



M098 Alterations to The Knowe

Introduction

This job involved unspecified alterations to a late 19th-century villa, possibly including the addition of an attic staircase.

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: £149 12s 6d

Status: Standing building

Current use: Residential (2014)

Listing category: C (S)

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 32446

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56SE 1062

Grid reference: NS 58574 62111

Chronology

1894

27 October: Payments made to Charles Ross, stair railer, and to Hutcheson & Grant for unspecified works. ¹

Description

This classical villa overlooking Queen's Park on Glasgow's South Side was built c. 1879. It was bought c. 1886 by the cabinetmaker and upholsterer James Simpson, and extended for him in 1892 by the architect Henry Edward Clifford (1852–1932). ¹ According to John Honeyman & Keppie's job book, they made unspecified alterations to the house for Simpson two years later, involving work by a 'stair railer'. This may refer to the addition of the attic staircase, which is not shown on the plans submitted by Clifford to the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court in 1892. ²

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh were employed by Simpson in 1901 to design new premises for his furniture business at 102–108 London Road, but the building did not go ahead. In 1903 they designed an entirely new shop for the business at 309–313 Sauchiehall Street.

People

Clients:

- James Simpson

Contractors:

- Hutcheson & Grant
- Charles Ross

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 M098 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 M098 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: James Simpson

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Date	Value	Accepted
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Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
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Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Charles Ross	'stair railer'	27 October 1894	£37 12s 6d
Hutcheson & Grant	no data in job book	27 October 1894	£112 0s 0d

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Published

Notes:

- 1: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 192.
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