

Cotton, John 1844 - 1934

John Cotton was born in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, England in October 1844. He obtained his training as an architect working in the office of his father who was a land agent and building surveyor. He was then an improver with John Daymond Ellis (1833-1884) of Austin Friars and in other offices in 1862-63, before working as an assistant to George Bidlake (1829?-1892) in 1865, and to William Jeffrey Hopkins (1820?-1901) in 1866. After travelling in France in 1867, he was employed as an assistant by James Tait (1834?-1915) in 1868, by Alfred Waterhouse (1830-1905), and by William Eden Nesfield (1835-1888) in 1869-70. In 1869 he was awarded the Pugin studentship

Cotton commenced independent practice as an architect in Birmingham in 1870 and was in partnership with William Henry Bidlake (1862-1938) from 1887 to 1891.

Cotton was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1889. He was President of the Midland Arts Club, 1909 He died in Birmingham on 8 April 1934.

Worked in

UK

Works

Weatheroak Hall, near Alvechurch, Worcs; houses at Bromsgrove, Towyn; Brine Baths, Droitwich; schools at Rashwood, Lickey-end, Finstall, Bromsgrove, Fillongly, Salwarpe, and elsewhere ; churches: St. Chrysostom's, Soho, Birmingham; All Saints, Bromsgrove; All Saints', Luddington, Stratford-on-Avon; St. Thomas's, Longford, Coventry, and Atherstone-on-Stour; St. Thomas's, Hockley Heath; St. Godwald's, Finstall; restoration of Clifford Chambers Church, Stratford-on-Avon; chapels at Walsall and Blackwell, Bromsgrove; Cottage Hosp., School of Art and Institute, Bromsgrove; Public Hall, Redditch; and numerous shops, offices, farm buildings, &c, in Midlands. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

Bibliography

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