

## **Gibson, James Glen Sivewright 1861 - 1951**



James Glen Sivewright Gibson [also known as James Gibson; and as James S. Gibson] born in Arbroath, Tayside, Scotland on 23 November 1861 and was articled to David Maclaren (1848-1887) of Ireland & Maclaren, School Board Architects in Dundee, from 1877 to 1881. He was then employed as a draughtsman by Pearce Brothers, engineers and Alexander Hutcheson (c.1842-1917), following which he moved to London where he worked as an assistant to William Wallace and Harry Wilkinson Moore (1850-1915). He also worked in the office of Thomas Edward Collcutt (1840-1924).

Gibson commenced independent practice as an architect in London 1889 and passed his professional exam the following year. He was in partnership with Samuel Bridgman Russell (1864-1955) as Gibson & Russell from 1890 to 1900; with William Wallace as Wallace & Gibson from c.1900 to 1909; with Frank Peyton Skipworth (1881-1915) and Walter Symington Athol Gordon (1879-1968) as Gibson, Skipwith & Gordon from 1909 to c.1914; and, following the death of Skipwoth in 1915 whist serving in the Arming during World War One, as Gibson & Gordon until c.1922.

Gibson was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1890 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1902. He died in London on 27 March 1951.

A biographical file on James Glen Sivewright Gibson is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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## Works

London County Council Hostel for Working Men, Parker Street, Covent Garden, London (1891); West Riding County Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, Yorkshire, with S.B. Russell (1894-98); West Ham West Ham Municipal Technical Institute, Library and Museum, Romford Road, West Ham, London, with S.B. Russell (1895-98); Passmore Edwards Museum, West Ham, London, with S.B. Russell (1900); Central Library, Albion Street, Hull, Yorkshire (1900-01); Walsall Town Hall and Library, Leicester Street, Walsall, Staffordshire (1901-05); Mexborough House, 33 Dover Street, London (1905-06); alterations to Caxton Hall, Westminster (1906); Middlesex Guildhall, Parliament Square, Westminster, London (1906-13); Debenham & Freebody department store, Wigmore Street, London (1907-09); Arding & Hobbs department store, Lavender Hill, Battersea, London (1910); and Portsmouth War Memorial, with W.S.A. Gordon (1921). He also designed offices for the Scottish Equitable Assurance Society, 13 Cornhill, London; St. James's Hospital, Balham, London; and Parnall's Store, Wilton Road, London

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