

Barry, Edward Middleton 1830 - 1880



Edward Middleton Barry [also known as Edward M. Barry and as E. M. Barry] was born in London, England on 7 June 1830 and was the third son of the architect [Sir Charles Barry](#) (1875-1860). He trained as an architect at King's College, London and at the Royal Academy Schools in London, and, after briefly working in the office of [Thomas Henry Wyatt](#) (1807-1880), joined his father's practice in London. He assisted his father on a number of his commissions and following the death of the latter in 1860, took over his practice.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1855, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1860. He was also elected an Associate of the Royal Academy (ARA) in 1861, and a full Academician (RA) in 1869. Between 1873 and 1880 he was the Royal Academy Professor of Architecture. He died in London on 27 January 1880.

Worked in

UK

Works

Works by Edward Middleton Barry included Birmingham and Midland Institute in Birmingham (1855); St. Saviour's Church in Hampstead, London (1856); Leeds Grammar School in Leeds, Yorkshire (1857); Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London (1857-58); Floral Hall, Bow Street, London (1858-60); St.-Giles-in-the-Fields National Schools, Endell Street, London (1860); Completion of Halifax Town Hall, Yorkshire, begun by Charles Barry (1860-63); Cannon Street Station Hotel, London (1861); Birmingham Free Public Library (1861); Barbon Park Lodge, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland (1863); Royal Opera House, Valletta, Malta (1864); Mansion Hotel, Richmond, Surrey (1864); Schools in Canford, Dorset (1865); Additions to the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, London (1865); Charing

Cross Hotel, Charing Cross, London (1865); Cannon Street Hotel in Cannon Street, London (1865); Crewe Hall, Chester, Cheshire (1866-71); Temple Gardens Building, Middle Temple Lane, London (1870); Entrance stair of Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (1870-75); Wykehurst Park, near Slaugham, Sussex (1871-74); The Exchange, Bristol (1872); The Hospital For Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London (1872); Cobham Park, Cobham, Surrey (1873); St Anne's Church, Clifton, near Eccles, Salford, Lancashire (1874); Additions to Stancliffe Hall, near Matlock, Derbyshire (1879); Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street Station, with [Charles Barry, Jnr.](#) (1879-84).

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