



M198 Warehouse for James Simpson

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie made a survey of James Simpson's furniture warehouse at this address in 1901.

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.

Status: Standing building

Grid reference: NS 5978 6469

Chronology

1901

June: Date of John Honeyman & Keppie's plans. ¹

24 October: Plans approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ²

Description

In 1901 John Honeyman & Keppie made a survey of James Simpson's furniture shop, or warehouse, at this address; the plans were approved by the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court on 24 October that year, and Honeyman & Keppie's cash book records a payment of £24 from Simpson on 14 November. ¹ In 1903 they made designs for a new shop at 309–313 Sauchiehall Street, and after Simpson's sons moved the family firm there, c. 1905, the London Street premises were converted into a Salvation Army hostel in 1906. ²

The 1901 drawings show a four-storey palazzo-style building on an awkward, wedge-shaped site. The façade to London Street is largely made up of windows in continuous bands. The dividing mullions are so slender that the material may have been cast iron. Such extensive glazing recalls John Honeyman's 1872 furniture warehouse at the corner of Union Street and Gordon Street, known since the 1920s as the Ca' d'Oro. ³

People

Clients:

- James Simpson

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 M198 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 M198 has been extracted from the job books:

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Images

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