

M204 Alterations and additions to Monktonmiln, Prestwick

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh made major alterations to this large house and its outbuildings north of Monkton, Ayrshire, for Finlay Bell, a Glasgow butcher and businessman. ¹ The work appears to have been largely internal – the footprint of the house on the O.S. map did not change following the work – and included a billiard room, a conservatory, and repairs to the house, laundry, stables, engine house and gardener's house. By 1960, the house had been demolished to make way for the expansion of Prestwick Airport. ²

Authorship: Ronald Harrison, an early student of Mackintosh's architecture, included 'Finlay Bell, Monkton Miln' on a list he compiled in the 1930s of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time. Harrison may have believed that Mackintosh made the drawings on the list, or that he contributed to the design of these buildings in some way, but no evidence has come to light to support this attribution.

Alternative names: Monkton Miln.

Cost from job book: £4096 17s 10½d

Status: Demolished by 1960

Grid reference: NS 3501 2737

Chronology

1901

5 and 10 October: Contractor tenders submitted. ¹

5 December: Earliest payment to contractor. ²

1903

March: Latest payments to contractors. ³

By 1960

House and outbuildings demolished to make way for fuel storage tanks at Prestwick Airport. ⁴

Description

People

Clients:

- Finlay Bell

Contractors:

- Robert Aitken
- John & James Andrews
- J. B. Bennett & Son
- James Boyd & Sons
- John Crawford
- Danskin & Purdie
- John Finlay & Co.
- Galbraith & Winton
- James Gibson
- James Ingleton & Co.
- McDowall, Steven & Co.

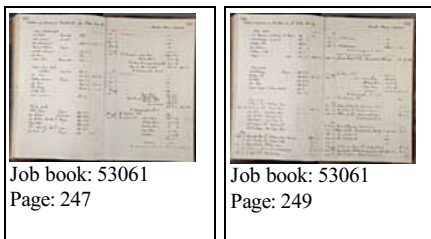
- A. G. Robertson
- George Rome & Co.
- Still, MacKay & Co.
- Taylor & Miller

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 M204 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 M204 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Finlay Bell

Measurer: Danskin & Purdie

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
William Guthrie	mason & brick	Prestwick	5 October 1901	£677 0s 0d	no
Archibald Andrews	mason & brick	Monkton	5 October 1901	no data in job book	no
John & James Andrews	mason & brick	Monkton	5 October 1901	£629 9s 8d	yes (no data in job book)
Daniel McCallum	mason & brick	Glasgow	5 October 1901	no data in job book	no
Matthew Henderson	mason & brick	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£737 8s 5d	no
James Grant	mason & brick	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£795 1s 1d	no
Muir & Sons	mason & brick	Kilmarnock	5 October 1901	£680 0s 0d	no
McWhirter	wright & joiner	Prestwick	5 October 1901	£845 2s 1d	no
James Gibson	wright & joiner	Prestwick	5 October 1901	£716 13s 5d	yes (no data in job book)
Matthew Henderson	wright & joiner	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£1005 16s 5d	no
James Grant	wright & joiner	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£724 5s 2d	no
Thomas Brown	wright & joiner	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£832 10s 2d	no
McCall & Son	wright & joiner	Glasgow	5 October 1901	no data in job book	no
James Morrison	wright & joiner	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£827 17s 0d	no
D. & R. Salton	plumber	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£309 3s 9d	no
James Lockhart	plumber	Prestwick	5 October 1901	£299 7s 4d	no
James Findlay	plumber	159 Holm Street, Glasgow	5 October 1901	£270 8s 5d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£279 14s 9d	no

