

## Osborn & Reading 1876 - 1890

Osborn & Reading was an architectural partnership formed in Birmingham, England by [Frank Barlow Osborn](#) (1840-1907) and Alfred Reading (1850-1908). The partnership was dissolved on 31 December 1890, following which both architects worked independently.

Worked in

UK

Works

The Joint Stock Bank, New Street, Birmingham (1877); Stable and coach house, Augustus Road, Edgbaston (1877); House, Augustus Road, Edgbaston (1877); House and out offices, Hagley Road, Edgbaston (1877); House, Woodbourne Road, Edgbaston (1878); House, Hagley Road, Edgbaston (1879); Four retail shops, 206, 209, Deritend, Birmingham (1880); Medical Institute, Edmund Street, Birmingham (1880); Additions and alterations to workshops, Warstone Lane, Birmingham (1880); Additions to factory, Weaman Street, Birmingham (1881); Stables, 205, 209, Deritend, Birmingham (1881); Volunteer Headquarters, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Thorpe Street, Birmingham (1881); Volunteer Headquarters, 1st South Staffs Regiment, Belgrave Terrace, Handsworth (1881); House, Augustus Road, Edgbaston (1882); Workshops, Park Mills, Birmingham (1882); Worcester City & County Bank, Colmore Row, Birmingham (1882); House, 32 Westfield Road, Edgbaston (1882); Additions and lodge to Westfield, 44 Augustus Road, Edgbaston (1883); Shop, back of 63 Northampton Street, Birmingham (1883); Two shops, 221, 223, Lower Priory, Birmingham (1883); Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, Francis Road, Edgbaston (1884); House, Westfield Road, Edgbaston (1884); Conservative Club, 53 Temple Row, Birmingham (1885); St. Martin's Hotel and Market Entrance, St. Martin's Lane, for Corporation of Birmingham (1886); Edgbaston Vestry Hall, Islington Row, Edgbaston (1886); St. Philip's Rectory, St. Philip's Churchyard, Birmingham (1886); House, Clovelly, 4 Manor Road, Birmingham (1887); Factory, 88, 89 Weaman Street for P. Webley & Son (1887); Methodist Central Hall, Corporation Street, Birmingham (1887); Assurance building, Colmore Row, Birmingham (1887); House, Endcliffe, 2 Manor Road, Birmingham (1888); Shop front, 71 High Street, Birmingham for Messrs Noirton & Co. (1888); Business Premises, 19-21 Corporation Street, Birmingham for Messrs. Norton & Co. (1888); Rebuilding of St. James's Parish Church, Norton Canes, Cannock (1888); Seven Houses for Thomas Harris, Kenyon Street, back of

Wheel Tavern (1889); House for Ben Tilley, Cromartie, 17 Westfield Road, Edgbaston (1889); Billiard Room for Arthur Warden, The Vale, 25 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham (1889); Shop, rear of 53, 54 Whitmore Street, Birmingham (1889); Mission Room, Dollman Street, Birmingham for James Ashted (1889); Out-Patients Department, Birmingham Royal Orthopedic Hospital, Great Charles Street, Birmingham (1889); Girl's Friendly Society Diocesan Lodge, Barwick Street, Birmingham (1890); Offices and premises, Sheepcote Street for James Booth & Co. (1890); Extension to warehouse, Bridge Street and Broad Street for Wm. Pearce (1890); and Rebuilding of Christ Church, Hagley Road West, Quigley, Birmingham (1890)

## Bibliography

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## Links

- The London Gazette, February 10 1891 p. 770 - notice of the dissolution of the partnership between F. B. Barlow and Alfred Reading on 31 December 1890  
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- British Listed Buildings - Church of St. James, Norton Canes, Staffordshire  
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- Looking at Buildings - Methodist Central Hall, Birmingham  
<http://www.lookingatbuildings.org.uk/cities/birmingham/buildings-in-focus/methodist-central-hall.html>
- Historic England - Berwick Park, Pimhill, Shropshire  
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