

Frederic Cavendish Pearson 1882 - 1963



Frederic, with his second wife Beryl and daughter Hazel in 1925



41 - 49 Ludlow Road. Many of Pearson's drawings are held in the Brentham Archives.

Pearson lived with his first wife Gwendoline at 15 Woodfield Crescent between 1907 and 1912

The architect and surveyor Pearson designed some of the most flamboyant Brentham houses. Born in Yorkshire, his father James was a mill manager in Saltaire, the village built by Sir Titus Salt, so Frederic would have been familiar with a planned community before he came to Brentham. He was apprenticed to the architect A. Lancelot Lang and moved south with him when Lang became architect for Heston and Isleworth Council.

In 1906, at the age of 24, he was employed by Ealing Tenants as a draftsman but soon became the estate architect. Between 1907 and 1910 he designed most of the new houses in Brentham and much of the estate layout.

These cottages reveal a young architect experimenting with a wide range of Arts & Crafts features that are influenced by the work of Voysey. Picturesque elements sometimes appear at the expense of convenience but the eccentricities of these houses are loved by residents who feel their homes are attractive and unique. A comprehensive account of his work in Brentham can be found in the book by Aileen Reid *BRENTHAM pub. 2000*.

In 1912 Frederic was appointed as estate architect to Sutton Garden Suburb which was at the initial planning stage. In 1914, the year after the death of Gwendoline from T.B, he moved into one of his own houses on the estate. It is probable that he served with the Royal Lancaster Regiment as a sergeant during WW1. From 1920, with his second wife Beryl and two daughters, Beryl and Hazel, he moved into another Pearson house, 20 Meadow Close S.G.S. where he lived until his death. As well as his work on the Brentham and Sutton estates he worked on private houses and municipal projects.

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