

M145 Additions to Hall-Brown, Buttery & Co.'s works

Introduction

Hall-Brown, Buttery & Co. Hall-Brown, Buttery & Co. are first listed in the *Glasgow Post Office Directory* for 1893–4 as 'electrical engineers, marine engineers, general engineers [and] shipbuilders' in Helen Street, Govan. In 1897 John Honeyman & Keppie designed substantial additions to the Helen Street works, doubling in size both the Engine Shop and the attached offices. ¹ The severely utilitarian extensions were no more than matching continuations of the pre-existing buildings. The drawings approved by the Govan Dean of Guild Court show that the three-storey office addition contained a ground-floor Counting House with Board Room and Drawing Offices above, linked to the old offices by an arched entrance to the yard. The Engine Shop had iron roof trusses on steel stanchions. Map evidence shows that the buildings were further enlarged in the early 20th century, before eventual demolition, probably in the late 20th century.

Authorship: This is one of over 270 jobs carried out in the office of 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: St Helen's Engine Works.

Alternative addresses: Harmony Row

Cost from job book: £3925 5s 4d

Status: Demolished

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56SE 141

Grid reference: NS 5516 6497

Chronology

1897

13 October: John Honeyman & Keppie's plans approved by Govan Dean of Guild Court. ¹

1899

22 March: Brick work paid for. ²

7 December: Slater work paid for. ³

People

Clients:

- Hall-Brown, Buttery & Co.

Contractors:

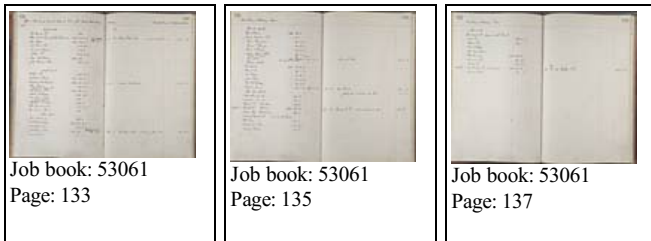
- Robert Corbet & Son
- Alex Findlay & Co.
- Hunter & Whitson
- John McFeat
- John McOwat & Son
- Andrew Meiklejohn
- Russell & Co.
- William Tonner & Son

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 M145 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 M145 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Hall-Brown, Buttery & Co.

Measurer: Douglas, Hunter & Whitson

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Bell Hornsby & Co.	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1251 0s 0d	no
Robert Corbet & Son	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£777 33s 6d ¹	yes
John Gibbon	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1060 9s 6d	no
James Goldie & Sons	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1144 19s 6d	no
Daniel McCallum	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1173 7s 0d	no
Guthrie & Co.	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1222 16s 4d	no
Green & McCallum	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1062 0s 0d	no
John Paterson & Sons	brick work	no data in job book	1897	£1207 11s 7d	no
Guthrie & Co.	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1269 13s 1d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1167 18s 1d	no
Andrew Meiklejohn	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1157 9s 5d	yes
Thomas Brown	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1192 12s 6d	no
Hamilton Marr & Co.	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1185 17s 11d	no
Archibald McFarlane	wright work	no data in job book	no data in job book	£1207 19s 4d	no
William Shaw & Sons	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1192 0s 0d	no
James Morrison	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1301 4s 0d	no
T. & R. Duncanson	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1214 4s 9d	no
Thomas Lamb & Stewart	wright work	no data in job book	1897	£1210 0s 0d	no
John Anderson	slater work	no data in job book	1897	£224 10s 0d	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater work	no data in job book	1897	£205 16s 6d	no
A. M. Ross & Sons	slater work	no data in job book	1897	£259 16s 4d	no
John McOwat & Son	slater work	no data in job book	1897	£115 19s 10d ²	yes
W. & D. Mailer	slater work	no data in job book	1897	£210 7s 6d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£184 5s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£181 0s 0d	no
Charles Cameron	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£188 8s 7d	no
Brown & Young	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£204 18s 6d	no
Cairns & Laing	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£187 12s 2d	no

Moses Speirs & Sons	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£183 10s 7d	no
William Anderson	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£185 0s 0d	no
John McFeat	plumber work	no data in job book	1897	£102 5s 3d ³	yes
George Nicol	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£63 14s 9d	no
Rome & Co.	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£78 1s 8d	no
William Forbes	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£79 15s 11d	no
John Forbes	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£64 4s 8½d	no
R. A. McGilvray	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£72 15s 9d	no
William Tonner & Son	plaster work	no data in job book	1897	£59 11s 4d	yes
Airdrie Foundry Co.	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	£476 18s 0d	no
Ardrossan Foundry Co.	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	£422 11s 0d	no
Topping & Co.	cast iron work	Blantyre	1897	£422 2s 0d	no
Russell & Co.	cast iron work	Carlisle	1897	£359 19s 0d	yes
Alison Brothers	cast iron work	Pollokshaws	1897	£379 15s 0d	no
Moses McCulloch & Co.	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	no data in job book ⁴	no
J. & A. law	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	£530 6s 0d	no
Laidlaw, Son, & Cain	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	£508 12s 6d	no
Donald Clark	cast iron work	no data in job book	1897	£357 12s 0d	no
Sir William Arrol & Co.	steel work	no data in job book	1897	no data in job book ⁵	no
Arrol Brothers	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£952 18s 10d	no
Bladen & Co.	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£945 1s 1d	no
Rudolf A. Stoffert	steel work	no data in job book	1897	no data in job book	no
P. & W. Maclellan	steel work	no data in job book	1897	no data in job book	no
P. & R. Fleming	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£939 12s 1d	no
Somervail & Co.	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£940 16s 3d	no
Braby & Co.	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£1168 2s 6d	no
Alex Findlay & Co.	steel work	Motherwell	1897	£913 2s 0d	yes
Donald Clerk	steel work	no data in job book	1897	£945 0s 7d	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Robert Corbet & Son	brick work	Payment date: 22 March 1899 £1030 11s 3d ⁶
Andrew Meiklejohn	wright work	Payment date: 11 August 1899 £1062 2s 7d
John McOwat & Son	slater work	Payment date: 7 December 1899 £166 12s 8d ⁷
John McFeat	plumber work	Payment date: no data in job book £183 10s 10d
William Tonner & Son	plaster work	Payment date: 16 November [1899] £64 6s 5d ⁸
Russell & Co.	cast iron work	Payment date: 30 June [1899] £390 17s 0d ⁹
Alex Findlay & Co.	steel work	Payment date: 28 October 1898 £1027 4s 7d

Documents

Images

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Notes:

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- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, p. 134.
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- 5: For '1.2.4 portions'; '10pc on certain items if pointed afterwards'.
- 6: For '1, 2 & 4 of summary'.
- 7: For '1, 2 & 4'; 'allow for gas fittings £40'.
- 8: 'returned with thanks.'
- 9: 'returned with thanks.'
- 10: Measurer's fee: £21.
- 11: 'including jobbing a/c.'
- 12: Includes £2 6s 0d for 'jobbing a/c windows in old Bdg'
- 13: 'Columns lengthened 4ft.'

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