

Myer, George Valentine Samuel 1883 - 1959



George Valentine Samuel Myer [commonly known as George Val Myer; also known as Val Myer] was born in Hereford, Herefordshire, England on 14 March 1883 and was articled to John Belcher (1841-1941) in 1900. He also attended Regent Street Polytechnic, Westminster School of Art and University College, London. Myer commenced independent practice in London in 1902 and qualified as an architect in 1905. He was also elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) that year.

From c.1904 he was in partnership with [John William Fair](#) (1871-1915) as [Fair & Myer](#) with an office in London. The practice designed houses in Gidea Park, Romford, Essex. By 1915 the partnership had been dissolved, presumably because of the death of Fair. In 1929 Myer formed a new partnership with [Francis James Watson-Hart](#) (1880-1953) as [Myer & Watson-Hart](#) [Val Myer & Francis James Watson-Hart]. Among their commissions was Broadcasting House at Portland Place, London in 1930-32, and the redesign and rebuilding of Aldford House on Park Lane, London for the Grosvenor Estate in 1930-32. Arthur William Willis later became a partner in the practice which was renamed Myer, Hart & Willis [Val Myer Hart & Willis]. Myer withdrew from the practice in 1950, and the partnership between Watson-Hart and Willis was dissolved in 1953.

Probably Myer's best-known architectural project was Broadcasting House in London designed for the British Broadcasting Corporation and completed in 1932.

In addition to his work as an architect, Myer was also a commercial artist and portrait painter. He died in Gibraltar on 25 February 1959

Worked in

UK

Works

Asia House, Lime Street, E.C.; White Home, Kingly Street, W.; "The Firs", Northwood, Middlesex; Swanley Mart Club, Kent; " Hill House", Northwood, Middlesex; Redroofs, Henley-on-Thames. [Source: Who's Who in Architecture 1914]

He also designed Portsoken House, 155-157 Minories, Aldgate, London (1928)

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