

M083 Additions and alterations to Gourock Central School

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie made considerable additions and alterations to this pink sandstone school with simple pointed-arch gable-end windows, originally designed by John Honeyman in 1876. Their work in 1893–4 included a new entrance and belfry. The neighbouring Old Gourock Church was extended and altered by the practice in 1898–1900.

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: £1471 11s 8½d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Binnie Street Children's Centre

Current use: Educational

Listing category: C (S): Listed as 'Binnie Street, Gourock Community Education Centre, former Gourock Central School with boundary walls and railings'

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 34005

RCAHMS Site Number: NS27NW 48

Grid reference: NS 24227 77528

Chronology

1876

School designed by John Honeyman. ¹

1893

23 February: Contractor tenders accepted. ²

1894

16 February: Earliest payments to contractors. ³

20 March: Latest payments to contractors. ⁴

Description

People

Clients:

- Gourock School Board

Contractors:

- James Black
- John Garvie
- James Keith
- Thomas Kirkwood
- Livingston & Hill

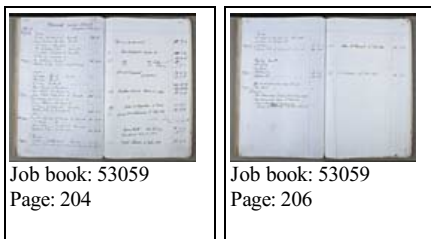
- John McJannet
- John McMillan
- Michael Slaven
- G. W. Stevenson

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 M083 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 M083 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Gourock School Board

Measurer: Livingston & Hill

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
William Steel	builder	West Stewart Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£739 16s 0d	no
David Tweedale	builder	John Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
J. & W. Simpson	builder	King Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
Robert Aitkenhead & Sons	builder	Greenock	19 January 1893	£757 6s 0d	no
J. & W. Kirk	builder	5 Campbell Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
G. A. Ramsey	builder	16 Nicolson Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
Thomas Kirkwood	builder	8 Jamaica Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£718 13s 5d	yes (23 February 1893)
Millar & Co.	builder	64 Inverkip Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
D. Tweedale	wright	John Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
Alexander Stevenson	wright	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£469 18s 0d	no
J. & W. Simpson	wright	King Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
R. Simpson	wright	65 Shore Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	'Returned with thanks'	no
Robert Thomson	wright	40 Kempport Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
James Agnew	wright	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£ 501 0s 0d	no
Alexander Black	wright	53 Kempworth Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	£450 16s 0d	no
James Black	wright	5 West Stewart Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£348 6d 2s	yes (23 February 1893)
Gray & Williamson	wright	51 Vennel Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no

Austin & Kinraid	wright	19 Boyle Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£466 0s 0d	no
G. A. Ramsey	wright	16 Nicolson Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
Millar & Co.	wright	16 Inverkip Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£425 18s 8d	no
G. W. Stevenson	slater	43 Kempock Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	£41 10s 5d	yes (23 February 1893)
G. H. Russell	slater	32 Kempock Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	£50 16s 6d	no
Adam Lusk	slater	12 Laird Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£52 13s 4d	no
Peter Wright & Sons	slater	32 Inverkip Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£44 19s 4d	no
Michael Slaven	plasterer	23 Hopeton Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	£71 7s 0d	yes (23 February 1893)
Quintin Tannock	plasterer	5 Sir Michael Street, Greenock	19 January 1893	£76 19s 11d	no
William Lang	plumber	45 Kempock Street, Gourock 1	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
M. Sharp	plumber	15 Kempock Street, Gourock 2	19 January 1893	£94 12s 0d	no
John McJannet	plumber	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£67 17s 6d	yes (23 February 1893)
Fairgrieve & Son	plumber	57 Kempock Street, Gourock 3	19 January 1893	£94 9s 5d	no
William Lang	gasfitter	no data in job book	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no
M. Sharp	gasfitter	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£24 12s 0d	no
John McJannet	gasfitter	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£20 11s 2d	yes (23 February 1893)
Fairgrieve & Son	gasfitter	57 Kempock Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	£24 4s 4d	no
James Black	wright	no data in job book	19 January 1893	£51 0s 0d ⁴	yes (23 February 1893)
John Macmillan	painter	68 Shore Street, Gourock	19 January 1893	no data in job book	no data in job book
John Macmillan & Sons	painter	85 Shore Street, Gourock	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
James McCall	painter	23 Kempock Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
James Macmillan	painter	Hope Place, Shore Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Thomas Kirkwood	builder	Payment date: no data in job book £608 7s 4d
James Black	wright	Payment date: 20 March [1894] £470 16s ½d ⁵
John McJannet	gasfitter	Payment date: no data in job book £93 16s 10d
Michael Slaven	plasterer	First installment: 16 February 1894 Final installment: 12 March 1894 £73 2s 10d ⁶
John McMillan	painter	Payment date: 12 March [1894] £21 3s 6d ⁷
G. W. Stevenson	slater	Payment date: 16 February 1894 £39 18s 4d ⁸

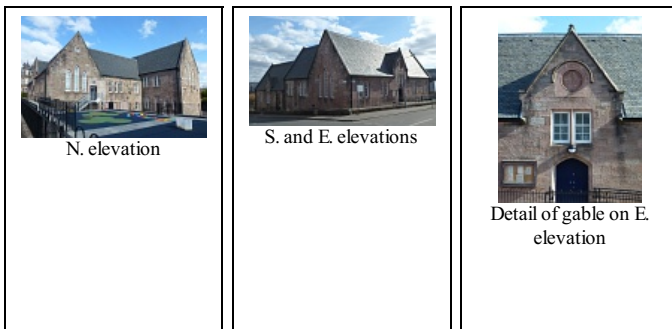
John McJannet	plumber	Payment date: 16 February 1894 £75 1s 2d ⁹
John McJannet	gasfitter	Payment date: 16 February 1894 £20 6s 8d ¹⁰

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
James Keith	no data in job book	5 October 1893	£50 3s 6d
John Garvie	no data in job book	16 February 1894	£18 15s 6d

Documents

Images



Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: Historic Scotland, listed building report 34005, www.historic-scotland.gov.uk [accessed 30 September 2012].
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, pp. 204, 206.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, pp. 205, 207.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 205.
- 5: Referred to as Kempock Street elsewhere.
- 6: Referred to as Kempock Street elsewhere.
- 7: Referred to as Kempock Street elsewhere.
- 8: 'offer for all works at new entrance & passage'.
- 9: Including £59 14s 10d for 'Lobby' and £7 17s 3d for 'Belfry'. Total measurer's fee £7 1s 0d.
- 10: Measurer's fee £1 10s 0d.
- 11: Measurer's fee 10s 6d.
- 12: Measurer's fee 17s 6d.
- 13: Measurer's fee £1 10s 0d.
- 14: Measurer's fee 10s 6d.

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