

Amon Wil ds was born in Hastings in January 1762. Originally established at Lewes, Sussex, he moved in 1815 with his son to Brighton. In 1820 Wil ds entered into partnership with Charles Augustin Busby (1788-1834), a builder and engineer, with whom he carried out an extensive building programme in Brighton. The Brighton we know today is largely the result work of their work in the 1820s-30s. Before his association with Busby, Wil ds had erected Western Lodge (1817) Richmond Terrace (1818), and designed the Congregational Chapel in Union Street (1820).

The Ammonite Order was adopted by Wil ds senior and AH Wil ds, who were probably attracted to it as much by the punning allusion to their own Christian names as by its intrinsic architectural merit and it became the hall mark feature of the Wil ds' architectural work, which generally features little else by way of ornament. Ammonite design also features on the Wil ds memorial, which was designed by Amon Henry Wil ds

Sacred to the memory of Mr AMON WILDS. Died September 12th 1833 aged 71 years. A remarkable incident accompanies the period in which this gentleman came to settle in Brighton. Through his abilities and taste the order of the ancient architecture of buildings in Brighton may be dated to have changed from its antiquated simplicity and rusticity and its improvements have since progressively increased. He was a man of extensive genius and talent and in his reputation for uprightness of conduct could only meet its parallel.

Sacred to the memory of Mrs SARAH wife of MR AMON WILDS who departed this life February 3rd 1822 aged 37 years

ANN HUNTER relict of AMON WILDS, wife of THOMAS HUNTER died May 19th 1867 aged 80 years

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