

## **Swan, James Alfred 1875 - 1952**

James Alfred Swan was born in London, England on 22 April 1874 and was articled to Thomas Walter Francis Newton (c.1862-1903) in Birmingham. He also studied at Birmingham School of Art and the LCC Central School of Arts and Crafts in London. Swan commenced independent practice in Birmingham in 1900 and was subsequently in partnership at various times with Arthur Ernest McKewan (1870-1947) and other architects. He also taught at Wolverhampton College of Art, Tattenhall College, and Shrewsbury School of Art. He was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1911 and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1915. He was also an Associate of the Royal Society of Artists, Birmingham (RBSA), and a Member of Birmingham Architectural Association.

Awards received by Swan included the Soane Medal and the National Gold Medal, South Kensington, 1897. He exhibited at the Royal Academy in London and the Royal Society of Artists, Birmingham, between 1906 and 1940. He also participated in the 7th exhibition of the Arts & Crafts Exhibition Society at the New Gallery in London in 1903.

Swan's address was given as 56 Newall Street, Birmingham and Lanfine, Lightwoods Hill, Warley, Birmingham in 1906 and 1914; and Daimler House, Paradise Street, Birmingham in 1924 and 1939. He died in Smethwick, Worcestershire on 12 March 1952.

Worked in  
UK  
Works

In addition to numerous private residences in the Birmingham and West Midlands area of England, Swan designed the Mint in Birmingham; schools in Shrewsbury and Wellington; the Carnegie Library in Keighley, Yorkshire; and war memorials for St. Matthew's Church in Birmingham, the Mint in Birmingham and Wollaston Church in Stourbridge.

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