

Engineering Railway Architecture: The Great Northern Railway (Ireland)



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Abstract:

The GNRI was founded in 1876 as an amalgamation of four earlier railway companies. A myriad of architectural styles across stations, signal cabins, railway cottages and goods sheds were inherited by the new company. Its first engineer in chief, William Hemingway Mills, was responsible for streamlining the company's infrastructure. Mills used polychromatic yellow, red and black brickwork across GNRI architecture to create a company identity, incorporating influences from his early career in England, Scotland, Spain and Mexico. This presentation will provide illuminating visuals from site visits and beautifully illustrated original architectural drawings held by the Irish Railway Record Society archives, demonstrating engineering's influence in railway architectural design in Ireland.

Biography:

Siobhan Osgood is a PhD candidate at Trinity College Dublin, researching the architecture of the Great Northern Railway Ireland across its original network. She accomplished a master's with distinction in Art History: Art + Ireland at Trinity College Dublin and her thesis was awarded the UK's Industrial Archaeology Association's Dissertation Prize in 2017. Siobhan has presented her research at conferences and written peer-reviewed articles for many architectural, railway, and history publications. For more information see her blog: www.irishrailwayarchitecture.blogspot.com, Instagram (@irishrailarch) and Twitter (@IrishRailArch).

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