

Morris of Reading:

A Supplement

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In Volume 33 of Transactions (1989), 45-95, H. Godwin Arnold and Sidney M. Gold provided an account of 'Morris of Reading: A Family of Architects, 1836-1958' which included, in three Appendices, details of works of the practices of Joseph Morris, Morris & Stallwood, Morris & Son, and Violet Morris, together with a list of the works of S.S. Stallwood.

Joseph Morris of Reading, who lived from 1836 to 1913 and was County Surveyor of Bridges and Buildings for Berkshire from 1872 to 1905, was joined in his architectural practice by his son Francis Edward (Frank) from c. 1894 until 1905 (Fig. 1). His second daughter, Violet, continued the practice after her father's retirement through ill-health in 1905 and her brother's death in 1908. Her last work dates from 1949 when she was seventy.

Morris was a fourth-generation birthright Quaker but his parents resigned their membership in 1844 and the younger generation all resigned between 1844 and 1862, all then joining the Church of England. Joseph underwent a further conversion to the Family of Love, the Agapemonites, a sect founded by the Revd. Henry Prince, and with his wife and daughters moved at retirement to the headquarters of that faith at Spaxton in Somerset. From setting up in practice in 1857 until his appointment as County Surveyor in succession to J.B. Clacy, to whom he had been articled, Morris's work included church building and restoration, schools, cottages, villas and public houses and also major work for the Royal Berkshire Hospital. His official duties meant

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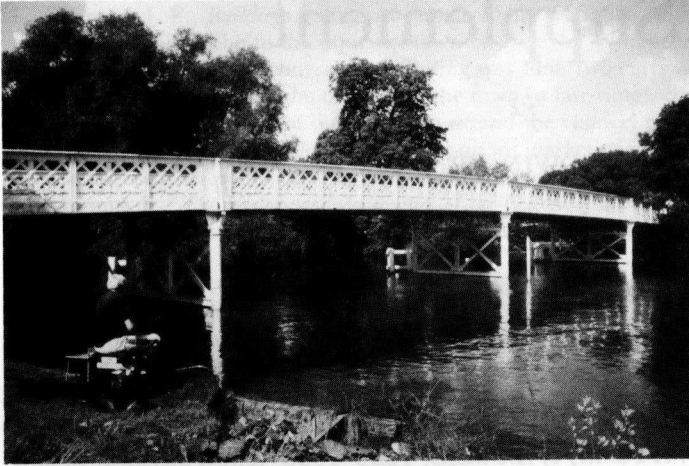


Fig. 1

Whitchurch Bridge 1903
As County Surveyor Joseph Morris designed numerous bridges for Berkshire County Council. Almost all have now been rebuilt to suit widened roads and heavier traffic. Whitchurch Bridge, spanning the river Thames between Pangbourne in Berkshire and Whitchurch in Oxfordshire was built for the Company of Proprietors of Whitchurch Bridge, now one of the few surviving privately owned toll-bridges. The bridge is now nearing the end of its life and is likely to be rebuilt within a few years. The parapet with diagonal members was Morris's standard detail

Fig. 2

Terrace Houses, London
Road, Reading

The Newtown area of Reading was developed from 1874 onward and largely housed workers in the biscuit works of Messrs Huntley & Palmer (one of Joseph Morris's schools in Newtown is illustrated in the article in Vol. 33 of *Transactions* (1989), figure 9, p. 59). The landowner of the terrace illustrated, which extends to twenty-three houses, was George Palmer, chairman of the company, Mayor 1875-8, M.P. for Reading 1878-85. These were Palmer leaseholds.

Other developers in the same district included builders such as William Hawkins and the Peoples Investment Company. One of their terraces, of various dates, in Liverpool Road extends to fifty houses with a gable at every seventh house



partnership broke up in 1886 and, since Stallwood was a high Anglican, this break may be put down to religious differences and Morris's adherence to the Agapemonites.

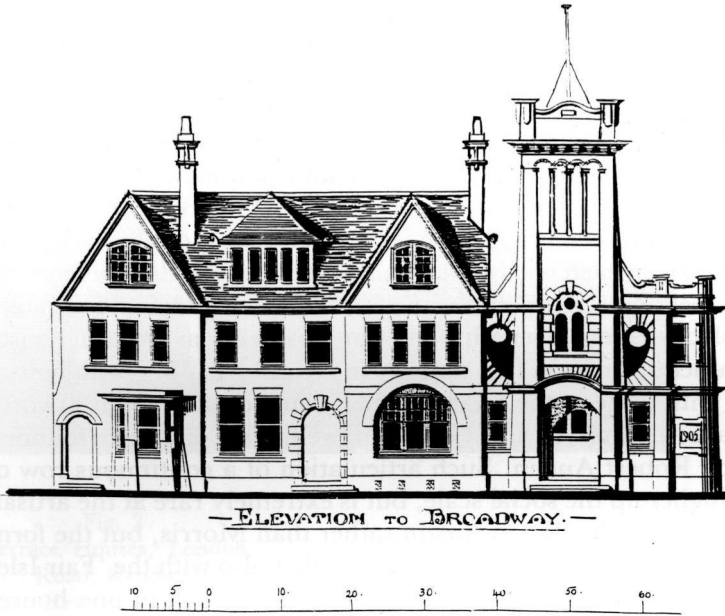
The decade of the partnership with Stallwood was dominated by the long-running programme of Huntley, Boorne & Stevens tin factory and by church restorations. Designs for vicarages had started before Stallwood's entry but such Anglican commissions as restorations and vicarages ceased with Morris's second conversion. This loss of work may well have interested Morris in the possibilities of development, for the start of the Peoples Investment Company is dated 1888. The population of Reading expanded greatly from 21,456 in 1851 to 72,217 in 1901. Growth had started before the coming of the railway but greatly increased after that took place in 1839. The town consequently has many streets of terrace-houses for workers in its major industries dating from the 1880s. A common form is of an integrated design occupying the length of a street. A house at each end has its main, symmetrical 'double-fronted' elevation to the return street and a sharp gable toward the main road; similar gables divide the length of the block into equal lengths, and some six or seven uniform houses fill each length. This characteristic form first appears in Reading in 1874 with houses in The Mount identical with some of the Shaftesbury Estate houses in Wandsworth developed by the Artizans, Labourers and General Dwellings Company (founded in 1867) and designed by Robert Austin. Such articulation of a continuous row of houses is customary far higher up the social scale, but is extremely rare at the artisan level. Here credit must therefore be due to Austin rather than Morris, but the form certainly becomes characteristic of Reading's streets, together also with the 'Fair Isle' patterning of brick work in designs with up to four colours of brick in one house. Morris's first terrace dates from 1876. Terraces associated with the Peoples Investment Company include London Road (1888) (Fig. 2), Norton Road, Cholmeley Road and Radstock Road (1892). At these dates Frank was still an articulated pupil, and the designs should most probably all be assigned to Joseph. At least from 1897 the signature on contract drawings is recognisably that of Frank.

