

M231 Alterations at Gadgirth

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh made major alterations to the existing large house, built in 1808 on the site of an earlier castle, for Glasgow tobacconist, Finlay Smith, who acquired the house and its estate c. 1903. ¹ The alterations appear to have been largely internal – the footprint of the house on O.S. maps did not change following the work – and included a library and work at a gardener's house, outhouses, washhouse, and extensive interior decoration. The library must have been of particular aesthetic interest as a drawing of it, now lost, was exhibited at the Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts in 1905. The house was demolished in 1968. ²

Authorship: Ronald Harrison, an early student of Mackintosh's architecture in the 1930s, who had access to the office records, included 'Outhouse' Gadgirth on a list he compiled of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time, but no further evidence has come to light to support an attribution to Mackintosh.

Cost from job book: £6795 8s 7½d; £3742 13s 9d for furnishings and fittings

Status: House demolished in 1968; estate buildings survive ³

RCAHMS Site Number: NS42SW 1

Grid reference: NS 4086 2229

Chronology

1808

Gadgirth House built, replacing earlier castle. ¹

1903

22 August: Earliest payment to contractor. ²

1904

October: Latest payments to contractors. ³

1905

A drawing of the new library at Gadgirth is exhibited at the Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts alongside perspectives of The Hill House and an elevation of T. & R. Annan's premises. The library drawing does not appear to have been published. ⁴

1949

August: Gadgirth Estate is sold at auction. The house is bought by Ayrshire County Council who propose to convert it into a children's home. ⁵

1953

June: Gadgirth opens as an Ayrshire County Council children's home with 23 places. ⁶

1968

House demolished. ⁷

Description

People

Clients:

- Finlay Smith

Contractors:

- John & James Andrews
- William Auld & Sons
- J. B. Bennett & Son
- Danskin & Purdie
- Galbraith & Winton
- Glenfield & Kennedy
- John Gordon
- James Grant
- G.S.W. Railway
- James Ingleton & Co.
- Kyle & Frew C. E.
- P. & W. MacLellan
- A. & J. Main & Co. Ltd
- R. A. McGilvray & Ferris
- John D. Paton
- W. S. Thom & Son
- Henry Walker & Sons Ltd
- Wylie & Lochhead

Job Book

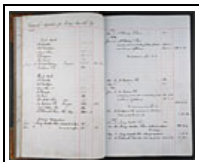
The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. 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 M231 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 M231 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 23



Job book: 53062
Page: 24



Job book: 53062
Page: 25

Client: Finlay Smith

Measurer: Danskin & Purdie

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
J. & D. Meikle	mason & brick	Ayr	no data in job book	£535 0s 0d	no
D. & J. Milligan	mason & brick	46 Kyle Street, Ayr	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
John & James Andrews	mason & brick	Monkton	no data in job book	£494 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
William Guthrie	mason & brick	Prestwick	no data in job book	£515 0s 0d	no
Muir & Sons	mason & brick	Kilmarnock	no data in job book	£540 0s 0d	no
Matthew Henderson	mason & brick	Grant Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£564 7s 4d	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	mason & brick	Elderslie Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£595 0s 0d	no

James Grant	mason & brick	Pitt Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£550 0s 0d	no
A. McLauchlan & Son	mason & brick	no data in job book	no data in job book	£497 1s 0d	no
J. & D. Meikle	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£486 0s 0d	no
D. & J. Milligan	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Muir & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£472 8s 0d	no
Matthew Henderson	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£560 19s 3d	no
E. C. Morgan	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£512 7s 0d	no
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£472 8s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
James Gibson	joiner	Prestwick	no data in job book	£525 0s 0d	no
McWhirter	joiner	Prestwick	no data in job book	£475 2s 3d	no
A. McLauchlan	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£459 18s 0d	no
J. & D. Meikle	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£87 16s 3d	no
D. & J. Milligan	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Muir & Sons	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£71 9s 1½d	no
Matthew Henderson	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£78 10s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£81 0s 0d	no
James Grant	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£66 15s 8d	no
William Auld & Sons	slater	70 Sandgate Street, Ayr	no data in job book	£62 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Glasgow	no data in job book	£74 0s 0d	no
McIlwraith Cowan & Co.	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£64 0s 0d	no
J. & D. Meikle	plasterer	no data in job book	1903	£195 8s 9d	no
D. & J. Milligan	plasterer	no data in job book	1903	no data in job book	no
Muir & Sons	plasterer	no data in job book	1903	£185 1s 11d	no
E. C. Morgan	plasterer	no data in job book	1903	£198 8s 3d	no
James Grant	plasterer	no data in job book	1903	£180 0s 0d	no
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	Glasgow	1903	£221 8s 0d ¹	yes (19 June 1903)
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	Glasgow	1903	£200 0s 0d	no
J. & D. Meikle	plumber	no data in job book	1903	£314 0s 0d	no
D. & J. Milligan	plumber	no data in job book	1903	no data in job book	no
Muir & Sons	plumber	no data in job book	1903	£327 0s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan	plumber	no data in job book	1903	£345 0s 0d	no
James Grant	plumber	no data in job book	1903	£293 0s 0d	no

