Weightman, John Gray 1802 - 1872

John Gray Weightman [also known (incorrectly) as John Grey Weightman] was born in Bawtry, Yorkshire, England on 29 March 1802 and was articled to John Woodhead (?-c.1838) and William Hurst (1787-1844) in Doncaster. He subsequently moved to London where he continued his training in the offices of Sir Charles Barry (1795-1860) and Charles Robert Cockerell (1877-1863). By the early 1830s he had returned to Yorkshire and in c.1832 commenced practice as an architect in Sheffield. From 1834 to 1836 he worked with Matthew Ellison Hadfield (1812-1885). By 1838 they had formed a formal partnership as Hadfield & Weightman. In 1852 they were joined by George Goldie (1828-1887) and the firm was renamed Weightman Hadfield and Goldie. Weightman withdrew from the practice in 1858 following which he worked alone.

Weightman's work as an architect was largely influenced by the Gothic Revival movement. He and his practice designed numerous buildings for the Roman Catholic church. In the 1840s they also designed several railway stations, including those at Glossop, Derbyshire (1847); Louth, Lincolnshire (1848); Loughborough, Leicestershire (1848); Holton-le-Clay, Lincolnshire (1848); North Thoresby, Lincolnshire (1848); and Waltham, Leicestershire (1848).

Weightman was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1853. He retired in 1869 and by 1871 had moved to South Collingham, Nottinghamshire where he died on 9 December 1872

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For further details of architectural projects by Weightman see: Historic England; and British Listed Buildings [links below]

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Links

• Historic England - over 90 entries on Weightman and practices with which he was associated

https://historicengland.org.uk/sitesearch?searchType=site&search=Weightman&page=3

- British Listed Buildings over 90 entries on Weightman and practices with which he was associated https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/site-search/?q=Weightman
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