

## Thomas, Hubert Arthur 1891 - 1985

Hubert Arthur Thomas was born in Liverpool, England in 1891, the son of George H. Thomas (1847-?), an architect, and was articled to Tonkin & Farmer from 1906 to 1909. He was then an improver with Harold Gordon Sumner (1884-1977) from 1909 to 1912. He worked as an assistant to Briggs, Wolstenholme & Thornely in 1912, and, after war service, to George Edward Tonge (1876-1956) in 1918. He also attended Liverpool University in 1913-14.

Thomas commenced independent practice in Liverpool in 1918 and in 1920 passed his qualifying exam.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1921 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1939.

His address was given as 37 Jermyn Street, Princes Park, Liverpool and May Building, 51 North John Street, Liverpool in 1920; Canning Chambers, 2, South John Street, Liverpool in 1922; Commerce Chambers, 15, Lord Street, Liverpool in 1926; Britannia Buildings, 46 Fenwick street, Liverpool in 1930 and 1935; and Prudential Buildings, 36 Dale Steet, Liverpool in 1939. By the early 1950s Thomas had moved to the Isle of Man and his address was given as 36 Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man in 1954; and Woodside, Greba Avenue, Glen Vine, Isle of Man in 1985. He died on the Isle of Man in 1985

Worked in

UK

Works

Stables, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, 1920; Sleaford picture House, Lincolnshire (in conjunction with G. E. Tonge), 1920; the Royal Cinema, Wallasey (alterations), 1920; the Queen's Cinema, Morecombe, 1921; the Star cinema, Preston, Lancashire, 1921; the Picture House, Middleton, Manchester, 1921. Domestic work (1924- 25): — "Ardendee", and "Kinmouth", Heswall, Cheshire; "Clonallon", Algburth Liverpool; house at Freshfield, Lancs; bungalow, Heswall, Cheshire; houses at Fanhall (Heswall), and at Raby Mere, Cheshire. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1926]

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A design for a bungalow by him was submitted in the Daily Mail Architects Competition for Labour-Saving Bungalows in 1922.

### Bibliography

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