

## Lovell & Son 1786 - 1996

Lovell & Son [also known as Y. J. Lovell & Son] was a firm of builders and contractors established in England in 1786 [1]. Partners in the firm at the beginning of the twentieth century were Young James Lovell (1842-1911) and his son Clifford Percival Lovell (1878-1964). The firm worked on projects designed by some of the leading architects in Britain.

The firm had premises at 39 High Street, Bedford, Bedfordshire in 1923; and 6, Bathurst Street, Lancaster Gate, London, and Gerrards Cross, Beaconsfield and Marlow, Buckinghamshire in 1932.

Y. J. Lowell & Son exhibited the "Lowell House" at the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, London in 1932. This large four-bedroom detached house was designed by the architect Albert Leigh Abbott (1890-1952) and built by them.

Y. J. Lowell & Son was active until 1996 when it became Locke & Soares.

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[1] This is the year given in *The Lovell House 1932*, a publication they issued in association with their exhibit at the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition in London in 1932

Worked in

UK

Works

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[Source: The Lovell House 1932. London: Y. J. Lovell & Son, 1932]

#### Links

- Luton Bedfordshire Archives Service Catalogue  
<https://bedsarchivescat.bedford.gov.uk/Details/archive/110057109>
- Grace’s Guide to British Industry  
[https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Y. J. Lovell and Son](https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Y._J._Lovell_and_Son)