



M249 Memorial Seat

Introduction

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Cost from job book: £43 5s 7½d

Status: Untraced

Chronology

1904

26 August: Tenders accepted for excavation and building, and for bronze panel. ¹

1905

April: Final payments for building, joinery and bronze panel. ²

20 December: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh receive fee of £19 5s 0d. ³

Description

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The client is recorded in the job book simply as 'Robert Bowes Esq.', with no further details. He was probably the Cambridge bookseller and publisher Robert Bowes (1835–1919), nephew and colleague of Daniel (1813–57) and Alexander Macmillan (1818–96), founders of the publishers Macmillan & Co. Previous generations of the Macmillan family had lived on Arran, first at North Sannox and later at Cock Farm near Lochranza; Duncan Macmillan, father of Daniel and Alexander, occupied a farm at Upper Corrie before moving his family from Arran to Irvine in Ayrshire around 1816. ¹ Alexander later spent holidays on Arran with his extended family, among his party in 1860 being Fanny Brimley, who went on to marry Bowes. ²

In 1866 Alexander expressed his deep attachment to the landscape of the island's N.E. corner in a letter to his cousin Hugh: 'I could weep with longing after Glen Sannox ... and the great glen over to Lochranza is tender in my memory, like the dear lost friends with whom it is bound up. How I should like a walk with you from Corrie, say, to Lochranza over to the loch and home by the shore'. ³ Bowes may have commissioned the memorial to mark his family's long association with this part of Arran.

Mackintosh made a drawing of foxgloves at Corrie in 1895, and an undated drawing of Bog Violet. ⁴

People

Clients:

- Robert Bowes

Contractors:

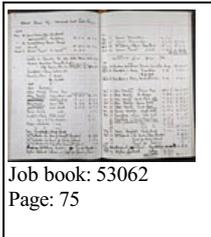
- James Grant
- James Macmillan
- R. A. McGilvray & Ferris

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 M249 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 M249 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 75

Client: Robert Bowes

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Macmillan	excavation and building	Campbeltown	26 August 1904	£14 11s 0d	yes
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	bronze panel	no data in job book	26 August 1904	£10 5s 0d	yes
James Grant	joiner work	no data in job book	8 March 1905	£10 0s 0d ¹	yes

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Macmillan	excavation and building	First installment: 8 November 1904 Final installment: 21 April 1905 £16 11s 6d
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	bronze panel	Payment date: 28 April 1905 £15 0s 0d
James Grant	joiner work	Payment date: 27 April 1905 £11 14s 1½d ²

Total cost: £43 5s 7½d

Documents

Images

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Published

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8: For '2 seats'.

9: For '2 seats'.

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