metropolitan Board of Works and in 1886 was made of Superintending Architect of Metropolitan Buildings and Architect and Superintending Architect of the Board. When the board was abolished in 1889 and replaced by the London County Council Blashill became Superintending Architect of Metropolitan Buildings and Architect to the Council a post he held until his death.

During his tenure he was responsible for designing the Old County Hall, Spring Gardens, the Boundary Estate, the Millbank Estate and the entrances for the Blackwall Tunnel. He also designed a number of fire stations and parks buildings.

Blashill died in London on 19 or 20 January 1905

Worked in

UK

Works

See: Historic England [*link below*]

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- Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980  
[http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/architect\\_full.php?id=203795](http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/architect_full.php?id=203795)
- Historic England - contains 13 records of architectural work by Thomas Blashill  
<https://historicengland.org.uk/sitesearch?searchType=site&search=%22Thomas%20Blashill%22>
- The National Archives  
<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/37027d88-4f62-4d16-98dd-75272de680cf>
- Find a Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71083689/thomas-blashill>