

# M144 Alterations to West of Scotland Furniture Manufacturing Co.'s works, Beith

## Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie carried out unspecified work costing just over £1000 at the premises of Robert Balfour's West of Scotland Furniture Manufacturing Co. in Beith, Ayrshire.

**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:** West of Scotland Furniture Company; West of Scotland Cabinet Works.

**Cost from job book:** £1005 5s 11d

**Status:** Demolished

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS35SW 23

**Grid reference:** NS 3450 5333

## Chronology

### 1897

May: Contractor tenders submitted. <sup>1</sup>

### 1899

11 September: Robert Balfour pays John Honeyman & Keppie £40 0s 0d. <sup>2</sup>

### 1900

2 May: Contractors and measurer paid. <sup>3</sup>

12 November: Balfour pays a further £19 0s 0d. <sup>4</sup>

## Description

## People

### Clients:

- Robert Balfour

### Contractors:

- Barr & Knox
- Hutcheson & Grant
- Jamieson
- James Johnston & Son
- J. Reid

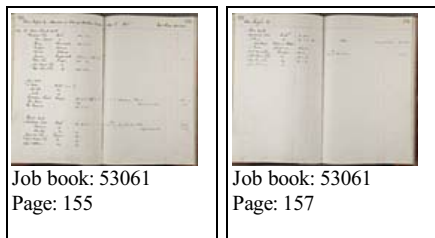
## Job Book

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 M144 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 M144 has been extracted from the job books:



**Client:** Robert Balfour

**Measurer:** Barr & Knox

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Snodgrass & Sons	mason & brick	Beith	May 1897	£1415 1s 8d	no
Gray	mason & brick	Gateside, Beith	May 1897	no data in job book	no
Keaney	mason & brick	Lochwinnoch	May 1897	£1350 7s 9d	no
Crawford	mason & brick	Kilbirnie	May 1897	no data in job book	no data in job book
Dunbar	mason & brick	Kilbirnie	May 1897	no data in job book	no
Jamieson	mason & brick	Glengarnock	May 1897	£1318 13s 10d	yes (no data in job book)
Goldie & Son	mason & brick	Glasgow	May 1897	£1511 0s 5d	no data in job book
John Paterson & Son	mason & brick	Glasgow	May 1897	no data in job book	no data in job book
Robert Corbet & Son	mason & brick	Glasgow	May 1897	£1608 8s 4d	no data in job book
W. Holms	joiner	Beith	[May 1897]	no data in job book	no
Smellie	joiner	Beith	[May 1897]	no data in job book	no
Jack	joiner	Beith	[May 1897]	no data in job book	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Glasgow	[May 1897]	£436 5s 7d	yes
Thomas Brown	joiner	no data in job book	[May 1897]	£469 0s 0d	no
George Ferguson	joiner	no data in job book	[May 1897]	£456 3s 10d	no
Archibald Dale	plumber	Beith	[May 1897]	£165 14s 4d	no
Stevenson	plumber	Beith	[May 1897]	no data in job book	no
Dunlop	plumber	Beith	[May 1897]	£170 0s 0d	no
James Johnston & Son	plumber	Glasgow	[May 1897]	£160 0s 0d	yes
Archibald Watson & Son	plumber	Glasgow	[May 1897]	£171 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	Glasgow	[May 1897]	£161 0s 0d	no
Archibald Dale	slater	Beith	May 1897	£13 10s 6d	no
J. Reid	slater	Beith	May 1897	£70 1s 10d	yes (no data in job book)
MacBride	slater	Kilburnie Station	May 1897	no data in job book	no
Robert	slater	Kilburnie	May 1897	£78 8s 7d	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Glasgow	May 1897	£109 18s 0d	no
J. McOwat & Son	slater	Glasgow	May 1897	£108 11s 6d	no
A. M. Ross & Son	slater	Glasgow	May 1897	£107 1s 7d	no

John Anderson	slater	Glasgow	May 1897	no data in job book
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#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Jamieson	mason & brick	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £745 0s 0d
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	<b>Payment date:</b> no data in job book £151 0s 0d <sup>1</sup>
James Johnston & Son	plumber	<b>Payment date:</b> 2 May 1900 £72 10s 0d <sup>2</sup>
J. Reid	slater	<b>Payment date:</b> 2 May 1900 £36 15s 11d <sup>3</sup>

**Measurer fee payment:** £35 14s 0d (2 May 1900)

## Documents

## Images

## Bibliography

### Notes:

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- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, pp. 156, 158.
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- 5: Half measurer's fee £2 5s 0d.
- 6: Half measurer's fee £1 10s 0d.
- 7: Measurer's fee £1 5s 0d.

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