

M042 Additions and alterations to Captain Rickards's house

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie carried out unspecified but extensive additions and alterations to 'Bellevue', the North Berwick home of Arthur Rickards, his wife, three young children and five staff. ¹

Authorship: Panelling at Bellevue was included on a list of Mackintosh's works compiled in the 1930s by Ronald Harrison, an early student of his architecture who had access to the office records. It was also included on Harrison's list of a selection of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time. Harrison evidently believed that Mackintosh contributed in some way to the design of the building, but no evidence has come to light to support this attribution.

Cost from job book: £2266 6s 7½d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Bellevue

Current use: Residential (2014)

Grid reference: NT 5592 8522

Chronology

1891

17 February: 'Went to North Berwick measured house and got instructions'. ¹

20 February: 'Sent measured drawing of house along with sketch plan'. ²

23 February: 'Went to N. B. discussed plan and got instructions to go on with working drawings'. ³

12 March: 'Sent working drawings to NB for approval'. ⁴

17 April: 'Went to North Berwick and got instructions from Captain R. as to reducing price & to report'. ⁵

27 April: 'Received note from Mr Rickards to accept lowest tenders with the following reductions': 'Deduct anti drawing room & aquarium £160'; 'P. P. Flooring substituted for oak. 50'; 'Ceilings plain instead of panelled. 20'; 'Overmantels in Dining Drawing & Morning rm 43'; Total 273.' ⁶

9 July: 'At North Berwick visiting work'. ⁷

1892

28 July: Earliest payment to contractor. ⁸

7 October: Latest payments to contractors. ⁹

15 December: Arthur Rickards pays John Honeyman & Keppie £85 0s 0d. ¹⁰

Description

People

Clients:

- Arthur Rickards

Contractors:

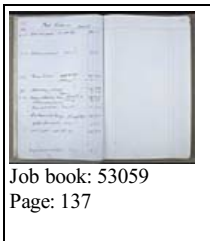
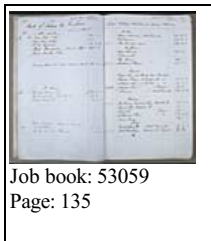
- Buchans & MacIntyre
- Douglas, Hunter & Whitson
- Galbraith & Winton
- Hutcheson & Grant
- James Johnston & Son
- Kean & Wardrop
- A. & D. MacKay
- Robert Murdoch
- Thomas Pearson
- A. & J. Scott

Job Book

The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. The name of a project and/or client is usually at the top of the left-hand page, followed by information about tradesmen who tendered. The name of the measurer (quantity surveyor) is usually at the top of the right-hand page, followed by information about payments to contractors and suppliers. All of the data for M042 is entered in the tables below.

Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually numbered. Here, each image of a double-page spread is identified by the number given at the top of the left-hand page. (Images of all of the pages from the four job books can be found at [Browse Job Books, Visit Book and Cash Book.](#))

The following information about M042 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Arthur Rickards

Measurer: Douglas, Hunter & Whitson

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Messrs. Whitecross	builder	North Berwick	no data in job book	£831 13s 6d	no
P & W Anderson	builder	no data in job book	no data in job book	£839 12s 2d	no
Robert Murdoch	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£728 18s 3d	yes (no data in job book)
Messrs. Whitecross	joiner	North Berwick	no data in job book	£750 12s 0d	no
T Hermsworth	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	no tender returned	no
Thomas Brown	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£569 0s 0d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£555 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
Procter & Sons	plumber	23 Church Lane, Edinburgh	no data in job book	no tender returned	no
Robertson & Cairns	plumber	31 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh	no data in job book	£175 12s 6d	no
H. Paterson & Sons	plumber	5 Elm Row, Edinburgh	no data in job book	£165 12s 6d	no

James Johnston & Son	plumber	Glasgow	no data in job book	£137 15s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
J. Kendall	plumber	North Berwick	no data in job book	£174 2s 4d	no
Thomas Pearson	plasterer	Distillery Lane, Dalry Road, Edinburgh	no data in job book	£102 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
Lennox & Son	plasterer	Torphichen Street, Edinburgh	no data in job book	£108 0s 0d	no
Caird & Co.	plasterer	Glasgow	no data in job book	£119 0s 0d	no
McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	Glasgow	no data in job book	£119 11s 5d	no
James Grieve	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	£94 0s 0d	no
A McLaren	slater	North Berwick	no data in job book	£70 0s 0d	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Oswald Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£51 5s 0d	yes (no data in job book)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Robert Murdoch	mason	Payment date: 7 October 1892 £740 0s 6d ¹
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Payment date: 7 October 1892 £672 19s 0d ²
Thomas Pearson	plasterer	Payment date: 26 August 1892 £153 18s 9d ³
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Payment date: 25 August 1892 £49 19s 6d ⁴
James Johnston & Son	plumber	Payment date: 7 October 1892 £218 4s 8d ⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Kean & Wardrop	no data in job book	28 July 1892	£51 15s 9½
Buchans & MacIntyre	no data in job book	26 August 1892	£120 12s 2d
Galbraith & Winton	no data in job book	25 August 1892	£3 17s 6d
A. & J. Scott	no data in job book	5 October 1892	£254 18s 9d

Measurer fee payment: £59 7s 0d (7 October 1892)

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

¹: House name and family details taken from 1891 census.

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- 9: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 137.
- 10: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 137.
- 11: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh / Keppie Henderson cash book, 1889–1917, GLAHA 53079, p. 20.
- 12: Measurer's fee £10 5s 0d.
- 13: Measurer's fee £9 9s 0d.
- 14: Including £32 5s 1½ for 'jobbings'. Measurer's fee £1 16s 9d.
- 15: Including £2 2s 10d for 'jobbings'. Measurer's fee 15s 9d.
- 16: Including £18 14s 6d for 'jobbings' and £39 10s 10d for 'gasfittings'. Measurer's fee £3 3s 0d.

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