

## **Richardson, Albert Edward 1880 - 1939**



Albert Edward Richardson [also known as Sir Albert Edward Richardson] was born in Hackney, London, England on 19 May 1880. He was articled to Victor R. Page from 1896 to 1898, and was an assistant to Evelyn A. Hellicar (1862-1949) from 1899 to 1902, Leonard Stokes in 1902-03, and Frank Thomas Verity (1864-1937) from 1904 to 1907. He also studied architecture at Birkbeck College (University of London) and Regent Street Polytechnic.

In 1906 he established an independent practice while still an assistant of Verity, and from c.1906 to 1939 was in partnership with [Charles Lovett Gill](#) (1880-1960) as [Richardson & Gill](#). In 1945 he formed a partnership with his son-in-law [Eric Alfred Scholefield \(E.A.S.\) Houfe \(1911-1993\)](#) as [Richardson & Houfe](#).

Richardson was a professor at the [Bartlett School of Architecture](#), University College London from 1919 to 1946. He was the author of numerous books and articles on architecture and architectural history.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1913 and was Vice-President of the RIBA in 1937-38. He was also elected a member of the [Art Workers' Guild](#) (AWG) in 1938 and was Master of the AWG in 1943.

He exhibited frequently at the [Royal Academy](#) in London from 1906 to 1964, and jointly with Charles Lovett Gill from 1924 to 1939. He was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy (ARA) in 1936 and a Royal Academician (RA) in 1944. He was President of the Royal Academy from 1954 to 1956.

He was awarded the RIBA London Architecture Bronze Medal in 1931 and the RIBA Royal Gold Medal in 1947. In 1956 he was knighted for his services to architecture

The catalogues of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions give Richardson's address as 15 Denning Road, Hampstead, London in 1906 and 1907; Canendish House, St. Albans, Hertfordshire in 1910; 41 Russell Square in 1923 and 1940; Avenue House, Ampthill, Bedfordshire in 1941 and 1947; 31 Old Burlington Street, London in 1948 and 1954; Avenue House, Ampthill, Bedfordshire in 1955; 24 Queen Anne Street, London in 1956 and 1962; and Avenue House, Ampthill, Bedfordshire. He died at Ampthill, Bedfordshire on 3 February 1964.

A biographical file on Albert Edward Richardson is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London.

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Works

Architectural works by Richardson and his office included 10 and 19 Berkely Street, London, with Gill (c.1910); New Theatre, Manchester (1912); cottages in Fordington, Dorset, and Princetown, Devon, with Gill (1912-30); Moorgate Hall, 83-93 Moorgate, City of London, with Gill (1914-16); buildings for University College London (1923-49); Dulverton Town Hall (1927); Clifton House, London (1936-37); the Jockey Club in Newmarket, Suffolk (1937); Holy Cross Church in Greenford, Middlesex (1939-41); the Town Hall in Higham Ferrers (1943); the Associated Electrical and Industries Building in London (1954-59); the Wolfson Building, St. Hilda's College, Oxford (1954-61); Bracken House ('Financial Times' Building), London (1956-59); and the AEI building, Grosvenor Place, London (1958).

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