

Dunkerley, Frank Brookhouse 1868 - 1951



Frank Brookhouse Dunkerley was born in Timperley, Cheshire, England on 28 December 1868. He was articled to Edward Potts (1839-1909) and William Dixon (1854-1935) of Potts, Pickup & Dixon in Manchester from 1886 to 1890. He was an improver and draughtsman with John Douglas (1830-1911) of Douglas & Fordham in Chester from 1890 to 1894. He then worked as an assistant to Thomas Roger Smith (1830-1903) in 1894. He qualified as an architect in 1894 and in 1897 he set up his own independent practice as an architect in Manchester.

In 1900 Dunkerley merged his practice with Waddington & Son, a practice formed in 1877 by William Waddington (1816-1895) and his son, [William Angelo Waddington](#) (1848-1907) which specialised in the design of Wesleyan churches. The new practice was called [Waddington, Son & Dunkerley](#) and had an office St Ann's Square, Manchester.

During its short existence, Waddington, Son & Dunkerley designed several Wesleyan churches and numerous schools in the Manchester area. They also designed the Northern Assurance Building at 9-12 Princess Street, Manchester (1902-03); Northcliffe House on Deansgate, Manchester (1904); branches of the Manchester and County Bank, in Nelson and Brierfield, Lancashire; and the Grand Clothing Hall, in Bridge Street, Warrington, Cheshire (1905).

The partnership between Dunkerley and Waddington was dissolved in 1906. Dunkerley then practised alone. From c.1914 he shared an office with [Isaac Taylor](#) (1871-1948). Although they collaborated on occasion on projects they appear not to have had a formal partnership until 1922 when they formed the

partnership Dunkerley, Taylor & Young with Cecil Young (1889-1977) who had previously worked as an assistant to Taylor. This partnership was dissolved in 1927.

Dunkerley was an architect with a social conscience who was involved in various working-class housing schemes. He designed a number of buildings for the Manchester and Salford Refuges and Homes including the Children's Shelter on Chatham Street, Manchester in 1910, the Belmont Homes (Crossley, Gaddum, Hayes and Shaw) 1923-1925 and, with Taylor and Young, the Sanatorium Children's Village in Belmont, Cheadle, Cheshire, 1927. In 1940 Dunkerley was appointed President of the District Provident and Charity Organisation Society

Dunkerley was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1897 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1907. He was also a member of the Manchester Society of Architects and its President from 1914 to 1916. He died in Bucklow, Cheshire on 24 September 1951.

Worked in

UK

Works

Private houses at AltrIngham, Hale, Knutsford, Chapel-le-Frith, Manchester, Windermere, Ac.; Assembly Room, Altringham Hospital, Altringham. In conjunction with former partner, late W. Angelo Waddington, "Daily Mail" Offices; Star Assurance Offices; and various banks, schools, warehouses, &c., in Manchester and district. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

See also Architects of Greater Manchester 1800-1940 [*links below*]

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Links

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