The Peoples Investment Company was set up in 1888, and in 1890 bought the Briant's Farm Estate of forty-eight acres in Caversham, but development appears to have lagged and took place largely from 1897 to 1907 with similar grouped houses.

With the catalogue of the works of the successive practices full if not yet complete, and with almost all of the surviving buildings seen by one or other of the authors it becomes possible to be reasonably confident about the personal style of each member of the firm. The very distinctive style of villa associated with the development of Redlands Road in Reading from 1898 to 1906 and with Sturges Road and Murdoch Road in Wokingham from 1899 to 1908, must be due to Frank for the most part, with Violet's hand appearing in the houses which match her undoubted work in later years in Somerset and in Pershore. The evidence of Frank's position as a principal is clear in the case of Broadway Buildings from 1901 onward. Joseph handled the business side of the even larger project at McIlroy's which was almost simultaneous, but both buildings had many features in common.

Finally we must consider Violet's status as a designer. Much more can now be said than in the earlier essay. As the suggestion of her involvement with Maidenhead Police Station appears to originate with a visit by John Betjeman to that town to assist

—PROPOSED POLICE STATION AT MAIDENHEAD.—
—FOR THE—
BERKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—




 2nd September 1905

J. Morris.
 County Surveyor
 Reading

March 31-1905.

Fig. 3

Maidenhead Police Station

Redrawn from one of the contract drawings dated March 1905. These are signed by Joseph Morris but before the completion of the contract he was suffering from ill-health, had resigned as County Surveyor and by September of that year had removed to Somerset. Last payments to the builders were made in 1907. The architectural practice continued under the name of Morris & Son but the final payment by the County Council of professional fees was made in May 1908 to the surviving partners Violet Morris and Tarras Talfourd Camming, Frank having died in January of that year

efforts to save it, and as he had met her, this is a suggestion that must be considered seriously. The evidence of drawings, minutes and dates, which in a short essay cannot be detailed in full, suggests that the major design was not hers, although she must have been involved in some of the business and in some of the drawings (Fig. 3). There exists assent by which Violet and Olive accept the vesting in themselves of their sister Mabel's one-third share in the ownership of thirteen named houses in Taplow, which are recognizably in a Morris style and date from about 1911. Taken with the evidence of three houses in Pershore, designed for a client who had been a member of the Agapemone, dated 1919, 1926 and 1938—since all could only have been her sole work—we have proof of her ability and certainly of her personal style of design. There are also a few buildings where specifications are in two hands—drawings signed by Joseph are in Violet's style of draughtsmanship, which can now

PROPOSED RECTORY HOUSE
THORNHAM MAGNA
SUFFOLK -

No. 5.

This is the plan marked G-
referred to in the Affidavit
of Joseph Morris sworn this
26th day of April 1873 before me
Thomas Lee, Clerk
JP for Suffolk



Fig. 4

Rectory at Thornham Magna, Suffolk.

A solitary commission for Morris, an architect firmly based in Reading and its two surrounding counties of Berkshire and Oxfordshire is at first sight altogether improbable but a short chain of family connections and ecclesiastical patronage suggests recommendations. Contract documents survive to give proof. At the Royal Berkshire Hospital Richard Benyon of Englefield was a patron. Thomas, Joseph's brother was a governor and their clerical cousin Revd William Marten Shewell was briefly chaplain. Shewell's first appointment was as curate to Revd William Sykes at Cullompton, Devon. The patron of the living was Benyon, Sykes's father was half-brother to Benyon's wife Elizabeth; his mother was Anne Henniker and Lord Henniker of Thornham was patron of the second living which Sykes held, that of Thornham Magna

Suffolk County Council. Ipswich Diocesan Records

be attributed to her with more assurance. In this way a corpus of her work can be reasonably identified.

The influence of C.F.A. Voysey is strong: white walls, timber lintels conspicuously pegged together, tapered buttresses and chimneys and roofs of shallow pitch. Unlike this pattern, Violet's windows rarely display leaded lights, but have almost universally large clear panes; roofs may well be tiled or pantiled. While hers was a minor talent compared with her brilliant brother and their solidly competent father, she deserves to be recovered from obscurity.

The following catalogue supplements that published in the *Transactions of the Ancient Monuments Society*, 33 (1989), 81-9. In this second catalogue full references are given. Full references also exist, but remain unpublished, for the earlier list.

