

Parker, Barry 1867 - 1947



Richard Barry Parker [commonly known as Barry Parker] was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England on 18 November 1867 and trained as an architect with T.C. Simmonds at his studio in Derby from 1886 to 1889. He then worked as an assistant to George Faulkner Armitage (1849-1937) in Altringham, Cheshire from 1889 to 1892. In c.1894 Parker commenced private practice in Buxton, Derbyshire, and in 1896 formed a partnership, [Parker & Unwin](#), with his half-cousin [Raymond Unwin](#) (1863-1940). The business relocated to Hampstead Garden Suburb in 1907 and by 1913 had moved to Letchworth in Hertfordshire.

By 1914 Unwin had become increasingly involved in town planning projects and public sector work and in May 1915 the partnership was formally dissolved. Parker continued to practice as an architect and in the coming years was in much demand as a town planning consultant. From 1927 to 1941 he acted as a consultant to Manchester City Council on the development of Wythenshawe in Cheshire [later part of the City of Manchester]. Parker was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1911, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1913. He was also elected a Member of the Society of Architects (MSA) in 1896. He died in Letchworth, England on 21 February 1947.

Worked in

UK

Works

"Civil Centre" and town planning scheme for Oporto, Portugal; town planning schemes and large parks (with buildings), Sao Paulo, Brazil; laying out of many estates in Brazil for the City of San Paulo Improvements and Freehold Land Company; replanning centre of the City of Posos de Caldos, State of Minas, Brazil; a large number of houses and gardens in Brazil; made the plans for the village of Llay (near Chester), Gidea Park (Essex), and many housing schemes for the Housing and Town Planning Trust; state-aided housing schemes for City of Wakefield, the boroughs of Newark and Bridport, and St. Neots U.D.C. In partnership with Raymond Unwin, F.R.I.B.A: — plans for Letchworth Garden City, Hampstead Garden Suburb, and Earswick Village. Village halls and schools, Steeple Claydon and Botolph Claydon, Bucks; Rockside Hydropathic establishment, Matlock, Derbyshire; church hall, clubs. Inns, and factories at Letchworth ; numerous houses at Hampstead Garden Suburb, and elsewhere in the U.K., Brussels, and Canada, etc., etc.. [Source; Who's Who in Architecture 1926]

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