

M268 Additions and alterations to Lenzie United Free Church

Introduction

The church now known as Lenzie Union Parish Church was designed by Campbell Douglas & Sellars of Glasgow and opened in 1875. ¹ It was founded under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church, but was originally called Lenzie Union Church, in anticipation of eventual union between the United Presbyterians and the Free Church. When this was finally achieved in 1900, it became Lenzie United Free Church. The church served an expanding residential district about 9 km N.E. of Glasgow, centred on a railway station which made the area attractive to commuters. ² Due to increasing membership, the congregation decided in 1906 to extend the building by adding a N. aisle or transept. One of the three-man subcommittee responsible for selecting an architect was the Glasgow photographer and Lenzie resident James Craig Annan (1864–1946), for whom Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh had recently designed new premises at 518 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. ³ This connection may have recommended the practice for the Lenzie job. The original church was a simple Gothic Revival oblong with windows of plate tracery. Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh replaced the E. end of the N. wall with an arcade of cylindrical columns and pointed arches, opening into the new aisle. The aisle has windows with the same simple tracery as the original church, and each bay has a pitched roof with the ridge at right angles to the nave, making three external gables.

Authorship: It is clear from the Session minutes that the partner responsible for the new aisle was John Keppie. It may be significant that he had begun his career as a pupil in the office of Campbell Douglas & Sellars, architects of the original church. Keppie attended preliminary meetings to discuss his plans with the congregation, and was formally appointed architect by the building committee on 2 May 1906. ⁴ An inscription on one of the drawings approved by Kirkintilloch Dean of Guild Court may be in Mackintosh's hand, but there is no other evidence that he was involved in the project.

Alternative names: Lenzie United Presbyterian Church; Lenzie Union Church.

Alternative addresses: Moncrieff Avenue

Cost from job book: £1467 3s 4d

Cost from other sources: £1740 0s 0d, including 'structural alterations and subsequent cleaning and painting of the whole church' ⁵

Status: Standing building

Current name: Lenzie Union Parish Church

Current use: Church (2014)

RCAHMS Site Number: NS67SE 121

Grid reference: NS 65437 72150

Chronology

1906

12 March: A joint meeting of the church Session and Managers decides to extend the church to provide more sittings. The appointment of an architect is remitted to a subcommittee comprising 'Messrs Speirs, Annan and Todd'. The first two are evidently William Speirs (born c. 1842), of the Glasgow oil merchants W. M. Gemmill & Co.; and the photographer James Craig Annan (1864–1946). ¹

4 April: John Keppie attends a joint meeting of the church Session and Managers, and answers questions about Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh's plans for a new N. aisle. ²

23 April: At a special meeting the congregation decides to proceed with the plans. ³

2 May: Keppie is formally appointed architect. ⁴

May: Keppie makes drawings for submission to Kirkintilloch Dean of Guild Court. ⁵

7 June: Plans approved by Kirkintilloch Dean of Guild Court. ⁶

28 June: Tenders accepted from principal contractors. ⁷

People

Clients:

- Lenzie U. F. Church

Contractors:

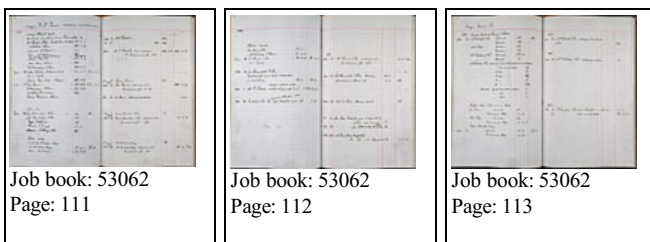
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- M. Campbell Duff & Sons
- William John Fletcher
- James Grant
- James Johnston & Son
- A. & D. MacKay
- McCulloch & Co.
- James Milne & Son
- A. & J. Scott
- Thomas Todd
- William Tonner & Son
- Gideon Turnbull

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 M268 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 M268 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Lenzie U. F. Church

Measurer: M. Campbell Duff & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
John Baxter	mason & brick	Woodhead Avenue, Kirkintilloch	1906	£701 10s 0d	no
William Fletcher & Brothers	mason & brick	Brackenbrae, Kirkintilloch	1906	£782 9s 6d	no
J. H. White & Sons	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£853 1s 4d	no
Daniel McCallum	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£940 0s 0d	no
John McCallum	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£900 0s 0d	no
James Watson	mason & brick	Cowgate Street, Kirkintilloch	1906	£689 19s 1d	no
Moses Barlas	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£876 1s 7d	no
Alex Muir & Sons	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£844 0s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	mason & brick	no data in job book	1906	£945 10s 5d	no