Copies of the unabridged text of this catalogue are to be deposited in the libraries of the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Institute of British Architects, and in the Berkshire County Record Office.

Some dates in the published catalogue, based on directory entries, are in error by one or two years when checked by building records, but these minor adjustments are not recorded in the following supplement. In the full catalogue an asterisk (*) indicates the revision or correction of an entry in the check list at pp. 81-7 of Volume 33 of these *Transactions*.



Appendix

- 1859 Reading: 27 Prospect Street, 'Radnor Lodge' extension.
The Morris family home.
Private correspondence.
- 1860 Reading: 62 Tilehurst Road, 'From Kington House'
Carpenter's work. *The Builder*, 24 March 1860, 192.
- 1861* Reading: Royal Berkshire Hospital, extensions.
The Builder, 20 July 1861, 504.
Berkshire Chronicle, 1 March 1862, 6, col. 1;
M. Railton and M. Barr.
The Royal Berkshire Hospital (1989), *passim*.
- 1862 North Warnborough, Baker's Shop. Demolished.
Hants: *The Builder*, 17 May 1862, 358.
Mrs S. Millard of Odiham. (Photograph)
- 1863* Purley, Berks: Gardener's cottage, Purley Park.
The Builder, 11 July 1863, 505.
Purley Park Sale Catalogue, 1924, 10 (illus.).
J. Debney, 'The Gardener's Cottage, Purley Park',
Purley News, July-September 1988.
- 1864 Bracknell, Berks: A public house for Mr Alloway.
The Builder, 5 November 1864, 820.
- 1865 Reading: 67 London Street.
The Builder, 31 December 1859, 862, *ibid.* 29 April
1865, 304.
- 1865 Reading: Royal Berkshire Hospital, Gardener's cottage.
M. Railton and M. Barr, *op.cit.* 76-7.
- 1866 Reading: New Workhouse in Oxford Road.
Unsuccessful entry in limited competition.
Minutes of Board of Guardians in Berks County
Record Office.
- 1866 Earley, Reading: A house for Mr Burton, (?)83 Crescent Road.
The Builder, 13 October 1866, 768.
- 1867 Reading: Great Knollys Street and George Street.
Sites of nos. 170 and 172 Great Knollys Street and
61 George Street conveyed to Morris.
Borough of Reading Terrier and Schedule 1891.
- 1867* Reading: St Lawrence's Church, restoration.
Building News, 12 July 1867, 484-5.
Reading Mercury, 16 May 1867, 2, col. 1 and 14
June 1875.
C. Kerry, *A History of the Municipal Church of St.
Lawrence, Reading* (1883), 34 and 76 (see also 1868
and 1881).
- 1870* Cheap Cottages for Rural Districts.
Berkshire Chronicle, 5 March 1870, 5, col. 3.
(A summary of a pamphlet by Morris.)



Fig. 5

Upperton Farmhouse, Brightwell Upperton, 1878.
Now called 'The Pines'. The owners of the Brightwell Estate at that date were the Lownes-Stone-Norton family who gave the land for the village school designed by Morris and Stallwood in the same year. In 1900 the schoolteacher's house was reinstated by Stallwood after a fire. The heavy timberwork of the porch of the farmhouse is typical of Joseph's work and remains a characteristic for at least twenty five years

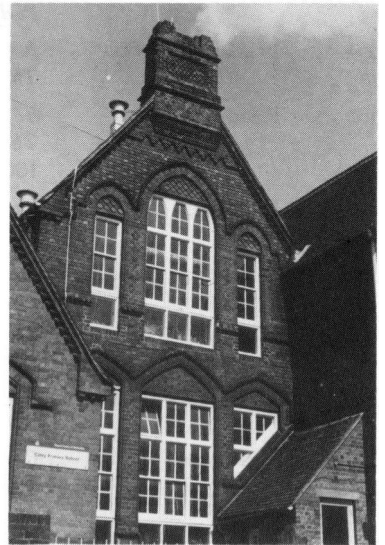
Fig. 6

Coley Board School, 1872-4

The list of tenders for this school for 638 children appears in *The Builder* for 12 July 1873 and reads:

Stephenson	£5,201-0-0
Claridge	4,330-0-0
Gibson Bros	4,295-0-0
Wheeler Bros (accepted)	4,193-0-0
Simpson	4,176-0-0
Mathews	4,169-0-0
Sawyer	3,993-0-0
Moore	3,856-0-0
Clacy	3,315-0-0
Groome	3,034-0-0

The firm of Wheeler Bros had a high reputation for a century and worked for such architects as Sir Gilbert Scott, William Butterfield and Alfred Waterhouse. For Henry Woodyer they built numerous churches in Reading, Berkshire and Surrey



- 1871 Whitchurch, Oxon: Additions to school.
Village Education in 19th century Oxfordshire (Oxford Record Society, 51, (1979), 26-7, 30-2 and 49n);
R. Noble, MSS notes on Whitchurch.
- 1873* Wokingham, Berks: All Saints' Rectory.
The Builder, 12 July 1873, 556.
Berkshire Chronicle, 28 September 1874, 8, col. 5.
B. Long, *Records of the Parish Church and the Parish of Wokingham* (1937), 37.
W.G. Stewart (photographs).

