

Bond, Frederick Bligh 1864 - 1945

Frederick Bligh Bond was born in Marlborough, Wiltshire, England on 30 June 1864 and was articled to Charles Francis Hansom (1817-1888) in Bristol from 1881 to 1885. He was then an improver with Arthur William Blomfield (1829-1899) in 1885-86. He commenced independent practice as an architect in Bristol in 1886, and from 1886 to 1888 was in partnership with Hansom. He also worked with Hansom's son, Edward Joseph Hansom (1842-1900) and Archibald Matthias Dunn (1832-1917), and was briefly in partnership with William Bruce Gingell (1818?-1900) from c.1898 to c.1900. Bond was honorary architect to the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and architect to Malvern Priory Church from 1909 to 1914.

From the 1900s Bond became increasingly absorbed in the excavation of Glastonbury Abbey in Somerset and in 1908 was appointed Director of Excavations at Glastonbury Abbey by the Church of England. He also developed an interest in psychical research and in 1902 joined the Society for Psychical Research. From 1921 to 1926 he was editor of the Quarterly Transactions of the British College of Psychic Science.

Between 1919 and 1924 Bond (1864-1945) was associated with the Amberley, Gloucestershire-based architectural practice [Falconer Baker & Campbell](#), however, it is not known if he was a partner.

From 1926 to 1935 [or 1936 - sources differ] he lived in the USA where he worked for the American Society for Psychical Research. Whilst in the USA he was consecrated as a bishop in the Old Catholic Church of America in 1933. Bond died in Dolgellau, Merionethshire, Wales on 8 March 1945.

Worked in

UK

Works

Handel Cossham Memorial Hospital, Bristol; "The Wylands", Shirehampton, Bristol; Bristol Medical School and other buildings of the University College; St. George Higher Grade Schools, Bristol; Music School, Clifton College; Tavistock Grammar School; Ascension Church, Bath (completion); Lord Winterstoke Memorial (oak screens and benches), Burrington Church, Som.; restoration of screens and rood-lofts at Staverton, Kenton, and Lew Trenchard (all in Devon); and Brompton Ralph, Somerset; roods and screens at St. Aldan's, Birmingham;

and rood-beam and figures at All Saints', Clifton, Bristol; re Glastonbury Excavations: Discovered the "Edgar" Chapel, the North Porch, the "Dunston" Chapel, and foundations of Western Towers of Glastonbury Abbey, with other features, completing the Plan; has also disclosed the foundations of the Cloisters and Refectory. Well known as a lecturer on architectural subjects in the South and West of England. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

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Links

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