

## **Lunan, Thomas Melville 1878 - 1945**

Thomas Melville Lunan was born in Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Scotland on 11 March 1878 and was articled to James Miller (1861-1947) in Glasgow, Scotland from 1896 to 1901 whilst also training as an architect at Glasgow School of Art. In 1901 he entered the office of John Watson (1873-1936) and David Salmond (1876-1938) of Watson & Salmond in Glasgow where he worked as a senior assistant until 1903. He was also employed as a senior assistant by [Henry Edward Clifford](#) (1852-1932) in Glasgow from 1903 to 1909. In 1909 he was taken into partnership by Clifford as [Clifford & Lunan](#).

Following military service during World War One, Lunan returned to the practice. However, he had been mentally scarred by his experiences in the war and found it difficult to settle down to his professional work, consequently in 1923 Clifford bought him out of the practice. Lunan subsequently moved to Lincoln, where he eventually recovered his 'morale' and was employed in the Architects' Department of Lindsey County Council in Lincolnshire until at least the late 1930s.

Lunan was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1911 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1921. He died in Lincoln on 30 July 1945

Worked in

UK

Works

Architectural work by Lunan in partnership with H. E. Clifford included Perth Town Hall (1908); Hyndland Public School, 12, Airlie Street, Glasgow (1910); Cairn o'Mount, 34, Sherbrooke Avenue, Glasgow (1910-11); Glasgow School Board Offices, 127-129, Bath Street, Glasgow (1910-12); Kilmaronock United Free Church, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire (1911-12); Dewar's bonded warehouse, Glasgow Road, Perth (1912); Masonic Lodge, St. John Street, Campbeltown, Argyll (1912); Cathcart Established Church and manse, 119, Carmunnock Road, Glasgow (1914, 1923-29); Portland Established Church and Halls, 17, St Meddan's Street, Troon, Ayrshire (1914); Colston Wellpark Church, Springburn Road, Glasgow (1915); and Chapelpark, 16, 16A and 16B Ewenfield Road, Ayr, Ayrshire (1916).

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