

## **Gardner, Gilbert Thomas Francis 1880 - 1955**

Gilbert Thomas Francis Gardner [commonly known as Gilbert T. Gardner] was born in Oxford, England on 22 September 1880 and worked as an architect in Oxford, England, for many years. He was articled to the Oxford-based architect Henry James Tollitt in 1894 and remained as his assistant until 1904. He also studied at Oxford Art School and City Technical College.

From 1904 he was an assistant to Messrs Tollitt & Lee. He 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 1927

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Among posts held by Gardner were Surveyor to Oxfordshire Agricultural Society, Architect to County of Oxford Territorial Force Association, instructor in quantity surveying at Oxford City Technical School, and Chairman of Oxfordshire Society of Architects in 1925.

His address was given as 152 Divinity Road, Oxford in 1911 and 1926; 7 St. Aldgate's, Oxfordshire in 1911 and 1930; and Barclays Bank Chambers, 116 Aldgate , Oxford, Oxfordshire in 1935 and 1939. He died in Oxford in 1955.

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"Brumscombe", near Oxford; Busby Conservative Club; riding school, Oxford; "Morris" garage at Oxford; " Windmills, Wheatley; Central Picture Playhouse, Friar Street, Reading. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1923]

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Alex Bruce. 'The Oxford War Memorial: Thomas Rayson and the Chester Connection' Oxoniensia <https://oxoniensia.org/volumes/1991/bruce.pdf>