

## **Morris, James Archibald 1857 - 1942**



James Archibald Morris [also known as James A. Morris] was born in Ayr, Scotland on 14 January 1857 and was articled to Andrew Lindsay Miller (1847-1903) in Glasgow from 1873 to 1878. He also studied at Glasgow School of Art, the Royal Academy Schools in London, and at the Slade School of Fine Art, University College, London in 1879-80.

He commenced independent practice as an architect in Ayr in 1880 and from May 1885 to May 1896 was in partnership with James Kennedy Hunter (1863-1929) as Morris & Hunter in Ayr. During this period, Morris was also in partnership with Alfred Chastel de Boinville (1850-1897) in London from 1891 to c.1896. From May 1896 onwards Morris worked as an independent architect with offices in Ayr and Glasgow. In 1930 he was appointed to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland

Morris was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1881 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1889. He was also elected a member of the Art Workers Guild in 1892, an Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy (ARSA) in 1916, and a full member of the Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) in 1931.

Morris was the author numerous publications on Scottish history and culture. He died in Ayr on 8 November 1942

Worked in  
UK

## Works

Art Schools, Ayr Academy; remodelling and extension, Ayr Academy; St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Troon; Red House, Ayr; St. John's, Wallacetown; Hinton House, Northamptonshire; Conheath House, and private chapel, Dumfriesshire ; Savoy Park, Ayr; preservative work, Crossraguel Abbey, Ayrshire; Old Brig of Ayr; Greenan Castle, Ayrshire; Memorial Gateway, Girvan; Balgarth, Ayr; Savoy Croft, Ayr; church and domestic furnishings, and craftsman's work; Glenburn, Prestwick; Golf Club House, Prestwlck. [Source: *Who's Who in Architecture 1914*]

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See also Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980 [*link below*]

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## Links

- Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980

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- artnet <http://www.artnet.com/artists/james-archibald-morris/past-auction-results>
- Historic Environment Scotland - 1-7 (odd numbers only) Burns Statue Square, Ayr <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB21517>
- Historic Environment Scotland - St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Troon <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB42109>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Cessford, Troon <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB42161>
- Historic Environment Scotland - St. Ninian's Rectory, Troon <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB45249>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Glasgow Golf Club, Killermont House, Bearsden <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB22131>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Roman Court, Bearsden <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB52462>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Lyle Kirk, Greenock <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB34095>
- Historic Environment Scotland - University of Glasgow, Gilmorehill Campus Buildings <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB32913>
- Historic Environment Scotland - Ranfurly Castle Golf Clubhouse, Bridge of Weir <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB12779>