

Freeman, Richard Knill 1840 - 1904

Richard Knill Freeman was born in Stepney, Middlesex [now London], England in June 1840 and was articled to George Rake (1829-1883) in Portsea, Hampshire from 1854-1860. He then worked in various architectural offices in Portsmouth, Manchester and Bolton until 1863. From 1865 to 1871 he was in partnership with George Cunliffe (1839-1887) in Manchester, following which he practised alone, although he occasionally collaborated on projects and competition entries with other architects such as Stafford Denison Robins (1863-1939) who practised in Sunderland and Newcastle

Freeman was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1882. He was also a member of the Manchester Society of Architects and its President in 1890-91, and a member of the Manchester Architectural Association and its secretary in 1860.

In addition to his work as an architect Freeman was a painter, mainly of architectural subjects. He exhibited at the Royal Academy in London; the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool; Manchester City Art Gallery; and at the Royal Academy in Dublin. Freeman died in Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire on 23 June 1904. His son, Frank Richard Freeman (1870-1934), was also an architect.

Worked in

UK

Works

He designed numerous churches including St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Moscow, Russia, completed in 1884; Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, Lancashire, completed in 1895; St Lawrence, Church in Barton, Preston, Lancashire; and St Margaret's Church in Hollingwood, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire. He also designed Derby Museum, Library and Art Gallery, completed in 1879.

See also:

A list of all known buildings by R. K. Freeman compiled by David French [*link below*]

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