

## [Martin & Chamberlain 1864 - 1900](#)

Martin & Chamberlain was an architectural partnership formed in Birmingham, England in 1864 by William Hippisley Martin (1828-1900) and [John Henry Chamberlain](#) (1831-1883). Following the death of Chamberlain in 1883, Martin's son [Frederick William Martin](#) (1859-1917) became a partner in the practice. His younger brother, [Herbert Martin](#) (1862-1946) later also joined the firm. The practice retained the title Martin & Chamberlain until 1901, however, after the death of William Hippisley Martin it was renamed [Martin & Martin](#).

Following Frederick William Martin's death in 1917, his son, Cyril Frederick Martin (1888-?) joined his uncle, Herbert Martin, as a partner, together with William Henry Ward (1878-?).

Worked in

UK

Works

Works by Martin & Chamberlain: Free Library, Ratcliffe Place, Birmingham (1865); Pumping Station, Aston (1867); Alterations to and redecoration of Town Hall, Paradise Street, Birmingham (c.1867); Church of St. Stephen, Serpentine Road, Selly Park, Birmingham (1870); Infant School, Severn Street, Birmingham (1870); Additions to Birmingham Accident Hospital, Steehouse Lane (1870); Church of St. Barnabas, Franche, Worcestershire (1870); Bloomsbury Board School, Lingard Street, Birmingham (1873); Farm Street Board School, Summer Lane, Birmingham (1873); Jenkins Street Board school, Small Heath, Birmingham (1873); Steward Street Board School, Spring Hill, Birmingham (1873); Garrison Lane Board School, Bordesley (1873); Offices for the Birmingham Board School, Edmund Street, Birmingham (1873); Wilkinton Street Board School in Birmingham (1874); Selly Oak Pumping Station (1874); Allcock Street Board School,, Bordesley (1875); Rea Street South Board School, Deritend (1875); Osler Street Board School,, Ladywood (1875); Whetsone, Somerset Road, Edgbadston Lane, Birmingham for J. H. Chamberlain (1875); Additions to The Grove, Harborne for William Kenrick (1875); Dartmouth Street Board School,, Birmingham (1876); Baptist Chapel, Pershore Street, Birmingham (1876); Penryn, Somerset Road, Edgbaston Road, Birmingham for James Deykin (1876); Smith Street Board School, Hockley (1876); Bristol Street Board School, Birmingham (1876); Nelson Street Board School,, Birmingham (1876); Norton Street Board School,,

Birmingham (1876); Police Station, Moseley (1877); Fox Street Board School, Birmingham (1877); Summer Lane Board School, (1877); Brookfields Board School,, Pitsford Street, Birmingham (1877); Canopy for stau of George Dawson, Chamberlain Place, Birmingham (1877); Oozells Street Board School,, Birmingham (1878); Dudley Road Board School, Birmingham (1878); Little Green Lane Board School,, Small Heath (1878); Lunatic Asylum and cottages, Rubery (1878); Additions to Barrow Court, Edgbaston for J. A. Kenrick (1878); Additions to Park Grove, Edgbaston for John Jaffray (1878); Highbury, Moor Green, King's Heath for Joseph Chamberlain (1878); Lodge to Oakmount, Westborne Road, Edgbaston for Richard Chamberlan (1879); Hutton Street Board School, Nechells (1879); Montgomery Street Board School, Sparkbrook (1879); Dixon Road Board School,, Small Heath (1879); Extension to Free Library, Edmund Street, Birmingham (1879); Hope Street Board School, Birmingham (1879); Memorial to Joseph Chamberlain, Chamberlain Place, Birmingham (1880); Premises for Averys, Corporation Street, Birmingham (1880); Extension to Birmingham and Midland Institute, Paradise Street, Birmingham (1881); Premises for Birmingham Household Supplies Ltd., Corporation Street, Birmingham (1881); Free Library, Ratcliffe Place, Birmingham (1882); Public Baths, Monument Road, Ladywood (1883); Public Baths, Monument Road, Ladywood (1883); Central Fire Station, Upper Priory, Birmingham (1883); King Edward VI Grammar School for Boys, Stratford Road, Camphill, Birmingham (1883); Branch Library, Constitution Hill, Birmingham (1883); Icknielld Street Board School, Hockley (1883); Foundry Road Board School,, Winson Green (1883); Loxton Street Board School, Bloomsbury (1883); Rubery Board School,, Bristol Road South, Rednal (1883); Municipal School of Art, Margaret Street, Birmingham (1883); Premises for Ray & Prosser, Corporation Street, Birmingham (1883); Shop front and warehouses, 17 Bull Street, Birmingham; Warehouse, Lower Priory, Birmingham (1883); Additions to Kelston, Church Road, Edgbaston, completed by Mason (1884); and Additions to Harborne Hall, Church Road for Walter Chamberlain, completed by Mason (1884).

Between the early 1885 and 1901 Martin & Chamberlain designed, altered or worked on additions to numerous schools for the Birmingham School Board. Other works by the practice included St. John the Evangelist Church, Sparkhill, Birmingham (1888); Water Tower for Victoria Park, Small Heath, Birmingham (1888); Factory and warehouse for Southall Bros. and Barclay, Dalton Street, Birmingham (1889); Electricity Sub Station, Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham (1890); Stabling and mess rooms for Small Arms Co., Golden Hillock Road, Small Heath, Birmingham (1890); Pumping Station, Longrodge (1890-91); Small Heath Free Library and Public Baths, Green Lane, Small Heath, Birmingham (1894); Offices and Exchange for National Telephone Co., 17-19, Newhall Steet,

Birmingham (1896); Hollymoor Mental Hospital for Birmingham Corporation (1896-1905); Stores, Fleet Street, Birmingham for National Telephone Co. (1899); Shop, Oliver Street, Birmingham for Brampton Bros. (1899); New baths and engineer's house, Green Lane, Bordesley for Birmingham Parks and Baths Department (1900).

## Bibliography

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Thornton, Roy. Victorian Buildings of Birmingham. Stroud, Gloucestershire: Sutton Publishing Ltd., 2006 Chapter 1. Martin & Chamberlain pp. 1-7 [This book contains several other references to the work of Martin & Chamberlain, however, unfortunately the book is not indexed]

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- Historic England - 89 entries on Martin & Chamberlain  
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- Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_%26\\_Chamberlain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_%26_Chamberlain)