

M049 Alterations to Dunrowan, Row, Argyll

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie made minor, unspecified alterations for A. W. Hamilton in the village of Row, now known as Rhu. The house, Dunrowan, is named in the job-book entry recording the payment to contractor Alexander Henderson. The work may have coincided with Hamilton's acquisition of the house; in the 1891 census, taken just a few months before his commission appears in the architects' records, he was living at a house named 'Laggary', also in Row. ¹

Authorship: This is one of over 270 jobs carried out in the office of John Honeyman & Keppie (Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh from 1901) during Mackintosh's time there. Mackintosh undoubtedly worked on many of these, but there is no specific evidence for his involvement in this case.

Cost from job book: £170 0s 0d

Status: Standing building; subdivided into flats

Current use: Residential (2014)

Grid reference: NS 2731 8405

Chronology

1891

2 July: 'Visited AWH and got instruction as to Sketch'. ¹

7 July: 'sent sketch showing proposed alterations'. ²

3 September: Contractor tenders submitted. ³

4 September: Contractor tender accepted. ⁴

1892

25 May: Contractor paid. ⁵

Description

People

Clients:

- A. W. Hamilton

Contractors:

- Alexander Henderson

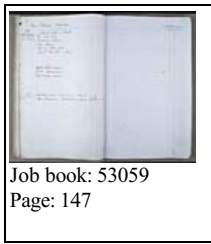
Job Book

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 M049 is entered in the tables below.

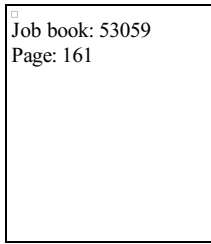
Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually

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 M049 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53059
Page: 147



Job book: 53059
Page: 161

Client: A. W. Hamilton

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Date	Value	Accepted
Alexander Henderson	no data in job book	3 September 1891	£146 0s 0d	yes (4 September 1891)
James Spy	no data in job book	3 September 1891	£162 0s 0d	no
Dick	no data in job book	3 September 1891	£150 10s 0d	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Alexander Henderson	contractor	Payment date: 25 May 1892 £170 0s 0d ¹

Documents

Images

Bibliography

<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Hamilton's address obtained from the 1891 census, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk accessed 1 October 2012. 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, GLAHA 53060, p. 14. 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, GLAHA 53060, p. 14. 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 161. 5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 161. 6: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 147. 7: 'Contractor passed' entered adjacent to payment sum.
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