## Taylor, Alfred John 1878 - 1938

Alfred John Taylor was born in Bath, Somerset, England in 1878. He was articled to Charles Edward Davis (1827-1902), City Architect of Bath, England, following which he practised as an architect in Bath and was Architect to Spa Committee, Bath Corporation.

In c.1900 he formed a partnership with <u>Arthur Cecil Fare</u> (1876-1958) as <u>Taylor & Fare</u>. By the early 1920s the practice had been renamed <u>Alfred J. Taylor & Partners</u>. Among the partners were his daughter, <u>Gertrude Molly Justice Taylor</u> (1909-1988) [also known as Molly Gerrard] and son, A. Rowland Taylor, and A. W. Hind. The practice's office was located for many years at 4 and 5 Bridge Street, Bath.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1925.

Taylor was the author of 'The Roman Baths of Bath - Catalogue of Antiquities discovered during Excavations on the Site of the Roman Thermae at Bath' (Bath: Mendip Press, 1933).

His address was given as 2 Forester Road Bath in 1911 and 1938. He died in Bath on 25 December 1938.

A biographical file on Alfred John Taylor is available on request at the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

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Works

Works by Taylor & Fare and Alfred J. Taylor & Partners: Corporation Medical Baths and Spa Buildings (1902-25); Shop front for a jewellers, 12 New Bond Street, bath (1906); Iron canopies for Empire Hotel, Bath (1907); Minerva Temple for British Empire Exhibition, Crystal Palace (1911); Ticket kiosk for Sydney Gardens, Bath (1914); Torquay Medical and Swimming Baths (1915-16); 12 semi-detached houses, Dolemeads, Bath (1920); Council housing, The Oval, Englishcombe Park, Bath (1920); Alterations to Beau Nash Cinema, 22-23 Westgate Street, Bath (1920, 1926); Shop fronts, 1-2 Bridge Street, Bath (1922); Shop from 19 New Bond Street, Bath (1922); Forbes Fraser Hospital and Nurses' Home, Bath (1923);

Bournemouth Racecourse and Buildings (1924); Summerhouse, Botanical Gardens, Bath (1924); Chepstow Racecourse and Buildings (1925); Shop front, 14 Cheap Street, Bath (1925); 5-6 Cheap Street, Bath (1925-29); 12 Northgate, Bath (1927); Killowatt House, North Road, Bath (1935-36); St. Batholomew Church, Lyncombe, Bath (1936-38).

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## Links

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