

M152 Ferndean, Barrhead

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie designed a four-bedroom detached, red sandstone house which incorporated a doctor's surgery.

Authorship: Some stylistic details in the interior woodwork and stained glass strongly suggest the contribution or at least influence of Mackintosh. Corroboratory evidence is provided by Ronald Harrison, an early student of Mackintosh's architecture in the 1930s, who had access to the office records. He included Ferndean on lists he compiled of works he believed were by Mackintosh and of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time. He also made tracings of three original drawings which he evidently believed were by Mackintosh. ¹

Alternative names: Fern Dean ² ; Adagio ³ .

Cost from job book: £2615 14s 3½d

Status: Standing building

Current use: Residential

Listing category: C(S)

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 51578

Grid reference: NS 5022 5865

Chronology

1898

27 June: Barrhead Dean of Guild Court approves plans of house. ¹

12 December: Barrhead Dean of Guild Court approves plans for stables and coach house. ²

1900

October–November: Majority of contractors paid. ³

c. 2002

Addition of lean-to at N. wing. ⁴

2010

On-going, extensive interior alterations on ground floor to kitchen, service wing and former servant's bedroom. ⁵

Description

Exterior

This two-storey red ashlar sandstone house with semi-cylindrical tower and gable at the principal elevation shows many parallels with the contemporary John Honeyman & Keppie commission for James Raeburn Mann at Redlands, Bridge of Weir, yet is more sophisticated and incorporates the unusual feature of a doctor's surgery.



The stonework is snecked and stugged except for the smooth dressings. Decoration is minimal: there is a first-floor stringcourse and the arched front door has a Gibbs surround with voussoirs. On the W. elevation, the ground-floor window is also set in a Gibbs surround. Original drawings show a door here, a separate entrance to Dr John Alexander Calderwood's surgery. It is not clear from the stonework below the window whether the surgery entrance was

constructed and subsequently carefully infilled. The windows are multi-paned sashes with the exception of the unusually large square window above the front door.

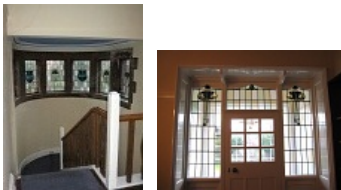


Interior

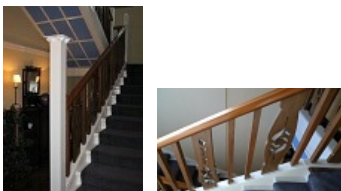
The front door leads via an internal porch into the large hall. The glazed panels of the internal door have high-quality Glasgow Style stained glass incorporating organic forms. The ground-floor plan echoes that of Redlands: however, the alcove, adjacent to the front door at Redlands, is here relocated to the first floor above the front door. The stairs in the semi-cylindrical tower open directly off the hall, as do a parlour to the W. and dining room to the E. with E.-facing canted bay, and a cloakroom. The doctor's surgery, a servant's bedroom, the kitchen and utility spaces are reached via internal lobbies.



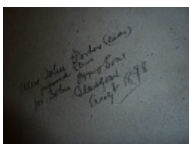
The large first-floor landing leads directly to the original drawing room with E.-facing canted bay and a modest bedroom at the W., while a further three bedrooms and a bathroom are reached via internal lobbies. The unusually large square window lights a S.-facing sun-room entered by a glazed door. This has Mackintosh-style botanical stained glass motifs, as do the side lights of the drawing room bay window. The six leaded windows in the tower contain high-quality Glasgow Style stained glass with some motifs evoking a dragonfly or thistle. The stained glass in the lights of the internal front door can also be associated with Mackintosh. The symmetrical S-curves in the top-light, for instance, are echoed in contemporary work, such as the upper panels of the organ case at Craigie Hall.



As at Redlands, the interior woodwork shows a diversity of styles, suggesting the involvement of several designers, including Mackintosh. The flat balusters, pierced with curvilinear shapes, are identical to those at Redlands although in a different sequence. Simple wood and stone fireplaces with original tiles in two of the bedrooms contrast with the typical late-Victorian fireplace with composite columns in the first-floor drawing room. The forms of the large sandstone fireplaces in the hall and original dining room parallel those in the comparable interiors at Redlands. The stone fireplace in the surgery is also repeated there.



During refurbishment work in 2010, the owners discovered an inscription on a wall in the ground-floor cloakroom written by one of the painting contractors during the construction of the house.



