

Jones, Horace 1819 - 1887



Horace Jones [also known as Sir Horace Jones] was born at 15 Size Lane, Bucklerbury, London, England on 20 May 1819 and was articled to John Wallen (1785-1865). He was also a student of the Architectural Society.

Jones commenced independent practice as an architect in London in 1843 and in partnership with Arthur Ebdon Johnson (1821-1895). He was later in partnership with the civil engineer [John Wolfe-Barry](#) (1836-1918) as Jones & Barry. From 1864 until his death he was Architect Surveyor to the City of London.

He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1842; and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1858. From 1882 to 1884 he was President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (PRIBA). Jones was knighted for his services to architecture in 1886. He died at home at 30 Devonshire Place, London, on 21 May 1887.

Worked in

UK

Works

Jones was responsible for the design of a number of major London Metropolitan Markets, notably Smithfields (1866-83). He also designed several City police stations, and completed the City Lunatic Asylum at Dartford (1864). His best-known contribution to the skyline of London is Tower Bridge across the Thames, designed in collaboration with Wolfe-Barry and completed after his death in 1894. Other buildings designed by Jones included Cardiff Town Hall (c.1850-53); and Marshall & Snelgrove's department store in Oxford Street, London (1850s).

Bibliography

Curl, James Stevens. *The Oxford Dictionary of Architecture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 3rd edition, 2015

Directory of British Architects 1834-1914. Compiled by Antonia Brodie, et al. Volume 1: A-K. London; New York: British Architectural Library, Royal Institute of British Architects/Continuum, 2001

Freeman, Jennifer. 'Sir Horace Jones, 1819-1887' *Victorian Society Annual* 1981, pp. 45-55

Freeman, Jennifer. 'Sir Horace Jones: a master of innovation'. *A magazine: for RIBA Friends of Architecture*. no. 9, Autumn/Spring, 2019/2020 pp. 41-45.

Lascelles, David. *Horace Jones: Architect of Tower Bridge London: Profile Editions, 2024*

Murphy, Douglas. 'Market conditions: Horace Jones'. *Apollo* vol. 190, no. 680, November 2019 pp. 36-37.

Powell, Kenneth. *Tower Bridge: history, engineering, design*. London: Thames & Hudson, 2019

Tuit, J. E. *The Tower Bridge*. London: Offices of the "The Engineer", 1894

'Obituary'. *RIBA Proceedings new series*, vol. 3, 1887 pp. 330, 331, 368, 370-373

'Obituary'. *Illustrated London News* 28 May 1887 p. 586

'Obituary'. *Illustrated London News* 4 June 1887 p. 634

'Obituary'. *Building* vol. 6, 28 May 1887 p. 200

'Obituary'. *The Builder* vol. 52, 28 May 1887 p. 799

Links

- G. C. Boase, revised by Valerie Scott. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* [Subscription service] <https://doi.org/10.1093/ref:odnb/15015>
- Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Jones_\(architect\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Jones_(architect))
- Tower Bridge <https://www.towerbridge.org.uk/discover/people/sir-horace-jones>