- 1873 Reading: 11 Maitland Road. Demolished.
Morris was first occupant and probable designer.
- 1873* Reading: Katesgrove School.
Building News, 11 July 1873, 55.
B.M. Morgan, Reading University Dissertation
1986.
- 1873/4 Thornham Magna, Suffolk Rectory (Fig. 4).
Correspondence from Robert Kindred.
Suffolk Record Office: Parish House papers,
FF1/909/1.
Specification owned by Mr and Mrs Clarke.
- 1874 Twyford, Berks: New school and schoolmaster's residence.
The Builder, 23 May 1874, 458.
- 1874 Reading: 57-59 Minster Street for Messrs Blowers & Son.
The Builder, 23 May 1874, 450.
- 1874 Reading: 1 Southcote Road, Westfield.
Reading Borough Council Drainage Records 1882.
- 1874 Purley, Berks: Church of England School.
Reading Mercury, 13 February 1875, and information
from Mr John Chapman.
- 1875 Hurst: St Nicholas' Church, restoration.
Hurst Church Faculty, Berks Record Office.
D/P 73/6/3/5.
MSS of Miss Freda Wheeler.
- 1875 Reading: 'Coleyhurst', 37 Bath Road. Demolished.
The Builder, 4 December 1875, 1094.
Reading Borough Council Drainage Applications,
1875.
- 1875 Partnership with S.S. Stallwood.
Building News, 24 July 1885, 1242.
- 1875* Wokingham: Palmer Schools. Demolished.
Reading Mercury, 2 October 1875, 5, col. 4.
- 1875 Reading: 'Hollington', 9 Redlands Road, for Mr Henry Lea.
Demolished.
The Builder, 4 December 1875, 1094.
- 1875 Reading: St Mary's Vicarage, additions and alterations.
Demolished.
The Builder, 4 December 1875, 1094.
Berks Record Office; Berkshire Architectural
Records, Reading St. Mary's, S.126.
- 1875 Reading: Five Cottages, Katesgrove, for Messrs Philbrick.
The Builder, 4 December 1875, 1094.
- 1875 Reading: 'Turret House', Southcote Crescent. Demolished.
The Builder, 11 December 1875, 1116.
- 1876 Reading: Sauce Factory, Kings Road, for Messrs Charles
Cocks & Co. Demolished.
The Builder, 17 June 1876, 602.



Fig. 7

Crown Street Entrance to tin factory of Messrs Huntley, Boorne and Stevens, 1883. The firm made the tin boxes for Huntley & Palmer's biscuits. The Renaissance style is that of Stallwood. A board-room table designed by the partnership is almost all that remains of the works. This firm, like other clients of Morris and of Stallwood trusted their architects with commissions over many years



Fig. 8

Cleeve Court, Streatley (demolished) 1900)

Stylistically this can only be the work of Frank. The thatched roof of the original proposal was rejected by the Local Authority. When built, a verandah with balcony above surrounded the semi-octagonal bay and extended toward the far end of the elevation. The client was Sir William Ingram, chief proprietor of the *Illustrated London News*. A lodge, the gardeners' bothy and a delightful circular engine-house survive. The lodge is almost a duplicate of the gardener's house in Reading at 103 Connaught Road, illustrated in figure 22 in the earlier article. Smaller than Cleeve Court but similar in style is

'Thames View' above Pangbourne

- 1876 Whitstable, Kent: Oxford Road Schools. Probably entirely by Stallwood.
The Builder, 17 June 1876, 602.
The Whitstable Times: 19 June 1875, 1, col. 1; 26 June 1875, 1, col. 1; 24 July 1875, 8, col. 1; 31 July 1875, 8, col. 1; 21 August 1875, 8, col. 1; 28 August 1875, 8, col. 1; 25 December 1875, 8, col. 1; 1 January 1876, 8, col. 1; 25 March 1876, 1, col. 1; 13 October 1877, 8, col. 1;
Bell. Book & Boys (Whitstable School Centenary, 1976).
W. Harvey, MSS Notes on the school.
- 1876 Wokingham: School House, Palmer Schools.
Reading Mercury, 2 October 1875, 5, col. 4.
- 1876 Leybourne, Kent: School and residence.
Probably also Stallwood's work.
- 1876 Reading: School Terrace. Ten cottages for Mr George Palmer (Nos. 23-31). Nos. 1-22 are earlier but undated.
The Builder, 17 June 1876, 602.
- 1876 Reading: New stabling and coachman's house for Mr E. May. Demolished.
The Builder, 17 June 1876, 602.
- 1876 Reading: St James's R.C. School. Since altered.
The Builder, 17 June 1876, 602.
- 1876 Twyford, Berks: The Vicarage. Demolished.
The Builder, 28 October 1876, 1060.
Miss Dowland (notes and photographs).
- 1876 Chalgrove, Oxon: New school and residence.
The Builder, 28 October 1876, 1060.
- 1877 Twyford: A Malting and Cottage.
The Builder, 16 June 1877, 622.
- 1877 Reading: A working men's club. Demolished.
The Builder, 26 May 1877, 544.
- 1877 Cold Ash, Berks: A new Vicarage.
The Builder, 26 May 1877, 544.
R.S. Podds, *St. Mark's Centenary Brochure*, 1965, 9.
- 1877 Sunninghill Park, Berks: New Entrance Lodge.
The Builder, 26 May 1877, 544.
- 1877 Reading: Swimming bath and alterations for Mr Blandy
The Builder, 19 May 1877, 518.
- 1877 Reading: Factory for Messrs Huntley Boorne & Stevens (see also 1883).
The Builder, 19 May 1877, 518;
14 September 1878, 975.
- 1878 Reading: Abbey Flour Mills. Additions for Mr George Palmer.
The Builder, 14 September 1878, 975.