William Auld & Sons	plumber	Ayr	1903	£ 305 0s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	Glasgow	1903	£279 0s 0d	yes (no data in job book)
Fyfe & Allan Ltd	plumber	Glasgow	1903	£290 0s 0d	no
McIlwraith Cowan & Co.	plumber	Ayr	1903	£293 11s 9d	no
Henry Walker & Sons Ltd	heating apparatus	Newcastle upon Tyne	1903	£256 0s 0d ²	yes (11 June 1903 ³)
John Gordon	electrical wiring and plant	no data in job book	1903	£985 0s 0d ⁴	yes (17 June 1903 ⁵)
Wylie & Lochhead	furnishings and fittings	no data in job book	1903	£318 18s 0d ⁶	yes (27 June 1903)
Wylie & Lochhead	furnishings and fittings	no data in job book	1903	£19 10s 0d ⁷	yes (6 July 1903)
Glenfield & Kennedy	water fittings	no data in job book	1903	£57 2s 0d	yes (2 September 1903)
William Auld & Sons	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£581 4s 7d	yes (10 September 1903)
A. McLauchlin & Son	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£588 11s 3d	no
J. & D. Meikle	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£606 19s 3d	no
Kirkwood Kerr & Co.	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£636 19s 8d	no
William G. Flett	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£641 15s 3d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£671 0s 0d	no
John Denholm & Co.	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£673 4s 1d	no
Boyd & Forrest	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£701 0s 8d	no
William Clark	water supply	no data in job book	1903	£841 7s 9d	no
P. & W. MacLellan	Chatwood safe	no data in job book	no data in job book	£76 0s 0d	yes (18 January 1904)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum	Measurer fee payments
John & James Andrews	mason & brick	First installment: 22 August 1903 Final installment: 17 June 1904 £1191 8s 1d ⁸	£17 15s 0d ⁹
James Grant	joiner	First installment: 8 December 1903 Final installment: 5 November 1904 £797 12s 6d ¹⁰	£12 12s 6d ¹¹
William Auld & Sons	slater	First installment: 13 October 1903 Final installment: 8 July 1904 £325 10s 3d ¹²	£4 7s 6d ¹³
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	First installment: 8 December 1903 Final installment: 17 June 1904 £450 4s 2d ¹⁴	£6 17s 0d ¹⁵
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	First installment: 13 October 1903 Final installment: 25 October 1904 £521 14s 3½d ¹⁶	£8 5s 0d ¹⁷
Henry Walker & Sons Ltd	heating apparatus	First installment: 2 November 1903 Final installment: 10 August 1904 £272 2s 6d ¹⁸	
John Gordon	electrical wiring and plant	First installment: 9 November 1903 Final installment: 7 May 1904 £1062 12s 2d ¹⁹	
Wylie & Lochhead	furnishings and fittings	Payment date: 16 August 1904 £3742 13s 9d ²⁰	

Glenfield & Kennedy	water fittings	First installment: 8 December 1903 Final installment: 13 June 1904 £59 9s 0d ²¹	
William Auld & Sons	water supply	First installment: 26 November 1903 Final installment: 19 October 1904 £781 18s 2d ²²	£11 14s 6d ²³
P. & W. MacLellan	Chatwood safe	Payment date: 24 March [1904] £78 10s 0d ²⁴	

