

Chambers, Paul Bell 1868 - 1930

Paul Bell Chambers was born in Cheshire [or London], England on 1 April 1868 and attended Isle of Wight School of Art and at Westminster School of Art, where he studied architecture. After briefly practising as an architect in England, he emigrated to Argentina in 1896, soon after which he was accredited as an architect in Argentina

In 1901, with the American-born architect Louis Newbery Thomas (1878-1930) established the architectural practice, Chambers & Thomas, in Buenos Aires. They remained in partnership until 1926 when Chambers returned to England.

Chambers & Thomas also designed several buildings for the Ferrocarril del Sud, including La Plata station (1906), the Hipolito Yrigoyen Station (1909), and the Plaza Constitución station (1907-10). Other buildings designed by the practice included a branch of the Harrods department store in Buenos Aires (1914), the Anglo-South American Bank in Buenos Aires (1912-20), the brewery Bieckert in Llavallol, and headquarters of the Ford Motor Company in Buenos Aires.

Chambers joined the Sociedad Central de Arquitectos (SCA) in 1904 and was its President in 1908, 1909 and 1913.

In March 1926 he returned to England and settled in London where he died on 31 December 1930

Worked in

UK

Argentina

Works

The Chambers & Thomas partnership designed numerous buildings in Argentina, the best-known of which is the Bank of Boston in Buenos Aires (1921-24), designed in collaboration with the New York practice York & Sawyer.

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