

## [Martin, William Hippisley 1828 - 1900](#)



William Hippisley Martin [also known as William Martin] was born in Worcester, Worcestershire, England on 8 September 1828. By the late 1830s he had moved with his family to Birmingham. Nothing is known about his training or the early years of his career apart from the fact that he was associated with the Birmingham architect Thomson Plevins (1826-1897) and that for a period he was in partnership with D. R. Hill.

In 1864, with [John Henry Chamberlain](#) (1831-1883), he formed the architectural partnership [Martin & Chamberlain](#) in Birmingham. 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 when it was renamed [Martin & Martin](#).

William Hippisley Martin died in Gravelly Hill, Birmingham on 18 July 1900.

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); Wkinton 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 staupe 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).

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## Links

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- Historic England - 89 entries on Martin & Chamberlain <https://historicengland.org.uk/sitesearch?searchType=site&search=Martin%20Chamberlain>
- Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_%26\\_Chamberlain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_%26_Chamberlain)