Galbraith, Augustus William de Rohan 1871 -1957

Augustus William de Rohan Galbraith was born in Durham, England on 27 July 1871 [or 1875 - sources differ] and attended Regent Street Polytechnic in London from 1889 to 1892 and was articled to his father Augustus William Galbraith (1840-1911) an architect and civil engineer in Southampton, Hampshire from 1892 to 1895. He commenced independent practice in Southampton in 1895 and was in partnership with his father from 1895 to 1897. He worked as an assistant engineer from 1897 to 1903 and was then District Surveyor for Portsmouth from 1903 to 1909. In 1909 he moved to Zanzibar, Protectorate of East Africa [now Tanzania] to take up the post of Director of Public works.

He was elected a Licentiate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (LRIBA) in 1912. By 1919 he had moved to Australia. He later moved to New Zealand and by 1928 was City Engineer and Surveyor for Christchurch, a post he held at least until 1936. He died in New Zealand on 11 March 1957.

Worked in UK New Zealand Works

New Government offices, new palace for H.M. the Sultan, prison for 400 prisoners, military hospital, European hospital, new district courts, police stations, markets, barracks, warehouses, magazines, and shamba dispensaries — all in Zanzibar. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

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