Alterations

Externally, the house remains relatively unaltered apart from a lean-to extension to the service range. Alterations on the ground floor are currently (2010) being made to the layout of the kitchen, service range and former servants' bedroom. On the first floor, the small bedroom adjacent to the original bathroom has been converted into a shower room. The extensive original grounds of the house have been subdivided. New houses have been built to the E. and S., and the original stable and coach house to the N.E. have undergone unsympathetic conversion to a separate residence. ¹

People

Clients:

- Dr John Alexander Calderwood

Contractors:

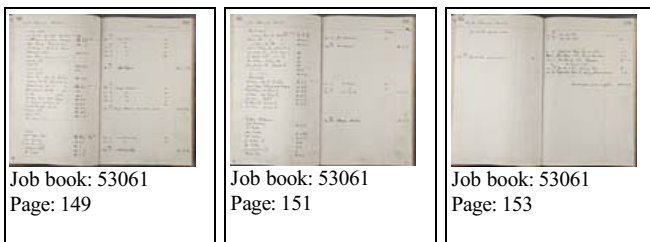
- George Adam & Son
- William Anderson
- Dunbar & Pollock
- William Gra[y]don
- Hugh Leggat
- A. & D. MacKay
- John Orr & Sons
- Paterson Brothers
- Staffordshire Tileries Co.

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 M152 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 M152 has been extracted from the job books:



Measurer: N. Ramsey & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Mr Houston	mason	Cogan Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£1212 0s 0d	no
Hugh Leggat	mason	Cogan Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£1014 1s 10d ¹	yes
Robert Houston	mason	Bridge of Weir	no data in job book	£1288 0s 9d	no
P. & W. Anderson	mason	Douglas Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£1553 5s 10d	no
Moses Barlas	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book ²	no
Alexander Muir & Sons	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book ³	no
Guthrie & Co.	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£1772 2s 9d	no
John Kirkwood	mason	no data in job book	no data in job book	£1633 0s 0d	no
Rodie & Co.	joiner	Main Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£834 3s 8d	no

Hutcheson & Son	joiner	Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Dunbar & Pollock	joiner	Main Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£706 5s 3d ⁴	yes
Bell & Duguid	joiner	Aurs Road, Barrhead	no data in job book	£722 0s 0d	no
Barr	joiner	Neilston	no data in job book	£745 11s 0s	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Pitt Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£870 9s 5d	no
George Ferguson	joiner	144 Gardner Street	no data in job book	£828 15s 1d	no
Matthew Henderson	joiner	Grant Street	no data in job book	£941 14s 5d	no
E. C. Morgan & Son	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£855 19s 5d	no
Guthrie & Co.	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£854 11s 6d	no
Thomas Brown	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book ⁵	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£182 9s 0d ⁶	yes
John Anderson	slater	not recording	no data in job book	£197 7s 6d	no
A. M. Ross & Sons	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£218 11s 0s	no
McOwat & Son	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£201 0s ½d	no
William Graydon	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£186 4s 9d	no
Anderson	plumber	Main Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£151 6s 8d ⁷	no
Paterson Brothers	plumber	Main Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£149 14s 8d	no
McCallum	plumber	John Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£160 9s 1d	no
Lochrie & Neilson	plumber	Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Archibald Watson & Son	plumber	George Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£200 0s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	George Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£155 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	St George's Road	no data in job book	£162 0s 0d	no
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	Renfield Street	no data in job book	£155 0s 0d	no
William Anderson	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£149 10s 0d	yes
Souter & Neilson	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£152 17s 6d	no
William Gra[y]don	plasterer	Main Street, Barrhead	no data in job book	£155 11s 11d ⁸	yes
Joseph Gradon	plasterer	28 Craignestock Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£155 19s 9d	no
R. A. McGilvray	plasterer	West Regent Street	no data in job book	£181 13s 2d	no

William Forbes	plasterer	West Graham Street	no data in job book	£168 15s 7d	no
John Forbes	plasterer	Bath Street	no data in job book	£168 15s 7d	no
George Rosie & Co.	plasterer	Waterloo Street	no data in job book.	£161 6s 3d	no
William Tonner	plasterer	Douglas Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Hutcheson	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£33 3s 5d	no
William Bryden	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
John Bryden	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£35 11s 8½d	no
Archibald Watson	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£27 2s 7d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£28 10s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£30 6s 0d	no
James Johnstone & Sons	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£30 0s 0d	no
Paterson Brothers	gasfitting and bellhanging	no data in job book	no data in job book	£24 4s 3d ⁹	yes
John Orr & Sons	painting of gates	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	yes (no data in job book)
John Orr & Sons	silicating of house	no data in job book	no data in job book	£26 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Hugh Leggat	mason	First installment: 2 September 1898 Final installment: 8 October 1900 £1066 5s 5½d
Dunbar & Pollock	joiner	First installment: 24 November 1898 Final installment: 6 March 1900 £702 13s 1½d
A. & D. MacKay	slater	First installment: 15 February 1899 Final installment: 8 October 1900 £147 4s 1½d
William Anderson	plumber	First installment: 13 September 1899 Final installment: 20 March 1900 £209 2s 7d
William Gra[y]don	plasterer	First installment: 15 April 1899 Final installment: 7 February 1900 £171 3s 8d
Paterson Brothers	gasfitting & bellhanging	First installment: 29 May 1900 Final installment: no data in job book £36 3s 11d
John Orr & Sons	painting of gates	First installment: 3 October 1899 Final installment: 7 February 1900 £161 0s 0d

