

## **Brophy, Andrew Fingar 1844 - 1911**



Andrew Fingar Brophy [commonly known as A.F. Brophy; also known as Andrew Fingar Brophy, and as Andrew Finger Brophy] was born in Limerick, Ireland in December 1844. He began his career as a teacher of mechanical drawing. In 1882 he was appointed Master of the City of London Guilds Technical Institute.

He worked as a freelance pattern designer and from the 1870s to the early 1900s designed wallpapers for Wm. Woollams & Co., Arthur Sanderson, Scott, Cuthbertson, and Jeffrey & Co. Between 1900 and 1912 Brophy supplied 140 designs to Sanderson.

Examples of wallpaper designed by Brophy are included in the permanent collection of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, and the archive of Sanderson

Brophy apparently practised as an architect, however, no work by him in this field has been traced

Brophy died in Hendon, Middlesex on 12 December 1911

Worked in  
Ireland

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