

Wilson, Thomas Butler 1859 - 1942

Thomas Butler Wilson [also known as Thomas B. Wilson] was born in 1859 and was articled to Charles Bell (1846-1899) in London. He also attended the University of Leeds and the Architectural Association Schools in London. He commenced practice as an independent architect in Leeds in 1884. In 1899 he formed the Leeds-based architectural partnership, Butler Wilson & Oglesby, with Robert Parr Oglesby (1863-1940), formerly his assistant. The partnership was dissolved in 1906 and Oglesby moved to London whilst maintaining an office in Leeds.

Wilson was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1893. He was President of the West Yorkshire Society of Architects from 1901 to 1904.

In addition to his work as an architect, Wilson also designed furniture. Examples of furniture he designed for a billiard Room are illustrated in Furniture and Decoration vol. 32, no. 758, August 1896 plate 493.

He died in Leeds on 1 April 1942.

A biographical file on Thomas Butler Wilson is available on request from the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects, London

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Works

Houses: — Grove House, Selborne House. Duchy House, Godolphin House, Hookstone Waters, Woodside Court, Claremont Hotel, and Golf Club House, etc, at Harrogate; Wheatfield Lodge, Castle Grove, Iveson House, 32, Park Square, at Leeds; Asket Hill at Roundhay, Queen's Gate and Prince's Gate at Halifax, houses at Welwyn Garden City, Corner House (Upper Poppleton). Schools: — Hunslet, Middleton, Holbeck, Harrogate; and Cathedral Schools, Ripon. Chapels: — Headingley, Harrogate, Helperby, Brough, South Elmsall, Darrington. Starbeck, Bilton, Methley. Institutes: — St. Mary Magdalene, Outwood; Town Mission Hall, Harrogate, and Rockland Home, Leeds. Business premises: — Tradesmen's Benevolent Institution Buildings: Royal Exchange Club, warehouses, printing works, shops and offices at Leeds. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1926]

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