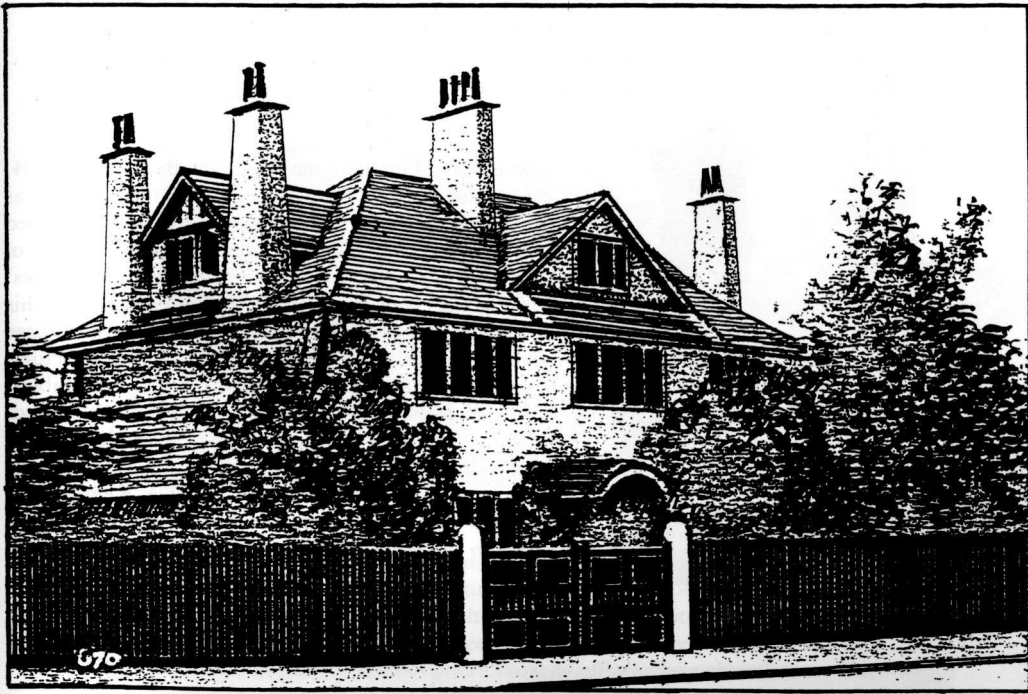


Fig. 9

'Worting', Murdoch Road, Workingham
(Redrawn from an old postcard)

Houses were built on the Peoples Investment Company's estate at Workingham from about 1901 until the death of Frank in 1908. 'Worting' appears to be in Violet's style. The house is now much altered and surrounded with mature trees

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| 1878* | Caversham, Oxon: | St Peter's Church, restorations.
<i>The Builder</i> , 14 September 1878, 975.
<i>Building News</i> , 8 March 1878, 238. |
| 1878 | Kidmore, Oxon: | Additions to Parish School.
<i>The Builder</i> , 14 September 1878, 975. |
| 1878 | Speen, Berks: | 'Deanwood', alterations and additions.
<i>The Builder</i> , 14 September 1878, 975. |
| 1878 | Brightwell and
Britwell, Oxon: | New school.
<i>The Builder</i> , 14 September 1878, 975. |
| 1878 | Brightwell Upperton,
Oxon: | Labourers' cottages and additions to farmhouse
(Fig. 5).
<i>The Builder</i> , 14 September 1878, 975. |
| 1878 | Swallowfield, Berks: | Vicarage—now called 'Mead House'. Alternative
designs exist.
Specification owned by Mr and Mrs Clark-Maxwell. |

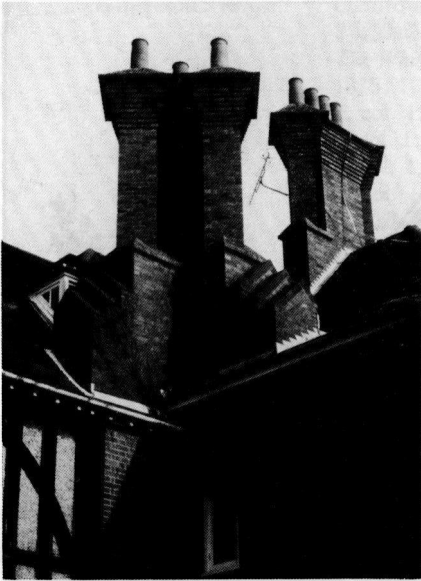


Fig. 10

House at Workingham (now the Tithe Barn Hotel) 1904. When the Batty's Barn estate at Workingham was developed with Morris houses, the roads were named after the local M.P. Charles Murdoch and the Vicar of Workingham, Canon Edward Sturges. Sturges' Vicarage has been demolished. This house, built for his retirement, survives. The entrance front, of which these chimneys are but a minor element, is full of architectural drama: bay windows, half timber, but above all gables, five in all, some superimposed in two tiers and of varied, clashing pitches. The garden side is altogether calmer with a single large bay. A stone panel gives the initials of Sturges and his wife and the date 1904. Regrettably, although original doors and staircase survive, fireplaces, which in so large a house were probably highly original and elaboration have all gone



Fig. 11

Station Road, Reading 1903 and 1904

On the right is Broadway Buildings where Morris had his office. A year after it was completed, seven additional shops and dwellings four storeys high as against the original five were added. Of the whole block only two units now survive to show the exuberant detail of the original. These have been fitted with an Art Nouveau shop front and balustraded pyramid roof.



