

M118 Organ case at St Michael's Church, Merchiston, Edinburgh

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie designed the case for a new organ, by Brindley & Foster of Sheffield, for this church, which was built by John Honeyman in 1881–3. ¹ The work was carried out by Hutcheson & Grant who were not among the original five contractors who submitted tenders. The organ was renovated in 1937 and completely rebuilt in 1974. John Honeyman & Keppie's work does not appear to survive. ²

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: £109 7s 0d

Status: Organ case removed

Current name: St Michael's Parish Church

Current use: Church (2014)

Listing category: A: Listed as 'Slateford Road St Michael's Parish Church with church hall and Beadle's house, boundary walls and railings'

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 26846

RCAHMS Site Number: NT27SW 230

Grid reference: NT 23428 72188

Chronology

1895

27 December: Contractor paid. ¹

Description

People

Clients:

- St Michael's Church

Contractors:

- Hutcheson & Grant

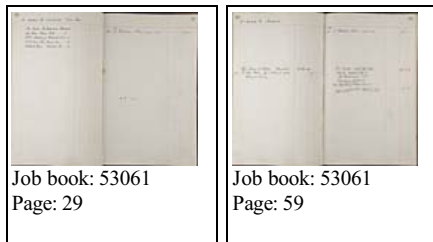
Job Book

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 M118 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 M118 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: St Michael's Church

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Peter Barton	joiner	Port Hopetown, Edinburgh	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
John Lawrie	joiner	Gilmour Park, Edinburgh	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
H. T. & R. Montgomerie	joiner	Merchiston Avenue, Edinburgh	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
William McNiven & Son	joiner	Yeaman Lane, Edinburgh	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book
Nathaniel Grieve	joiner	Washington Lane, Glasgow	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
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Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Hutcheson & Grant	'organ case' ¹	27 December 1895	£109 7s 0d

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: John Gifford, Colin McWilliam, David M. Walker and Christopher Wilson, *Buildings of Scotland: Edinburgh*, London: Penguin, 1984, pp. 505–6.
- 2: Information from Church history publication and from current organist, supplied by Fiona MacMillan, church secretary, 26 October 2012.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, p. 29, p. 59 (repeated).
- 4: Payment information repeated on p. 59.

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