

## LLUIS MUNCUNILL

**Lluís Parellada Muncunill** was born on 25 February 1868, in Sant Vicenç de Fals, near Manresa. He studied at Sant Ignasi's school in Manresa. In 1891, after his architectural studies, he moved to Terrassa, and lived there until his death in 1931. Between 1892 and 1903 he was the city servant architect. He created buildings for many uses including different types of industrial buildings. From 1903 he became an increasingly creative architect.

### A new industrial architecture

Lluís Muncunill designed different types of industrial buildings and built interesting factories far from the city centre. They were very large industrial buildings, and his expertise allow him built them using brick covered with round flat straps fastened with iron, supported by cast iron pillars. However, the stores he built became increasingly luxurious to impress clients in commercial transactions, and in their facades there were riskier forms of modernism. The common factor is the use of brick vaults.

### The bourgeois houses and "cheap houses"

Most the houses have the dimensions of a "casal" which repetition gave the city a large urban harmony. The interior layout of the houses was very simple: a hallway with the "gate room, a corridor with rooms and finally the dining room and outside toilet. This pattern is reproduced in different scales from mansions to workers' housing developments. The worker's homes were called "cheap houses".

### Extensive production

Lluís Muncunill transformed the city of Terrassa. He also worked in Rubí, Manresa, Ripoll, Matadepera, Montserrat and Ullastrell.

### Main Muncunill's work

Work	Chronology	Place
Facade City Council of Terrassa	1900 - 1902	Terrassa
Widowed's Carné, now Albinyana Chemistry	1900 - 1902	Terrassa
Industrial School of Terrassa	1901	Terrassa
Departament Store J Alegre, now "Arxiu Tobella"	1904	Terrassa
Joan Barata's house	1905	Terrassa
Vapor Aymerich Amat i Jover	1907-1908	Terrassa
Masia Freixà (renovated as a house)	1907-1910	Terrassa
Societat General d'Electricity, now a restaurant	1908	Terrassa
Ullastrell's Bell Tower	1908	Ullastrell
Marcet and Poal's Store	1914	Terrassa
Izard Factory	1921	Terrassa