Fig. 12

River Road, Taplow *c.* 1910-11

Among the probate papers relating to the will of Mabel Morris, who died in 1938, is an assent by which her two surviving sisters receive her one third share in these 'thirteen freehold properties'. By local tradition this is known as Gaiety Row—where Guards officers kept their ladies. The cantilevers of the balconies uphold the Morris custom of using interesting detail in timberwork. The glazed verandahs which overlook the Thames are a later alteration

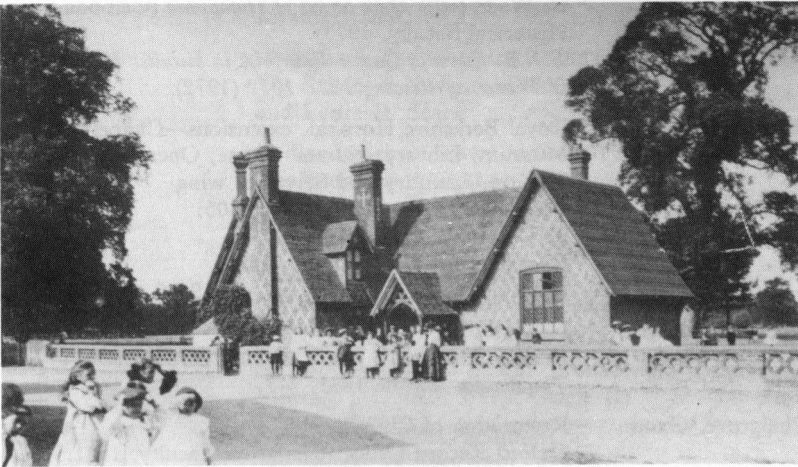


Fig. 13

Village School, Swallowfield (demolished)

A lodge and boundary wall to Swallowfield Park in the same style remain. In the village Morris also designed the Vicarage and stables and restored the church. The style, that of known Morris schools and rectories, makes attribution certain and a date of *c.* 1873-8 probable

- 1878 Reading: 'Uppercross', 12 Christchurch Gardens.
Attribution on grounds of style certain.
Ownership of adjoining sites by Morris brother
Charles offers corroboration.
- 1879 Windsor, Berks: Police Station. Demolished.
The Builder, 31 May 1879, 614.
- 1879 Reading: Coley School, Caretaker's cottage. (Fig. 6)
Katesgrove School, Caretaker's cottage.
The Builder, 31 May 1879, 314.
- 1879 Abingdon, Berks: Council Chamber, restoration.
The Builder, 31 May 1879, 314,
and Abingdon Council Minutes.
- 1880 Reading: Whitley Wood Farmhouse.
The Builder, 20 March 1880, 369.
- 1880* Wokingham: All Saints Church, tower restoration.
B. Long, op. cit.; *The Builder*, 20 March 1880, 369.
- 1880 Mongewell, Oxon: St John Baptist Church, restoration.
Jennifer Sherwood, *A Guide to the Churches of
Oxfordshire* (Robert Dugdale, 1989), 123.
Oxford Record Office 'Mongewell Faculty' (MS
OXF DIOC Papers C.1147).
- 1881 Nettlebed, Oxon: Alterations to school.
The Builder, 25 June 1881, 813.
School Log Book, 117.
- 1881 London, Hampstead: 40 College Crescent for Mr Samuel Palmer.
The Builder, 20 November 1880, 632.
C. Wade (ed.) *More Streets of Hampstead* (Camden
Historical Society, 1973).
T.A.B. Corley, *Quaker Enterprise in biscuits: Huntley
& Palmers of Reading 1822-1972* (1972).
- 1882 Reading: Royal Berkshire Hospital, extensions—Chapel,
Museum, Library, Nurses' Home, Operating
Theatre, Laundry and Servants' wing.
The Builder, 4 September 1881, 305;
31 December 1881, 816;
Reading Observer, 27 January 1883,
M. Railton and M. Barr, op. cit., 94-6, 98-100.
- 1882 Sunninghill, Berks: New schools.
Reading Mercury, 22 April 1882, 6, col. 1.
The Builder, 4 June 1881, 717.
- 1883 Chalgrove, Oxon: Restoration of Church.
Oxford Record Office: Chalgrove Faculty, 1881.
Kelly's *Directory of Oxfordshire*.
- 1883 Wokingham: St Sebastian's Vicarage, alterations.
The Builder, 24 February 1883, 263.
- 1883 Swallowfield: All Saints' Church, restorations.
Berks Record Office: Swallowfield Restoration Plans
1883 (D/P 129/6/1/3).

- 1883* Reading: Huntley Boorne & Stevens, factory.
The Architect, 9 June 1883, 387. (Fig. 7)
- 1884 Swallowfield: Kings Bridge.
The Builder, 8 March 1884, 717.
- 1885 Reading: Classroom enlargements at Board Schools.
The Builder, 28 February 1884, 325.
- 1885 Reading: 69 Hamilton Road for Mr Batho.
The Builder, 10 January 1885, 90.
- 1885 Reading: 5 Bath Road for William Weedon.
The Builder, 11 April 1885, 536.
- 1885 Upton, Berks: St Mary the Virgin Church, restorations.
Berkshire Chronicle, 23 January 1886, 2 cols. 3-4.
- 1885 Binfield, Berks: Binfield Club.
Berks Record Office D/EX/749/1/3.
Stanley Ball, *Notes on Binfield*, vol. 3, 170.
- 1886 Wokingham: All Saints' Church screen.
B. Long, op. cit., 58.
J. Neave, op. cit., 19.
- 1887 Reading: 63 Hamilton Road for Mr Batho.
The Builder, 3 September 1887, 352.
- 1888 Reading: 343-419 London Road for George Palmer.
Reading Drainage and Buildings Committee
Minutes, 1888, 73.
- 1888 Reading: Hamilton Road, a greenhouse.
Reading Drainage and Buildings Committee
Minutes, 1888, 49.
- 1889 Wokingham: 'Starmead', Easthampstead Road for Mr S.S. Melville.
The Builder, 9 November 1889, 340;
and Leslie D. Sears.
- 1889 Reading: Redlands School, entry in limited competition.
The commission went to S.S. Stallwood.
Berkshire Chronicle, 13 December 1890, 7, col. 4.
- 1890 Reading: Royal Berkshire Hospital, plans for additional
fourteen beds—not carried out.
M. Railton and M. Barr, op. cit., 114.
- c. 1890 Reading: Elmhurst Road, dairy and stables.
Attribution in D. o E. list: 'probably by Joseph
Morris'. (SO 7272 9/476, Grade II).
- 1891 Reading: Katesgrove School, additions.
The Builder, 23 May 1891, 420.
- 1893 Marlow, Bucks: Repairs to Marlow Bridge.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, March 1893,
11.
- 1893* Reading: Assize Courts, repairs.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, 22 July 1893,
37.

