Mitchell, Arthur George Sydney 1856 - 1930



Arthur George Sydney Mitchell [also known as Sydney Mitchell] was born at Headswood, Larbert, in Stirlingshire, Scotland on 7 January 1856. After attending Edinburgh University, he was articled to Robert Rowand Anderson (1834-1921) in Edinburgh from 1878 to 1881 and with Anderson & Browne from 1881 to 1883.

Immediately after completing his articles, he set up his own practice at 122 George Street in Edinburgh. In c.1887 he took his assistant, George Wilson (1845-1912), into partnership as Sydney Mitchell & Wilson.

The partnership was dissolved in 1909 or 1910 and soon after Mitchell retired. In c.1887 Mitchell was appointed Architect to His Majesty's General Board of Lunacy, a position he held for several years. He died in Gullane, East Lothian, Scotland on 13 October 1930.

Worked in UK Works

At least 28 branches of the Commercial Bank (between 1881 and 1908); St Stephen's Mission Hall and Offices, Edinburgh (1882); alterations of 3 Rothsay Terrace, Edinburgh, the house of John R. Findley, proprietor of the 'Scotsman' newspaper (1883); workers houses in the Dean Village, Edinburgh, commissioned by John R. Findley (1883); Observation Hospital, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (1885); Free Church, Scone, Perthshire (1886-87); Students' Union, University of

Edinburgh (1887); Free Church, Dean, Edinburgh (1888); Free Church, Fort William, Inverness-shire (1888); Ben Nevis Low Level Meteorological Observatory, Fort William, Inverness-shire (1889); Free Church, Haddington, East Lothian (1889); Laurel Bank, Elgin, Morayshire (1889; Nurses' Home, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (1890); Tenements at Haymarket, Edinburgh (1890); Manse, United Free Church, Gullane, East Lothian (1891); Mortonhall Golf Club (c.1892-94); Infectious Diseases Wing, Trinity College Glenalmond, Perthshire (1893); Rosebery Memorial Hall, South Queensferry, West Lothian (1894); Manse, United Free Church, Parson's Green, Edinburgh (1895); Free Church, Craigmillar Park, Craigmillar, Edinburgh (1897-99); several buildings at Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries (1895-1910); Machrihanish Hotel, Machrihanish, Argyll (1898); Free Church and hall, Merchiston, Edinburgh (1900); Scottish Life Offices, Aberdeen (1902); Belhaven Hospital, Dunbar, East Lothian (1904); Kelso Cottage Hospital, Kelso, Roxburghshire (1906); and St Bride's Chapel of Ease, Dalry, Edinburgh (1908).

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