

Watson, Robert 1865 - 1916

Robert Watson was born in Leith, Midlothian, Scotland on 31 July 1865 and was articled to Robert Paterson (1825-1889) of Robert Paterson & Son in Edinburgh from 1881 to 1884. He then worked as an assistant to Hippolyte Jean Blanc (1844-1917) in Edinburgh from 1884 to 1887; and to Hew Maitland Wardrop (1856-1887) and Robert Rowand Anderson (1834-1921) of Wardrop & Anderson from 1887 to 1890 in Edinburgh. During these years he was also employed as an assistant to James Marjoribanks MacLaren (1853-1890) in London.

Watson qualified as an architect in 1887 and in 1890 with the Glaswegian architect [William Newton Dunn](#) (1859-1934) he formed the partnership, [Dunn & Watson](#), to continue the London practice of MacLaren who had died that year.

Over the next 22 years the practice worked on commissions in many parts of England, and in Scotland, South Africa and Romania.

In 1912 [William Curtis Green](#) (1875-1960) joined the practice which was renamed [Dunn, Watson & Curtis Green](#).

Watson was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1888 and Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1904. He died in Farnham, Surrey, England in February [or March] 1916. Following his death the practice became [Dunn & Curtis Green](#). This partnership was dissolved in 1919 when Dunn retired to Kenya

Worked in

UK

Works

See: Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980; and Historic Environment Scotland [*links below*]

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Links

- Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980

http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/architect_full.php?id=200753

- The James M. MacLaren Society - Dunn & Watson

<https://jmmaclaren.org/people/dunn-and-watson>

- Historic Environment Scotland - 21 entries on architectural work by Dunn & Watson

<http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/hes/web/f?p=1505%3A200%3A%3A%3ANO%3ARP%>

- Historic England - 2-4 Birchin Lane, London [by Dunn & Watson]

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1359147>

- Historic England - Highwood, Hertford Heath, Hertfordshire [by Dunn & Waton]

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1078783>

- Historic England - Marconis, Chelmsford, Essex [by Dunn & Watson]

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