- 1894 Goring Heath, Oxon: Allnutts Endowed Schools.
N. Pevsner and J. Sherwood *Oxfordshire*, (1974),
613.
Kelly's Directory of Oxfordshire. Oxford Record Office:
Goring RDC V/ii/11 a-3.
- 1895 Sandhurst, Berks: Police Station.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, January 1895,
24; April 1897, 125.
The Builder, 25 March 1893, 242.
- 1895 Reading: Assize Court, plan for re-seating.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, 1895, 165.
- 1895 Berkshire: Bridge repairs—numerous tenders. *The Builder*, 13
April 1895, 288, 27 April 1895, 320.
- 1896 Buscot, Berks: Bridges and culvert.
The Architect, 10 July 1896, 9.
- 1896 Reading: Royal Berkshire Hospital, nurses' accommodation
and operating theatre.
M. Railton and M. Barr, op. cit., 121, 123.
- 1897 Reading: 8 Abbots Walk, extension.
Reading Buildings and Drainage Committee
Minutes, 1897, 182.
- 1897 Reading: Minster Street Shop (no. 13-14) for Watson's
China Shop.
Reading Building and Drainage Committee
Minutes, 1897, 170, 175, 199, 200, 210, 243.
- 1897 Caversham: Star Road, terrace of eight houses (later extended
to twenty-four).
Caversham U.D.C. Minutes, 6 April 1897.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
Berkshire County Records: Sale Catalogue of
Briant's Farm Estate.
- 1897 Pangbourne: 'Crendon House', 66 Reading Road for Thomas
John Ellet Howlett.
Attributed on grounds of style and the Howlett
family being, with the Morris family, principal
members of the Agapemonites in Reading.
- 1897 Bray, Berks: New Bridge.
The Architect (Supplement, 9 July 1897), 11.
Berkshire County Council Minutes listing numerous
small bridge works, April 1806.
Schedule No. 10, 125.
- 1898 Wokingham: All Saints' Church, restorations (see also 1886).
B. Long, op. cit., 1880.
- 1898 Sunninghill: Police Station, unidentified work.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, 2 July 1898,
153.
- 1898 Reading: 'Earlham Villa' 7 Kendrick Road, drainage.
Reading Building and Drainage Committee
Minutes, 1898, 240-9.
Public Record Office: People's Investment Co.

- 1898 Sunninghill: St Michael's Church, vestry.
Reading Mercury, 11 June 1898, 7; 9 July 1898, 6;
12 November 1898, 8.
- 1899 Reading: 'The Poplars', 67a Kidmore Road.
Reading Borough Council Drainage Records.
- 1899 Datchet, Berks: Bridge restoration.
The Architect, (Supplement, 28 June 1899), 12.
- 1899 Caversham: Parochial School, School Lane, classroom.
Berkshire Record Office: Caversham D/P
162/25/16.
- 1899 Caversham: 2 Albert Road.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
- c.1899 Pangbourne: 'Thames View'.
Style and detail are convincing evidence.
- 1900 Reading: County Hall, minor work.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, April 1900, 97.
- 1900 Streatley: Cleeve Court lodge, walled garden and bothy.
Information from Mr O. Turner, the present
owner. (Fig. 8)
- 1901 Reading: St Paul's Church Hall, York Road.
Style and patron, William McIlroy, are convincing
evidence.
- c.1901* Wokingham: 'Springbank', 2 Murdoch Road.
Smith, *Reading Directory*, 1902.
- c.1901 Wokingham: 'Worting', 24 Murdoch Road. By Violet Morris
(Fig. 9).
Smith, *Reading Directory*.
- 1902 Reading: 14-15 Minster Street, Watson's China Shop.
Reading Illustrated, 1902.
- c.1902* Wokingham: 27 Murdoch Road (now 'Appin Lodge').
Smith, *Reading Directory*, 1903.
- c.1902* Wokingham: 'Lisdivin', 11 Murdoch Road.
Kelly, *Reading Directory*, 1903.
- 1902* Charvil, Berks: Bridge reconstruction.
The Architect, 9 May 1902, 2.
- 1902* Reading: Katesgrove School, additions.
B.M. Morgan, op. cit.
- 1902 Reading: Serpells Biscuit Factory, temporary building.
Reading Drainage and New Buildings Committee
Minutes, 1902, 252-3.
- 1902* Wokingham: Church House, Easthampstead Road.
Reading Mercury, 12 April 1902, 2, col. 3.
- 1902 Wokingham: Caretaker's cottage, Easthampstead Road.
Reading Mercury, 12 April 1902, 2, col. 3.
- 1903* Reading: McIlroy's Store.
Reading Standard, 4 January 1904, 3.
The Architect, 31 July 1903, 72.
Reading Drainage and New Buildings Committee
Minutes, 1899, 403-4, 410-12, 418-19;
1902, 78-87, 294-5; 1903, 325-6.

