## Hooper, Francis George Fielder 1859 - 1938

Francis George Fielder Hooper [also known as Francis Hooper] was born in Regents Park, London, England on 7 July 1859 and was articled to Arthur Cates (1829-1901) from 1876 to 1879. He also attended University College, London, and the Royal Academy Schools in London. He then worked in the offices of Henry Saxon Snell (1836-1904), Frederick George Knight (?-1930), and Frank Thomas Baggallay (1855-1930) until c.1883.

Hooper qualified as an architect in 1882 and was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA). He was awarded the Pugin Scholarship in 1882 and the Godwin Bursary in 1888

He commenced practice as an architect in London in 1884 and from 1889 to 1895 was was in partnership with Thomas Archer [or Henry Archer - sources differ]. He was later in partnership with his son, Arnold Fielder Hooper (1893-1951), and James Herbert Belfrage (1877-1955) as Hooper, Belfrage & Hooper. In 1905 Hooper was appointed Architect to Beckenham School Board.

Hooper was Vice President of the Architectural Association in 1896-97 and in 1897 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA). He died in Beckenham, Kent on 11 June 1938.

Worked in UK Works

Most of Hooper's work as an architect was in Beckenham, Kent. This included several private houses in Wickham Road in the 1890s; the Vicarage in Court Downs Road (1891); Christ Church Halls in Fairfield Road (1901); and two houses in Manor Way (1914). He also designed Church Schools and and a Hall at Preston Park, Brighton, Sussex (1912).

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