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Galbraith & Winton	'chimney piece tiles etc'	8 March 1904	£8 12s 1d
John D. Paton	'2 waggons blaes 4/-; 2 waggons blaes 5/6'.	1 February 1904	£5 4s 0d
G.S.W. Railway	'freight per [illegible]'	1 February 1904	£3 1s 6d
W. S. Thom & Son	'1 horse 32 days & cartage of barrels'	1 February 1904	£12 18s 6d
W. S. Thom & Son	'1 horse 40 days carting ashes'	11 April 1904	£16 0s 0d
J. B. Bennett & Son	no data in job book	First installment: 5 February 1904 Final installment: 9 July 1904	£1105 5s 9d
Kyle & Frew C. E.	'water supply'	25 October 1904	£94 11s 3d ²⁵
A. & J. Main & Co. Ltd	'railing at Garden and washing p[illegible]'	7 April [1904]	£68 5s 8d

Measurer fee payment: £99 14s 0d (4 October [1904])

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Published

- Rob Close, *Ayrshire & Arran: An Illustrated Architectural Guide*, Edinburgh: Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, 1992, p. 43
- Michael C. Davis, *The Castle & Mansions of Ayrshire*, Ardrishaig, Argyll: privately published, 1991, p. 263
- Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 111–12

Notes:

- 1: Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 112; Ayr Carnegie Library: *Ayrshire Valuations Rolls*, vol. 2, Coylton Parish, Kyle District, 1902–3, p. 52; 1903–4, p. 52; 1905–6, p. 52. In 1903–4, Smith's address is listed as 'Italian Villa, Pollockshields, Glasgow'.
- 2: Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 112.
- 3: Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 112.
- 4: Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 112.
- 5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 23.
- 6: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 25.
- 7: Roger Billcliffe, *The Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts 1861–1989: A Dictionary of Exhibitors at the Annual Exhibitions of the Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts*, Glasgow: Woodend Press, 1990–2, vol. 2, p. 245.
- 8: 'Gadgirth Estate Sale', *Ayrshire Post*, 12 August 1949, p. 4.
- 9: 'County Council open Gadgirth House', *Ayrshire Post*, 26 June 1953, p. 10.

- 10: Zane Love, *Lost Ayrshire*, Edinburgh: Birlinn, 2005, p. 112.
- 11: Tender sum reduced to £202 16s 2d.
- 12: Amended offer of £251 0s 0d tendered.
- 13: Amended offer accepted on 16 June 1903.
- 14: Amended offer of £865 tendered.
- 15: Amended offer accepted on 9 November 1903.
- 16: Furnishings include: 'Dining room mantelpiece in Austrian oak'; 'Skyro marble slips'; 'Dado panelling'; 'library Bookcase fitment'; 'Business Rm mantelpiece in French walnut'; 'Verte antique marble slips'; wall panelling and safe doors'.
- 17: Tender for 'ceiling in Dining Rm'.
- 18: Includes 'work estimated' and 'washing ho. S??? Gardener's Ho. etc'.
- 19: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 20: Includes 'out houses'.
- 21: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 22: Includes: 'new additions & alterations'; 'out houses'; 'jobbing work'.
- 23: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 24: Includes: work 'as estimation including fibrous plaster'; 'outhouses & jobbings'.
- 25: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 26: Includes: 'extra WC & W H basins etc'; 'outhouses & jobbings'; 'alterations at W H basin & lowering of boilers etc'.
- 27: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 28: Includes: 'repairs to vinery'; 'altering radiator'.
- 29: Includes: 'wiring Gardens House, avenues etc and fittings at Gardeners and outhouses'.
- 30: Includes: 'Chimney pieces etc'; 'Linoleum & carpets'; 'Furniture'; 'Toiletware'; 'Blinds'; 'Electric fittings'; 'Fireplaces and Ironmongery'; 'Bedsteads'; 'Bedding'; 'Linen'; 'Quilts'; 'Curtains'; 'Sundries'; 'Kitchen utensils'; 'Carriages etc'.
- 31: Includes: '10% retained for ???'; 'water fittings'.
- 32: Includes 'storage tank & water piping'.
- 33: Half measurer's fee; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.
- 34: Including 'seal'.
- 35: Half measurer's fee paid by Auld £11 14s 6d [?ag] £82 16s 9d'; ½ measurer's fee included in total sum paid to contractor.

Mackintosh Architecture: Context, Making and Meaning

Led by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council; with additional support from The Monument Trust, The Pilgrim Trust, and the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art; and collaborative input from Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.



© copyright 2014

[Contact us](#)