

Hart, Alfred Henry 1866 - 1953

Alfred Henry Hart was born in Hoxton, London, England in 1866 and was articled to James Stanning Edmeston (1844-1887) in London. From 1885 he also studied at the Royal Academy Schools in London, where he was awarded a Gold Medal and the Travelling Scholarship in 1891; and at the Architectural Association in London, who awarded him a silver medal.

After working as an assistant to [Sir Ernest George](#) (1839-1922), and a study tour of France and Belgium, Hart commenced independent practice in London in 1894.

In 1901, with [Percy Leslie Waterhouse](#) (1864-1932), he formed the London-based architectural partnership [Hart & Waterhouse](#). Projects by the practice included offices for the Canada Emigration Department at 9 Charing Cross, London in 1902; Parkside at Albert Gate, London in 1908; additions to Cuddesden College, Oxford in 1909; and an office building for Willing Advertising at 356 Gray's Inn Road, London in 1909.

Following the death of Waterhouse in 1932 Hart became the sole partner in the practice which he continued to run until 1938, retaining the original title of the business. In 1938 he collaborated Sir Herbert Baker (1862-1946) in the design of the Royal Empire Society Headquarters in London.

Hart was on the Council of the Architectural Association and lectured on Colour as applied to Architecture at the AA for several years and was Vice-President of the AA in 1897-98. He was also architect to the Royal Colonial Institute.

In addition to his work as an architect, Hart was also a painter and exhibited the Royal Academy, the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, and Walker's Gallery in London.

Hart 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 1904. His address was given as 28 Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, London and 7 King's Road, London in 1890; 9 Staple Inn, Holborn, London in 1900; and 1 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, London in 1904 and 1938. He died in Burdon Bradstock, Dorset on 5 April 1953.

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Works

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Trafalgar House, Charing Cross; Parkside Mansions, Albert Gate; Royal Colonial Institute (remodelling); Alexandra House, Paddington; chemical laboratories, houses, Park Street, St. James's; Norwood Technical Institute (remodelling); "The Pryess", Hampstead; Messrs. Willings chief Offices, King's Cross; Clapham Maternity Hospital; school buildings at Brighton, Swanage, etc.; Cuddesdon College, Oxford (additions); numerous houses in different parts of the country. (Several of the above buildings were carried out in partnership with Leslie Waterhouse, M.A., F.R.I.B.A.) [Source: Entry on Alfred Henry Hart in *Who's Who in Architecture* 1923]

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