



M051 Design for addition to The Cliff, Wemyss Bay

Introduction

Site visits and a payment of twelve guineas are recorded in John Honeyman & Keppie's records. However, no tenders or payments are recorded in the job books, so it is not clear whether an addition to the stables at The Cliff was carried out. John Honeyman designed the house in 1874 for a Henry Martini, and in the 1880s carried out alterations on it for Stewart Clark. 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.

Status: Unbuilt?

Grid reference: NS 19110 69616

Chronology

1891

3 April: 'Visiting stables at Cliff & receiving instructions from Mrs Clark'. ¹

1892

25 March: 'Sent to measure door gate'. ²

10 May: 'Visiting stable addition 1/2 day'. ³

1893

21 January: Stewart Clark pays John Honeyman & Keppie £12 12s 0d. ⁴

1900

John Honeyman exhibits a drawing of The Cliff at the Royal Scottish Academy exhibition (575).

Description

People

Clients:

- Stewart Clark

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 M051 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 M051 has been extracted from the job books:

Documents

Images

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