

## **Wade-Palmer, Fairfax Blomfield 1851 - 1919**

Fairfax Blomfield Wade-Palmer [also known as Fairfax Blomfield Wade, and as Fairfax B. Wade] was born Fairfax Blomfield Wade in Middlesex, England on 16 July 1851. He changed his surname to Wade-Palmer in 1900. He was articled to [Sir Arthur William Blomfield](#) (1829-1899) from 1872 to 1875 and commenced independent practice as an architect in London in 1875.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1882 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1888.

In addition to his work as an architect, he was also a noted textile designer. He died in Chelsea, London on 11 January 1919

A biographical file on Fairfax Blomfield Wade-Palme is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London.

Worked in

UK

Works

Early in Wade's career he designed some Gothoc-inspired churches, including St. Mary, Overleigh Road, Handbridge, Chester, Cheshire (1885-87). His largest and best-known building was the Royal School of Needlework on the corner of Exhibition Road and Institute Road, Kensington, London (1903, demolished in the 1960s). Other works by him included Compton House, Vicarage Lane, Denton, Northamptonshire (1893); 64 Sloane Street, Knightsbridge, London (1896-97); 64 South Audley Street, Mayfair, London (c.1905); Arborfield Court, near Arborfield, Berkshire (1906); Angrove House, near Crowborough, Sussex (c.1908); and Restoration and additions to Ockwell's Manor House, near Bray, Berkshire (c.1910).

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