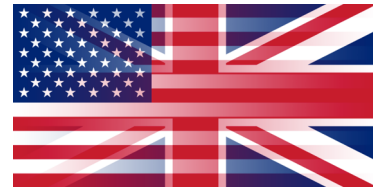


# The Other Norman M. Isham, Architect



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In addition to being 14th Baronet of Lamport, Sir Norman Murray Crawford Isham, Bart., has been honoured and recognized in several ways for his achievements in the field of architecture. Most notably, he is an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE); a Bachelor of Architecture with Distinction from the University of Cape Town (B. Arch., Dist'n., CT); an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA); and a 1968 recipient of the Civic Trust Award (for his design of Browning Barracks, Aldershot—"a superb example of the current renaissance in military buildings and a successful marriage of industrial building technique and the military tradition").

He is not, however, the first Norman M. Isham, architect. In a striking coincidence of name and profession, there was a successful American architect named Norman Morrison Isham. This earlier Norman M. Isham, born in the penultimate year of the American Civil War, was also an honoured member of his profession through the World War II era. Among many distinctions, he was head of the Architecture Department at the Rhode Island School of Design, a consultant to the Metropolitan Museum (New York City), and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He also guided much of the restoration of Colonial homes in historic Newport, Rhode Island.

The American Norman Isham was a descendant of John Isham of Barnstable, like the other American Ishams who were among the earliest members of the Anglo-American Isham Ancestry Association (AAIAA). This chart illustrates not only his descent from John of Barnstable, but also his kinship to the earliest progenitors of the New England, Isham Park and Lincoln, and Tasmanian Ishams. Alas, this Norman Isham and his wife had no children, so they have no descendants.



**John ISHAM** of Barnstable,  
Massachusetts 1654-1713  
m 1687 Jane Parker

Isaac 1692/3-1771  
m 1716 Abigail Lumbert

Joseph 1704/5-98  
**(New England Ishams)**

John 1721-1802  
m1 1751 Dorothy Foote  
(m2 1792 Esther (Chapman)  
Annable)

Timothy 1725-1812  
**(Tasmanian Ishams)**

Samuel 1752-1827  
**(Isham Park &  
Lincoln Ishams)**

Noah 1764-1819  
m 1786 Anna Lambert

David Lambert 1787-1872  
m Irene Pratt

Henry, MD 1815-67  
m 1863 Frances Elizabeth Smyth

**Norman Morrison Isham,  
architect, 1864-1943**  
m 1895 Elizabeth Barbour Ormsbee



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