

## Sellers, James Henry 1861 - 1954

James Henry Sellers [also known as J. Henry Sellers] was born in Rawtenstall, Lancashire, England, on 1 November 1861. He trained in the offices of architects in Liverpool, Birmingham and London. He was also an assistant to the architects Walter Green Penty (1852-1902) in York and George Dale Oliver (1851-1952) in Carlisle. Sellers went into practice as an independent architect in Oldham, Lancashire in 1899, and was in joint partnership with [Edgar Wood](#) in Manchester between 1900 and 1922. Projects by Sellers and the Wood and Sellers practice included solicitors' offices in King Street, Oldham (1906-07), and Elm Street School, near Manchester (1909-10).

Sellers also worked as a furniture designer. photograph of oak bedroom furniture inlaid with holly and ebony he designed is featured in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1906 (p.79), a fireplace he designed is illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1923 (p.73) and a fireplace he designed is illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1924 (p.66). Sellers produced several designs for Pilkington's Tile & Pottery Co. Ltd. A marble mantle with lustre tile decoration designed by Sellers and executed by Pilkington's Tile & Pottery Co. Ltd. is illustrated in 'The Studio Yearbook of Decorative Art' 1909 (p.31). This was shown in Pilkington's kiosk at the Franco-British Exhibition held in London in 1908.

Examples of his Sellers' work as a furniture designer are in the permanent collection of Manchester City Art Galleries. He died in Bucklow, Cheshire in 1954. An exhibition of the work of Wood and Sellers - 'Partnership in Style: Edgar Wood and J. Henry Sellers', was held at Manchester City Art Galleries in 1978. [See also: Wood, Edgar]

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