

## Sir Robert Lorimer



Robert was born on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1864. He was one of three children and lived with his family at 21 Hill Street in Edinburgh.

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In 1878, his father leased and repaired Kellie Castle, Fife. It was this that sparked Robert's enthusiasm for architecture.

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He attended Edinburgh Academy as a teenager. When he left in 1882 he continued his studies at the University of Edinburgh but did not graduate.

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Robert left university in 1885 to become an architect. He trained in an architect's office and took technical classes at college.

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After becoming an architect, he worked for architect firms in both England and Scotland. He opened his own office in Edinburgh in 1893.

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After the outbreak of World War I Robert took on smaller scale projects. The demand for large new houses, which he had worked on, was less.

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In 1918, Robert was asked to be a Principal Architect for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

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While working for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Robert designed cemeteries in Italy, Macedonia and Egypt.

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In 1921, the CWGC asked Robert to design three identical naval memorials in the UK. These are located at Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth.

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Robert designed many World War I memorials across the UK including the Scottish National War Memorial in Edinburgh castle.

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He was knighted in 1911 and then made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire for his work on the Scottish National War Memorial.

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Robert died on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1929 aged 64. His ashes are buried in Newburn in south east Fife, near Kellie Castle.