Payments (suppliers):

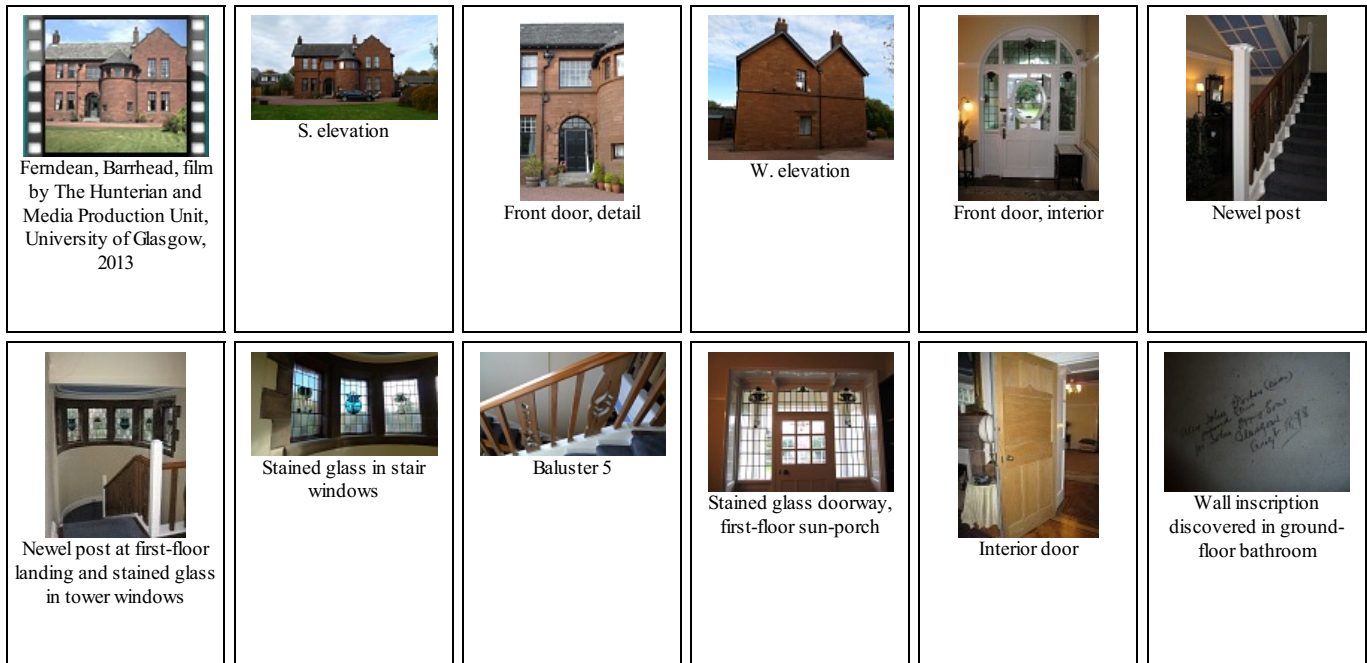
Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum

Staffordshire Tileries Co.	mosaic floors	24 October [1900]	£7 16s 0d
George Adam & Son	lamps & brackets	6 November [1900]	£5 10s 0s
John Orr & Sons	silicating house	6 May 1901	£26 0s 0d
Staffordshire Tileries Co.	relaying floor of vestibule	22 November 1901	£3 15s 0d

Measurer fee payment: £79 0s 0d (7 November [1900])

Documents

Images



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Notes:

- 1: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: GLAHA 52350 (M152-011); GLAHA 52353 (M152-007); GLAHA 52475 (M152-010).
- 2: The 1901 census return names the house.
- 3: Name given to the house by owners 1992–2009. Information supplied by current owners, 25 October 2010.
- 4: Clarkston, East Renfrewshire Archives: Burgh of Barrhead Dean of Guild Court, Register of Applications, B1/03/1, p. 34.
- 5: Clarkston, East Renfrewshire Archives: Burgh of Barrhead Dean of Guild Court, Register of Applications, B1/03/1, p. 44.
- 6: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, pp. 150, 152, 154.
- 7: Information supplied by current owners, 25 October 2010.
- 8: Information supplied by current owners, 25 October 2010.
- 9: Information supplied by current owners, 25 October 2010.
- 10: Separate sums of £701 6s 5d and £312 15s 5d recorded.

11: 'Returned with thanks'.

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13: Separate sums of £531 11s 0d and £174 14s 3d recorded.

14: 'Returned with thanks'.

15: Separate sums of £114 19s 1d and £67 10s 11d recorded.

16: Separate sums of £115 19s 3½d and £35 7s 4½d recorded. Annotation to left of figures 'off. 1.16.8'.

17: Separate sums of £112 4s 6d and £43 7s 5d recorded.

18: £19 17s 1d recorded to the right.

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