- 1903 Wallingford: New Bridge.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, 2 May 1903, 124.
- 1903* Reading: 'Harestone', 46 Redlands Road.
Personal correspondence with Mr Colin Allsebrook.
Smith, *Reading Directory*, 1907.
- 1903* Reading: 18 Redlands Road.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records, 9
November 1903. P.R.O: People's Investment Co.
- 1903* Wokingham: 'Ochilton', 73 Easthampstead Road.
Style and client, William McIlroy, are convincing
evidence.
The Wokingham Historian, 1, 23; 2, 4.
- 1904 Reading: 36-38 Oxford Road and 1-5 Cheapside.
Stylistically unmistakable.
- 1904* Swindon, Wiltshire McIlroy's Store, Regent Street.
L.V. Grinsell, H.B. Wells, H.S. Tallamy and
J. Betjeman, *Studies in the History of Swindon*
(Thamesdown District Council, 1950), 176 and 181.
- 1904 Thatcham: New bridge.
The Builder, 26 November 1904, 564.
- 1904 Reading: County Offices, alterations.
Berkshire County Council Minutes, 9 July 1904,
334.
- 1904 Brimpton: New bridge.
The Builder, 26 November 1904, 561.
- 1904 Wokingham House for Canon Sturges (now the Tithe Barn
Hotel). Client and style are proof (Fig. 10).
- 1904 Reading: Office of Weights and Measures.
The Architect (Supplement), 15 January 1904, 11.
- 1904* Reading Station Road, extension of Station Buildings and
seven additional shops and dwellings.
The Architect, 11 November 1904, 312.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records. (Fig. 11)
- 1905 Shinfield: New bridge.
The Builder, 15 April 1905, 424.
- 1905* Resignation of Joseph Morris.
County Council Minutes, November 1905.
- c.1905* Reading: 'Woodside', Shinfield Road.
Style and sale by People's Investment Co. make
attribution certain.
- 1905 Wokingham: 'Park Lodge', 56 Sturges Road (later 'Caerleon').
Information from Mr Roger Hosking.
- 1905* Dissolution of Partnership of Morris & Son.
London Gazette, 5 December 1905, 8759.
- 1906* Reading: 24 Northcourt Avenue.
A.H. Bowley, *Memoir of Sir Arthur Lyon Bowley*
1869-1957 and his Family, (1972), 60.
Attributable to Violet Morris.

- c. 1906 Reading: 'Furzebank', 38 Redlands Road.
Reading University Deeds.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
- 1907 Rotherfield Peppard, Oxon. Two cottages on the Fairhurst estate.
Oxford Record Office. Henley R.D.C. XVII/xviii/18.
- 1907 Rotherfield Peppard, Oxon. 'Fairhurst'.
Nicholas of Reading *Sale Catalogue of Fairhurst*, 18 September 1926.
- 1907 Reading: 'Amphill', Craven Road, alterations.
Reading Drainage and Buildings Committee Minutes, 1907, 257, 263.
- 1907 Wokingham: 'Eastleigh', 121 Easthampstead Road.
Correspondence with Mr Roger Hosking.
- c. 1910-11 Taplow, Bucks: River Road, thirteen houses.
Berkshire Record Office D/EBb/B2/512 and correspondence with Miss M.M. Harper. (Fig. 12)
- 1919 Pershore, Worcs: 'Tiddesley Lodge', Defford Road. By Violet Morris.
Diary of Sister Ruth (transcribed by J. Schwieso).
- 1926 Pershore: 'Benedicts', Defford Road. By Violet Morris.
Diary of Sister Ruth (transcribed by J. Schwieso).
- 1938 Pershore: 'The Spinney', Defford Road. By Violet Morris.
Diary of Sister Ruth (transcribed by J. Schwieso).

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- 1869 Reading: Blake's Lock Pumping Station.
Information from J. Kenneth Major.
- 1875 Reading: 'Oakfield House', Bath Road.
Client and style make attribution possible.
- 1875 Reading: 'Leopold House', 66 Tilehurst Road.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
- Post 1878 Reading: 'Summerleaze', Christchurch Road.
The house, by Alfred Waterhouse, was much enlarged later. That work is not recorded as his.
- 1888 Reading: 13 Addington Road.
- Undated Wokingham: 58 Sturges Road.
- Undated Wokingham: 68 Sturges Road.
- 1905* Reading: 'Sorrento', 240 Wokingham Road.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
- 1905* Reading: 'Capri', 242 Wokingham Road.
Reading Corporation Drainage Records.
- Undated Pangbourne: 49-59 Reading Road and similar houses in Horseshoe Road.
- Undated Reading: 'The Firs', 2 Christchurch Gardens.
Home of Joseph's brother Charles.
- Undated Wokingham: Two cottages next to All Saints' Church.

Undated	Sunninghill:	Victoria Road, reading-room and cottages.
Undated	Swallowfield:	Lodge to Swallowfield Park and village school. (Fig. 13)
Undated	Goring, Berks:	'Graham's Field'.
Undated	Folkestone, Kent:	8 Castle Hill Avenue. Home of John Talwin Morris 1896.
Undated	Wokingham:	Queen Victoria Almshouses (demolished).
Undated	West Bay, Dorset:	'Windy Cliff', Bungalow by Violet for Dora Beddows.

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Fig. 14

Advertisement of land for sale
in Caversham

This was bought by the People's Investment Company and partly developed between 1897 and 1907. Their typical elevations enable numerous small developments to be identified as well as their major work in Caversham and the Newtown area of Reading