

M101 Restoration and alterations to Largo Parish Church

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie restored the the 17th-century church and made substantial alterations and additions: the S. transept was extended and enlarged; stone mullioned Perpendicular tracery replaced earlier wooden windows; a carved chancel arch, hammerbeam roofs and gallery fronts with tracery were added inside; interior decoration and the turret clocks were also added. John Honeyman published a report on the restoration 'under his care' in the *Transactions of the Glasgow Ecclesiological Society* in 1898. 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.

Alternative names: Largo Kirk; Largo and Newburn Parish Church.

Cost from job book: Phase 1: £2377 9s 7½d; Phase 2: £162 12s 0d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Largo and Newburn Parish Church

Current use: Church (2014)

Listing category: B: Listed as 'Upper Largo, Largo Parish Church and church yard'

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 8989

RCAHMS Site Number: NO40SW 11

Grid reference: NO 42369 03485

Chronology

1894

8 December: £60 0s 0d fees paid to John Honeyman & Keppie for work at Largo Church. ¹

1895

16 March: Earliest payment to contractor for restoration work. ²

4 June: £2 16s 0d paid to John Honeyman & Keppie by a George Guthrie for 'Largo windows'. ³

24 and 30 July: Latest payments to contractors for restoration work. ⁴

3 August: £84 0s 0d fees paid to John Honeyman & Keppie by John Gilmour of Montrave. ⁵

24 December: Latest payment to contractor. ⁶

Description

People

Clients:

- John Gilmour

Contractors:

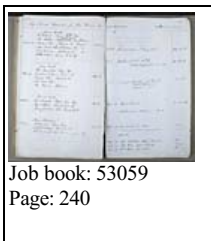
- George Adam
- C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.
- Peter Broomfield
- John Bryden & Sons
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- W. H. Dinsmore
- J. & W. Guthrie
- Hutcheson & Grant
- Thomas Main
- Robert Melville
- E. C. Morgan & Son
- R. & W. Sorley
- Alexander Williamson
- Wylie & Lochhead

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 M101 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 M101 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53059
Page: 240

Client: John Gilmour

Measurer: W. H. Dinsmore

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
R. Gilchrist	mason	Lundie, Fife	no data in job book	£758 15s 4d	no
Scott Brothers	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
E. C. Morgan & Son	mason	Elderslie Street, Glasgow.	no data in job book	£734 18s 2d	yes (no data in job book)
Alex Eadie & Son	mason	Cathcart Road, Glasgow.	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
P. & W. Anderson	mason	Bothwell Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£934 12s 0d	no
A. M. Whyte	mason	Lundin Links, Fife.	no data in job book	£751 8s 10d	no
Liddle & London	mason	St Andrews	no data in job book	'returned with thanks'	no
Peter Broomfield	joiner	Largo Fife	no data in job book	£1124 15s 8d	no

Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Gardner Street	no data in job book	£908 16s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
Morgan & Sons	joiner	Elderslie Street	no data in job book	£1150 0s 0d	no
Alexander Eadie & Son	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Thomas Brown	joiner	Rottenrow	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
William Harris	joiner	St Andrews	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Walter Horne	joiner	Lower Largo	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Robert Melville	plumber	Upper Largo, Fife	no data in job book	£92 13s 1d	yes (no data in job book)
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	Sauchiehall Street	no data in job book	£92 0s 0d	no
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	Renfield Street	£120 0s 0d	no data in job book	no
Alexander Williamson	slater & plasterer	Lower Largo	no data in job book	£119 14s 11d	yes (no data in job book)
A. & D. MacKay	slater & plasterer	Oswald Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
John Anderson	slater & plasterer	362 Parliamentary Road	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
William Paterson	slater & plasterer	St Andrews	no data in job book	'slater work only £84 14s 7d'	no
Rintoul & Mackie	slater & plasterer	St Andrews	no data in job book	no data in job book	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
E. C. Morgan & Son	mason	Payment date: 8 May 1895 £964 14s 8½d ¹
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Payment date: 24 July [1895] £941 7s 3½d ²
Robert Melville	plumber	Payment date: 24 April [1895] £110 9s 4½d
Alexander Williamson	slater	Payment date: 24 April [1895] £118 7s 1d ³

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.	painting ⁴	24 July 1895	£127 1s 2d ⁵
Wylie & Lochhead	'carpets, blinds etc.'	16 March [1895]	£59 0s 0d
Thomas Main	'grate & lamps'	17 May [1895]	£18 10s 0d
R. & W. Sorley	'turret clock'	30 July [1895]	£38 0s 0d

Measurer fee payment: £76 13s 0d (no data in job book)

Phase 2: 'Brass memorial plaque in Largo Church' and 'stone enclosure wood & iron'



Job book: 53061
Page: 41

Client: John Gilmour

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
John Bryden & Sons	no data in job book	22 November 1895	£15 9s 6d
Hutcheson & Grant	no data in job book	22 November 1895	£34 10s 0d
George Adam	'smith work'	22 November 1895	£63 10s 0d
J. & W. Guthrie	'double glazing Baxter window'	24 December 1895	£2 15s 0d
Peter Broomfield	'platform under communion table'	18 September [1895]	£2 7s 6d
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	'heating at public office'	First installment: 5 June [1895] Final installment: 10 August [1895]	£44 0s 0d ⁶

Documents

Images



View from S.E., 1979

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7: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 240.

8: Measurer's fee £15 1s 0d.

9: 'includes new floors £30 & new doors'; measurer's fee £16 2s 3d.

10: 'value of old slates deducted £7 10s 0d';

11: Measurer's fee £3 3s 0d. Note at top of same page: 'Schedules for painter work to be sent to. Dalrymple painter Markinch. Rolland painter Leven.'

12: 'includes coals £9 13s 4d & cleaners £3 3s 0d'.

13: Payment amount has been struck through.

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