

Monro, William Ernest 1867 - 1945

William Ernest Monro was born in England on 21 July 1867 and was articled to Arthur Richard George Fenning (1855-1937). He was then an improver with the London-based architect [William Howard Seth-Smith](#) (1855-1937) and remained with him as an assistant until 1905, when he was made a partner in the practice which became [Seth-Smith & Monro](#). The practice became [Seth-Smith, Monro & Matthew](#) in 1934 when [Alexander Edward Matthew](#) (1903-1972) was made a partner in the firm.

Monro was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1910, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1925. He was also a Fellow of the Society of Architects (FSArc). His address was given as 10 Abbeville Road, Finsbury, London in 1905; 46 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London in 1920 and 1939 (business). He died on 16 January 1945. His death was registered in Marylebone, London

A biographical file on William Ernest Monro is available on request at the Enquiry Desk, Royal Institute of British Architects Library, London

Worked in

UK

Works

Work by Monro in conjunction with William Howard Seth-Smith included: the Marling Schools, Stroud, about 1880; Homes for Destitute Boys in Oxfordshire, with schools, workshops, gymnasium and chapel, about 1887 to 1914; St. Luke's Church, Maidstone; the Grafton Hotel, Tottenham Court Road; Church Missionary Society, 1915, extension and alteration of premises in Salisbury Square; alteration and extension of Hare Hall, Romford; restoration of Manor House, Stoke Poses; extension of Nast Hyde Manor House, Hatfield; houses at Elstead, Owermoigne (Dorsetshire), and Broadstals: Waxwell Farm, Pinner; Hyde House, Bulstrode Street; Ada Lewis House, Chelsea; rebuilding of Manor House, Kingham; lodges to Daylesford Park, Oxfordshire; the Town Hall, Lydney; development of the Chase Estate, Epsom, and Eaton Park Estate, Cobham, Surrey. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1923]

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