

Thomas, Albert John 1876 - 1964

Albert John Thomas [also known as A. J. Thomas] was born in Chalk Farm, London, England on 4 May 1876. He was articled to William Henry Harrison (c.1854-1925) in London in 1889 and remained with him as his assistant. He then worked as an assistant to Eustace Corrie Frere (1863-1944) for over eight years, and to [Edwin Landseer Lutyens](#) (1869-1944) in London from April 1902. He left Lutyens in 1932 to set up his own independent practice in London.

Thomas was appointed architect to St. Pancras Borough Council and to the Institut Francais. He was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1910, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1925, and a Fellow of the Society of Architects (F.S.Arch.). He was also made a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur and an Officier d'Académie Française

His address was given as 29 Bloomsbury Square, London and 14 Caversham Road, Kentish Town, London in 1910; 28, Upper Park Road, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London in 1914 and 1939; 17, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London in 1923 and 1926; and 31A Sloane Street, London in 1939. He died in Hampstead, London on 11 August 1964

Worked in

UK

Works

While working in the office of E. L. Lutyens, Thomas designed a housing scheme in Highgate, London and Belmont Hall in Durham. Later works included St Pancras Town Hall [now Camden Town Hall] in Camden, London (1936-37); Camelot House, a residential building in Camden Park Road, Camden, London (1938-39); and the Montague Tibbles residential development on Prince of Wales Road and Queens Crescent, Kentish Town, London (completed 1939).

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