

## **Speir, John Allan 1880 - 1953**

John Allan Speir [also known as J. Allan Speir, and sometimes incorrectly as John Allan Spier\*] was born in Cardiff, Wales on 31 May 1880 and practised as an architect in Cardiff from the late 1890s onwards. From c.1904 he was in partnership with [Thomas Albert Beavan](#) (1880-1920) as [Speir & Beavan](#). Between c.1904 and 1908 they designed new branch libraries and reading rooms in Barry, Cathays and Canton in Cardiff and in Newport. Wales.

Cottages designed by Speir & Beaven are discussed and illustrated in Modern Cottages, Villas & Bungalows. A second series of Designs for Suburban & Country houses from £150 to £1,500 to build by Hugh B. Philpott (London: John Dicks Press Ltd., 1914 pp.18, 28).

Speir's address was given as 8 Cowbridge Road, Cardiff, Wales in 1901; 49 Stacey Road, Cardiff, Wales in 1911; and 31 Perryn Road, Acton, Middlesex in 1939. He died 7 Anglesmede Way, George V Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex on 28 September.

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\* His birth registration and later census details confirms that his surname was Speir.

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