

Miller, James 1860 - 1947



James Miller was born in Auchtergaven, Perthshire, Scotland in 1860. From 1877 onwards he was articled to Andrew Heiton (1823-1894) of Messrs A. & A. Heiton in Perth. After working as an assistant to Hippolyte Jean Blanc (1844-1917) in Edinburgh, he was employed as an assistant in the Architects' Department of the Caledonian Railway Co., first in Perth and then in Edinburgh (1888-92). In 1892 Miller established his own independent architectural practice in Glasgow. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1902. In 1933 he formed a partnership with his son, George James Miller (c.1902-1940) as James Miller & Son.

Between 1887 and 1938 Miller exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh, the Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts and at the Royal Academy in London. He was elected an Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy (ARSA) in 1906 and a full member of the of the Academy (RSA) in 1931. Miller died in Randolphfield, Scotland, on 28 November 1947

Worked in

UK

Works

Notable architectural projects by Miller included Belmont Parish Church (1893); an oratory chapel in St. Enoch's Square, Glasgow for the Underground Railway (1896); buildings for the 1901 Glasgow International Exhibition; St. Andrew's Church, Glasgow (1904); offices for the Anchor Line in Glasgow (1907); Glasgow Central Station and Hotel (1907); Glasgow Royal Infirmary (c.1907); Glasgow

University Medical School and Natural Philosophy Building (1908); Princes Pier in Greenock, Renfrewshire (1908), the Royal Infirmarys in Perth and Sterling (1908); Turnberry Hotel in Turnberry Bay, Ayrshire (1908); and the Union Bank at 110-120 Vincent Street, Glasgow (1910). Other projects included the Savoy Theatre in Glasgow; the Cranston Picture House in Glasgow, the Golf Hotel in Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire; offices for the North British Locomotive Co. in Glasgow; and Clydebank Burgh Buildings and Town Hall. Miller also designed interior decorations of the S.S. 'Lusitania' for the Cunard Steamship Co. in 1912.

For a comprehensive list of James Miller's architectural commissions see Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980 [*link below*]

See also British Listed Buildings; Historic Environment Scotland [*links below*]

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- Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980

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