

Unsworth, William Frederick 1851 - 1912

William Frederick Unsworth [also known as W. F Unsworth] was born in St Pancras, Middlesex, England in April 1851 and was articled to James Wilson (1816-1900) and William John Willcox (1838-1928) in Bath, England in 1869. After an eight-months study tour of France in 1871, he worked in the office of [George Edmund Street](#) (1824-1881) for nearly two years, and in the office of [William Burges](#) (1827-1881) for about a year.

Unsworth commenced independent practice as an architect in Westminster, London in 1875. He was in partnership with [Edward John Dodgshun](#) (1851-1927) as [Dodgshun & Unsworth](#) from c.1875 to c.1879. He was later in partnership with his son, Gerald Unsworth (1883-1946), and [Harry Inigo Triggs](#) (1876-1923) in Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire as [Unsworth & Triggs](#) [also known as Unsworth, Son & Triggs] from 1910.

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In addition to his work as an architect, Unsworth was a painter and between 1882 and 1902 exhibited at the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of British Artists in London.

Unsworth was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1882, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1891. He died in Restalls, Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire on 6 October 1912.

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