

James Hine

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James Hine (1848-1928) was born at Ludlow, in the west of England. Hine was articled to John Grosvenor of Ludlow in 1865 for three years, and remained as Grosvenor's assistant until 1877, when he established his own practice in Ludlow and nearby Leominster. In 1881 he migrated to Cape Town, South Africa, and in 1883 voyaged to Australia, settling in Bathurst, NSW for 12 years. Hine established himself in his new country, and by 1887 was architect to the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst and art master at Bathurst Technical School. He designed a number of important buildings in Bathurst and the surrounding districts, including the Victorian Gothic manse *Hollydene* (1886), Masonic Hall (1889), a large Italianate house *Waranang* (1889), City Bank of Sydney (1894) and various buildings including the Don Leitch Pavilion (1885) at Bathurst Showground. Following the economic downturn of the early 1890s on the east coast, Hine migrated to Western Australia. In 1896 Hine was in practice in Perth, initially commencing with residential works. He soon branched out into larger projects, and from 1904-1908 was in partnership with Sydney-born architect John Selby (1857-1921) as Hine & Selby.

On his own, and with Selby, Hine designed a prodigious number of non-conformist church buildings, including the Baptist Church, Museum Street Perth (1899); Methodist Church, Plympton (East Fremantle 1900); Methodist Church, Duke Street Northam (1901); Queen's Methodist Church, Piesse Street Boulder (1903); Methodist Church, Ord Street West Perth (1904); Methodist Churches at Cottesloe and Gosnells (1905); Congregational Church, Bagot Road Subiaco (1905); St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St George's Terrace Perth (1906); Methodist Ladies College, Claremont (1907); St Margaret's Presbyterian

Church, Raglan Road North Perth (1913); Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church, corner Colin and Hay Streets, West Perth (1916); Methodist Church at the corner of Railway Road and Mead Street Kalamunda (1918), and Methodist Churches at Claremont and South Perth (1925). Their style was predominantly Federation Gothic, with Arts and Crafts detailing.

Hine also designed many residences and shops in Highgate, Mount Lawley and West Perth. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in December 1907, his three nominators being prominent WA architects M.F. Cavanagh and F.W. Burwell, and noted NSW architect John Sulman. Hine's submission for the design of Canberra (1911) was one of the 46 short listed entries. His plan has been described as 'a glorious exercise in circles, but an obviously impractical design. It completely ignores the site's topography. Most of the city is enclosed within a circular boulevard.'

With his meticulously detailed work, curiously James Hine remains a largely unrecognised practitioner. His most prominent commercial design work is shown at the Trinity Buildings, 671-681 Hay Street, Perth of 1926. A staunch Methodist, Hine served as college architect for Wesley College, South Perth, from 1923. Working right up until his passing, Hine died aged 79 years on 19 January 1928 at his 109 Thomas Street, Subiaco residence, and was buried in the Methodist section at Karrakatta Cemetery. Jack Ochiltree took over Hine's ongoing work. Hine had married twice, to Sarah Gilbert in 1872 - she died in August 1908; and to Maude Alice Letch, widow of F. Birch in 1910 at Subiaco.

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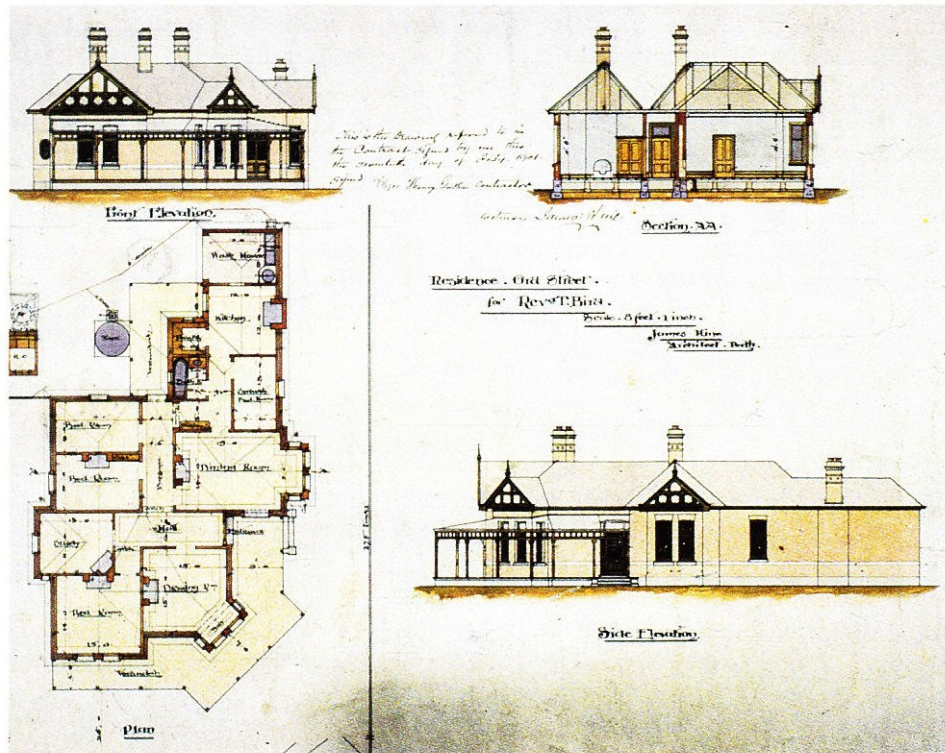
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THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN RAGLAN-ROAD, NORTH-PERTH—THE OLD CHURCH IS SHOWN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

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