



# M086 Addition and alterations to Cowden Castle

## Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie's additions at Cowden Castle included substantial mason work, and the installation of heating and a service lift, as well as alterations to the existing house. John Honeyman had carried out alterations at the castle for the same client in 1875. <sup>1</sup>

**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.

**Alternative names:** Castelton.

**Cost from job book:** £2055 0s 11d <sup>2</sup>

**Status:** Demolished

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS99NE 1.00

**Grid reference:** NS 98835 99663

## Chronology

### 1893

April: Date of contractor tenders. <sup>1</sup>

### 1894

7 July: Latest payment to contractors. <sup>2</sup>

### By 1953

Castle demolished <sup>3</sup>

## Description

## People

### Clients:

- John Christie

### Contractors:

- James Boyd & Sons
- John Davie
- W. H. Dinsmore
- Galbraith & Winton
- James Macleish
- E. C. Morgan & Son
- John Roberston
- Waygood & Co.
- A. Westwood & Sons

## 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 M086 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 M086 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53059  
Page: 222



Job book: 53059  
Page: 224

**Client:** John Christie

**Measurer:** W. H. Dinsmore

**Tenders:**

| Contractor               | Type                 | Address                           | Date       | Value               | Accepted |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------|
| James Ronald             | mason                | Stirling                          | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| J. Gourley               | mason                | Stirling                          | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| R. & G. Cousin           | mason                | Alloa                             | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| James Philp              | mason                | Tillicoultry                      | April 1893 | £973 6s 2d          | no       |
| Bannatyne & Fotheringham | mason                | Stirling                          | April 1893 | £681 4s 5d          | no       |
| W. Birrell               | mason                | D[illegible] St., Dunfermline     | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| E. C. Morgan & Son       | mason                | Elderslie Street                  | April 1893 | £777 0s 0d          | yes      |
| John Roberston           | joiner               | Dollar                            | April 1893 | £490 0s 0d          | yes      |
| R. Keir & Son            | joiner               | Tillicoultry                      | April 1893 | £551 6s 8d          | no       |
| A. Mitchell & Son        | joiner               | Alloa                             | April 1893 | £561 9s 11d         | no       |
| Short & Fairful          | joiner               | Stirling                          | April 1893 | £498 12s 7d         | no       |
| Mitchell & Kinghorn      | joiner               | Buchanan Street, Dunfermline      | April 1893 |                     |          |
| Morgan & Son             | joiner               | no data in job book               | April 1893 | £539 10s 0d         | no       |
| Snowdown                 | joiner               | Dollar                            | April 1893 | £522 14s 0d         | no       |
| Robert Wilson            | plumber & gasfitter  | Alloa                             | April 1893 | £103 17s 0d         | no       |
| James Macdonald          | plumber & gasfitter  | 3 Dundas Street, Edinburgh        | April 1893 | £119 15s 6d         | no       |
| James Macleish           | plumber & gasfitter  | 15 Mill Street, Perth             | April 1893 | £87 0s 0d           | yes      |
| J. & J. Duff             | plumber & gasfitters | Stirling                          | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| Robert Graham            | slater               | 45 North Castle Street, Edinburgh | April 1893 | £43 8s 0d           | no       |
| John Davie               | slater               | Alloa                             | April 1893 | £29 10s 0d          | yes      |
| David Draper             | slater               | Falkirk                           | April 1893 | no data in job book | no       |
| Peter Reid               | slater               | Milne Street, Perth               | April 1893 | £33 19s 0d          | no       |
| A. & D. MacKay           | slater               | Oswald Street, Glasgow            | April 1893 | £37 10s 0d          | no       |
| John Walker              | slater               | Alloa                             | April 1893 | £30 0s 0d           | no       |

|                 |           |                            |              |                     |     |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| John Davie      | plasterer | Alloa                      | April 1893   | £69 16s 8d          | yes |
| James Grant     | plasterer | Alloa                      | April 1893   | £79 14s 6½d         | no  |
| J. Walker & Son | plasterer | Alloa                      | April 1893   | £65 12s 8d          | no  |
| H. & J. Ramsey  | plasterer | Inglis Street, Dunfermline | [April 1893] | no data in job book | no  |

#### Payments (trades):

| Name               | Type                | Payment out sum                                              |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| E. C. Morgan & Son | mason               | <b>Payment date:</b> 7 July 1894<br>£983 9s 1½d <sup>1</sup> |
| John Roberston     | joiner              | <b>Payment date:</b> 7 July 1894<br>£618 1s 11d              |
| James Macleish     | plumber & gasfitter | <b>Payment date:</b> 7 July 1894<br>£152 0s 8½d <sup>2</sup> |
| John Davie         | slater              | <b>Payment date:</b> 7 July 1894<br>£72 1s 2d <sup>3</sup>   |
| John Davie         | plasterer           | <b>Payment date:</b> 7 July 1894<br>£81 19s 11d              |

#### Payments (suppliers):

| Name               | Service                 | Payment date  | Payment sum |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Waygood & Co.      | 'Iron door as per est.' | 14 May [1894] | £19 7s 0d   |
| Galbraith & Winton | 'Tiles'                 | 14 May [1894] | £4 17s 6d   |
| A. Westwood & Sons | 'Bells & Service lift'  | 14 May [1894] | £27 16s 0d  |
| James Boyd & Sons  | 'heating apparatus'     | 14 May [1894] | £32 8s 7d   |

**Measurer fee payment:** £63 19s 0d (no data in job book)

## Documents

## Images

## Bibliography

### Published

- David Stark, *Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Co.*, Catrine, Ayrshire: Stenlake Publishing, 2004, pp. 79–81

### Notes:

- 1: David Stark, *Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Co.*, Catrine, Ayrshire: Stenlake Publishing, 2004, p. 79.
- 2: Including measurer's fee of £63 10s 0d.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, pp. 222–3.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 223.
- 5: See archaeological notes for RCAHMS site number NS99NE 1.00.
- 6: 'including jobbing at old house etc.'
- 7: 'value of old material removed £23 17s 4½d'
- 8: 'including £45 3s 7d for pointing old house'

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