William Hight & Son	plumber	Fort Street, Ayr	5 October 1901	£290 18s 6d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	Glasgow	5 October 1901	£254 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
A. G. Robertson	slater	148 Bothwell Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£201 0s 2d	yes (no data in job book)
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Oswald Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£246 11s 0d	no
A. M. Ross & Son	slater	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£224 17s 1d	no
John Anderson	slater	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£213 0s 8d	no
McOwat & Son	slater	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£218 7s 0d	no
Hight & Son	slater	Ayr	10 October 1901	£192 7s 6d	no
R. A. McGilvray	plasterer	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£253 8s 2d	no
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£174 13s 5d	yes (no data in job book)
William Forbes	plasterer	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£175 16s 10d	no
John Forbes	plasterer	Glasgow	10 October 1901	£202 15s 11d	no
Joseph Graydon	plasterer	29 Craignestock Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£192 6s 0d	no
J. Leggat & Sons	plasterer	11–13 Nelson Street, Ayr	10 October 1901	£187 1s 3d	no
T. C. Bowie & Co.	painter	Bothwell Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£242 6s 7d	no
J. B. Bennett & Son	painter	Gordon Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£233 18s 7d	yes (10 June 1902)
John Scott	painter	Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£242 8s 7d	no
John Orr & Co.	painter	Wellington Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£241 0s 11d	no
J. & W. Guthrie	painter	West George Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£248 2s 5d	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	St Vincent Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£249 0s 0d	no
George W. Sellars	painter	West George Street, Glasgow	10 October 1901	£242 15s 0d	no
Still, MacKay & Co.	electric plant & wiring	no data in job book	no data in job book	£370 0s 0d	yes (7 April 1902)
Still, MacKay & Co.	electric bells	no data in job book	no data in job book	£12 10s 0d	yes (15 April 1902)
Taylor & Miller	kitchen range	no data in job book	no data in job book	£13 0s 0d	yes (4 June 1902)
McDowall, Steven & Co.	stable fittings	no data in job book	no data in job book	£26 4s 4d	yes (22 August 1902)
James Boyd & Sons	conservatory	no data in job book	no data in job book	£51 10s 0d	yes (2 September 1902)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum	Measurer fee payments
John & James Andrews	mason & brick	First installment: 5 December 1901 Final installment: 10 March 1903 £980 3s 1d ¹	£12 10s 0d ²
James Gibson	wright & joiner	First installment: 3 March 1902 Final installment: 10 March 1903 £1019 15s 2d ³	£15 7s 0d ⁴
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	First installment: 20 June 1902 Final installment: 10 March 1903 £371 5s 11d ⁵	£4 13s 0d ⁶
A. G. Robertson	slater	First installment: 10 May 1902 Final installment: 3 October 1902 £228 1s 1d ⁷	£3 13s 6d ⁸
James Boyd & Sons	conservatory & heating	Payment date: 10 November [1903] £51 18s 6½d	
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	First installment: 2 June 1902 Final installment: 10 March 1903 £191 5s 1d ⁹	£2 12s 6d ¹⁰
Still, MacKay & Co.	electrical plant, wiring & bells	Payment date: 16 November [1903] £435 0s 0d	
J. B. Bennett & Son	painter	Payment date: 10 March 1903 £196 2s 11d	£3 18s 0d ¹¹
Still, MacKay & Co.	electrical plant, wiring & bells	First installment: 24 December [1902] Final installment: 8 August [1903] £360 0s 0d	
McDowall, Steven & Co.	stable fittings	Payment date: 10 November [1903] £ 26 4s 4d	

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Galbraith & Winton	'tile & marble work'	28 January 1903	£18 2s 0d
John Finlay & Co.	'electroliers & grates'	30 January 1903	£141 7s 3d
Robert Aitken	building inspector	First installment: 24 May 1902 Final installment: 28 January 1903	£77 0s 0d ¹²
John Crawford	'carved wood panel'	8 July 1903	12s 6d

Measurer fee payment: £85 8s 0d (10 March 1903)

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

1: Previously the house seems to have belonged to a large estate which also included Fairfield House, Fairfield Farm and West Orangefield House (all demolished). Ayr Carnegie Library: Ayrshire Valuations Rolls, Kyle District, Monkton Parish, 1900–1, pp. 205–6; 1901–2, p. 206; 1905–6, p. 206.

2: In correspondence of 1958–60 between Ayrshire County Council and the Ministry of Aviation regarding a third fuel storage tank installation, Monktonmlln is mentioned as the site of similar, existing storage tanks. Auchencruive, Ayr, South Ayrshire Archives: Ayrshire County Council Prestwick Airport sub-committee minutes, CO3/8/5/36, 29 June 1960.

3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, pp. 247, 249.

- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, p. 248.
- 5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53061, pp. 248, 250.
- 6: In a correspondence of 1958–60 between Ayrshire County Council and the Ministry of Aviation regarding a third fuel storage tank installation at Prestwick Airport, Monktonmill is mentioned as an existing site of similar storage tanks. Auchencruive, Ayr, South Ayrshire Archives: Minutes of Ayrshire County Council Prestwick Airport sub-committee, 29 June 1960, CO3/8/5/36.
- 7: Includes work at 'Main House'; 'Billiard Room'; 'Greenhouses [illegible] repairs Laundry Stables etc'; 'Dynamo House & ashpits'.
- 8: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 9: Includes work at 'Main House'; 'Billiard Room'; 'Lavy Laundry Box Rm & Stable'; 'Dynamo House' and less a deduction of £3 10s 0d.
- 10: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 11: Includes work at 'Main House'; 'Billiard Room'; 'Gardeners House'; 'Engine House'; 'Sundries' and less a discount of £5 10s 0d.
- 12: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 13: Includes credit value of old slates £18 1s 8d.
- 14: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 15: Includes work at 'Main House'; 'Billiard Room'; 'Gardeners House'; 'Engine House'; 'Sundries'.
- 16: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 17: ½ measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 18: Includes payments inspections in the periods 9 October 1901–2 April 1902 and '2 April to finish'.

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