

## Holliday, Albert Clifford 1897 - 1960



Albert Clifford Holliday [also known as Clifford Holliday] was born in Gildersome, near Leeds, Yorkshire England on 21 December 1897. In 1915 he entered Liverpool University School of Architecture where he was taught by [Charles Herbert Reilly](#) and [Patrick Abercrombie](#). During Summer 1920 he also attended the Ecole des Beaux arts in Paris. He was awarded a Dip. Civic Design in 1920 and a B.Arch. in 1922. He was a Research Fellow in the Department of Civic Design at the University of Liverpool and from 1921 to 1923 joint editor of The Town Planning Review.

From 1922 to 1926 Holliday acted as Civic Advisor to the City of Jerusalem, Palestine. In 1927 he set up a private practice in Palestine and from 1928 to 1934 was town planning advisor to the mandatory government of Palestine. From 1939 to 1945 he acted as consultant to Ceylon [now Sri Lanka] and Gibraltar.

In 1946 he joined the Stevenage Development Corporation and became Chief Architect and Planner for the town. In 1949 he revised the Ministry of Town and Country Planning's original plan for Stevenage. He was appointed Professor of Town and Country Planning at the University of Manchester in 1952.

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In 1952 Holliday was appointed became the first Professor of Town and Country Planning at the University of Manchester.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1922 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1933. He was also a Member of the Town Planning Institute (MTPI). His address was given as Parkfield, Gildersome, near Leeds, Yorkshire in 1911; Connaught House, Tancred Street, Jerusalem, Palestine in 1930; Templar Colony, Jerusalem, Palestine in 1935; 33, 22 Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, London in 1936; The Green, Richmond, Surrey in 1936 and 1939; and 8, The Beexhes, Barlow Moor Road, Manchester in 1960. He died in Manchester, Lancashire on 28 September 1960.

A biographical file on Albert Clifford Holliday is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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