William John Fletcher	mason & brick	Forthbank, Kirkintilloch	1906	£614 5s 2d	yes (28 June 1906)
Gideon Turnbull	joiner	Lenzie	1906	£398 2s 9d	no
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	1906	£373 13s 5d	yes (28 June 1906)
E. C. Morgan & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	1906	£376 9s 8d	no
Mathew Henderson	joiner	no data in job book	1906	£460 0s 0d	no
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	1906	no data in job book	no
James Johnston & Son	plumber	no data in job book	1906	£40 0s 0d	yes (28 June 1906)
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	no data in job book	1906	£46 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	no data in job book	1906	£49 0s 0d	no
Brown & Young	plumber	no data in job book	1906	£54 10s 0d	no
Thomas McKenzie & Son	plumber	no data in job book	1906	£46 0s 0d	no
A. Mackenzie Ross	slater	no data in job book	1906	no data in job book	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	no data in job book	1906	£37 10s 0d	yes
John Anderson	slater	no data in job book	1906	£45 7s 9d	no
George Rome & Co.	plaster	no data in job book	1906	£33 13s 0d	no
McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	no data in job book	1906	£31 2s 4d	no
William Tonner & Son	plaster	no data in job book	1906	£26 10s 5d	yes (28 June 1906)
William Forbes	plaster	no data in job book	1906	no data in job book	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	no data in job book	1906	£29 10s 0d ¹	yes (4 October 1906)
William John Fletcher	asphalting	no data in job book	1906	1s 8½d per yard ²	yes
James Milne & Son	gas lighting	no data in job book	1906	£7 12s 0d ³	yes
McCulloch & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1907	£190 0s 0d ⁴	yes (21 June 1907)
McCulloch & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1907	£48 0s 0d ⁵	no
A. & J. Scott	painter	no data in job book	1907	£194 0s 0d ⁶	no
A. & J. Scott	painter	no data in job book	1907	£52 0s 0d ⁷	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1907	£197 10s 0d ⁸	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1907	£57 0s 0d ⁹	no
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£55 0s 0d ¹⁰	no
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£17 15s 0d ¹¹	no
John Craig	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£54 0s 0d ¹²	no
John Craig	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£15 10s 6d ¹³	no
Gideon Turnbull	joiner	Lenzie	1907	£47 5s 0d ¹⁴	yes (2 August 1907)
Gideon Turnbull	joiner	Lenzie	1907	£15 15s 0d ¹⁵	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
William John Fletcher	mason & brick work	First installment: 18 September 1906 Final installment: April [1907] £572 2s 8d ¹⁶
James Grant	joiner work	First installment: 19 December 1906 Final installment: 27 April 1907 £389 7s 10d ¹⁷
James Grant	joiner work	Payment date: 14 September 1907 £1 12s 11d ¹⁸

James Johnston & Son	plumber work	First installment: 7 December 1906 Final installment: 27 April 1907 £45 3s 3d ¹⁹
A. & D. MacKay	slater work	First installment: 6 December 1906 Final installment: 27 April 1907 £35 11s 7½d ²⁰
William Tonner & Son	plaster work	Payment date: 27 April 1907 £18 17s 5½d ²¹
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	Payment date: 27 April 1907 £33 0s 0d ²²
McCulloch & Co.	painter work	Payment date: 22 November 1907 £212 0s 0d ²³
McCulloch & Co.	painter work	Payment date: 28 December 1909 £4 0s 0d ²⁴
Gideon Turnbull	joinery	Payment date: 15 October 1907 £47 5s 0d ²⁵
Gideon Turnbull	joinery	Payment date: 31 October 1907 £26 12s 4d ²⁶

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
A. & J. Scott	'painter work'	27 April 1907	£27 0s 0d
Thomas Todd	Inspector	First installment: 30 October Final installment: 24 December	£40 0s 0d ²⁷

Measurer fee payment: £14 10s 3d ²⁸ (27 April)

Documents

Images

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- 14: For 'heating of new aisle & radiators in vestibule'.
- 15: For 'asphalting aisle ch. charged in mason's meas[urement].'
- 16: For '4 gas brackets each 38 [shillings] charged in Plumber's meas[urement].'
- 17: For painting interior of church and hall. Rates for lines & stencils: 1 inch lines, 1½d per lineal yard; 2 inch lines, 2d per lineal yard; 3 inch lines, 2½d per lineal yard; 4 inch lines, 3d per lineal yard; 5 inch lines, 3½d per lineal yard; stencils of one colour, 3d per square yard; stencils of two colours, 4d per square yard; stencils of three colours, 5d per square yard.
- 18: For painting exterior of church and hall.
- 19: For painting interior of church and hall.
- 20: For painting exterior of church and hall.
- 21: For painting interior of church and hall.
- 22: For painting exterior of church and hall.
- 23: For platform rail, etc.
- 24: For communion table.
- 25: For platform rail, etc.
- 26: For communion table.
- 27: For platform rail, etc.
- 28: For communion table.
- 29: Half measurer's fee: £7 5s 0d.
- 30: Half measurer's fee: £5 15s 0d.
- 31: For 'altering ventilators'.
- 32: Half measurer's fee: 13s 6d.
- 33: Half measurer's fee: 10s 6d.
- 34: Half measurer's fee: 6s 3d.
- 35: Includes £3 10s 0d for 'alterations on boiler etc.'
- 36: 'Including stone bands etc.'
- 37: For 'silicating arches'.
- 38: For 'Choir rail & platform as per est.'
- 39: For communion table.
- 40: Comprises payments for sixteen weeks from 9 July to 27 October at £1 0s 0d per week, and for eight weeks from 27 October to 22 December at £3 0s 0d per week.
- 41: 'Fee £29 0s 6d, ½ payable by C[on]t[ractor]s.'

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