

M238 Addition to Rockland, Largs

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh built a substantial addition to the large house of shipowner Archibald F. Donaldson who had lived there since 1889.¹ The house was located a short distance S. of Auchencraig.

Authorship: 'Billiard room', Rocklands, was included on a list of Mackintosh's works compiled in the 1930s by Ronald Harrison, an early student of his architecture, who had access to the office records. It was also included on Harrison's list of a selection of drawings produced in the office during Mackintosh's time. Harrison evidently believed that Mackintosh contributed in some way to the design of the building, but no evidence has come to light to support this attribution.

Alternative names: Red Cross House.

Cost from job book: £1247 17s 0d

Status: Demolished

Grid reference: NS 2091 5780 (approximate)

Chronology

1903

18 November: Contractor tenders submitted.¹

24 November: Contractor tenders accepted.²

1904

28 April: Earliest payment to contractor.³

12 September: Latest payments to contractors.⁴

Description

People

Clients:

- Archibald F. Donaldson

Contractors:

- Joseph Arthur
- James Gillespie
- James Grant
- William Howatt
- W. & D. Mailer
- George Rome & Co.

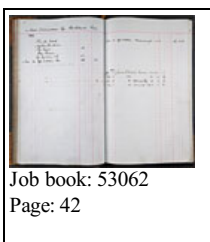
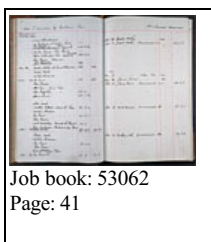
Job Book

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 M238 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 M238 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Archibald F. Donaldson

Measurer: William Howatt

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
George Barlas	mason & brick	13 Ruthven Street	no data in job book	£663 0s 0d	no
James Hunter	mason & brick	Largs	no data in job book	£443 15s 6½d	no
James Grant	mason & brick	Pitt Street	no data in job book	£324 0s 0d	no
Robert Aitkenhead & Son	mason & brick	Trafalgar Sq., Greenock	no data in job book	£479 19s 5d	no
Thomas Brown	mason & brick	Rottenrow	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
George Barclay	mason & brick	no data in job book	no data in job book	£733 0s 0d	no
Joseph Arthur	mason & brick	The Laurels, Skelmorlie	no data in job book	£446 0s 0d	yes (24 November 1903)
Matthew Henderson	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Grant	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	£539 0s 0d	yes (24 November 1903)
Thomas Brown	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
William Tyre	wright	Largs	no data in job book	£671 0s 0d	no
Thomas Duff & Son	wright	Largs	no data in job book	£573 10s 0d	no
James Hunter	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	£637 5s 9½d	no
Matthew Gillespie	slater	Morris Street, Largs	no data in job book	£32 19s 4d	no
Matthew Henderson	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£40 16s 11d	no
James Grant	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£40 16s 11d	no
Thomas Brown	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no

A. & D. McKay	slater	Oswald Street, Glasgow	no data in job book	£40 10s 0d	no
John Anderson	slater	Parliamentary Road	no data in job book	£43 0s 0d	no
W. & D. Mailer	slater	no data in job book	no data in job book	£39 18s 9d	yes (24 November 1903)
Matthew Henderson	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Grant	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	£39 14s 10d	no
Thomas Brown	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	£45 2s 0d	no
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	no data in job book	no data in job book	£31 16s 0d	yes (24 November 1903)
Mathew Henderson	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Grant	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£53 0s 0d	no
Thomas Brown	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£53 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£45 0s 0d	yes (24 November 1903)
Robert Campbell	plumber	138 Kent Road	no data in job book	£54 0s 0d	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Joseph Arthur	mason & brick	Payment date: 29 April £472 17s 8d ¹
James Grant	wright	First installment: 28 April 1904 Final installment: 12 September 1904 £546 15s 6d ²
W. & D. Mailer	slater	Payment date: 12 September 1904 £37 2s 11d ³
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	Payment date: 12 September 1904 £34 6s 8d ⁴
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	Payment date: 12 September 1904 £56 14s 3d ⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	
James Gillespie	inspector	First installment: 5 January 1904 Final installment: 5 May 1904
		£44 0s 0d

Total cost: £1247 17s 0d

Documents

Images

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Notes:

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- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, pp.41–2.
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- 6: '½ measurers fee 7.7' paid on 12 September [1904].
- 7: '½ measurers fee 10.10'.
- 8: '½ measurers fee 15'.
- 9: '½ measurers fee 13/9'.
- 10: '½ measurers fee 1.3.9'.

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