

Parker, Arthur Southcombe 1865 - 1945

Arthur Southcombe Parker [also known as Arthur Southcombe-Parker] was born in Exeter, Devon, England on 28 May 1865 and was articled to James Crocker (1850-1922) from 1880 to 1884. He also attended Exeter School of Art from 1879 to 1884. After completing his articles he worked as an assistant to Frederick G. Cooke (1858-1938) in Eastbourne, Sussex, and in architectural offices in Derby, Leicester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Marlborough. Parker qualified as an architect in 1888 and from 1891 to 1896 was employed as the personal assistant of Henry John Snell (c.1843-1924).

Parker commenced independent practice as an architect in Plymouth, Devon in 1896. He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1889 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1903. He was a founder member of the Devon & Exeter Architectural Society and its President in 1903.

Throughout his career as an architect Parker had an office in Plymouth, Devon. He died in Plymouth on 17 April 1945.

A biographical file on Arthur Southcombe Park is available on request at the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects, London

Worked in

UK

Works

In 1901, with Alfred Briscoe Drury, Parker designed a monument at Satltash, Cornwall to Sir William Penn Symons who was killed in action in Natal, South Africa in 1899, during the Anglo- Boer War.

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