



M228 Plan of Skipness House

Introduction

Skipness House (sometimes called Skipness Castle, although this is properly the name of the medieval ruin nearby) was extended in baronial style by John Honeyman between 1878 and 1881 for Robert Chellas Graham. Among Mackintosh's possessions at his death was a ground-floor plan of the house (inscribed 'Skipness Castle') drawn in June 1903, along with a plan of Achamore House of the same date and format. The purpose of these drawings is not known, but they may have been made for publication or exhibition. Honeyman showed 'Skipness Castle' at the Royal Scottish Academy in 1903 (412), but this cannot have been the present drawing, because the exhibition opened on 6 February that year.

Authorship: The 1903 plan owned by Mackintosh may have been drawn by him, but there is no evidence that he contributed to the design of the building.

Alternative names: Skipness Castle; Old Mansion House.

Status: Partly demolished

Current use: Residential (2014)

RCAHMS Site Number: NR95NW 11

Grid reference: NR 9068 5772

Chronology

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Description

People

Clients:

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Contractors:

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Other:

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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 M228 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 M228 has been extracted from the job books:

□ Job book: Page: NaN

Client:

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum	Measurer fee payments
	mason		
	mason		

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum

Measurer fee payment: First installment:

Final installment:

Total cost:

Documents

Images

Bibliography

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