

M272 Savings Bank, Parkhead

Introduction

This is one of several suburban branches of the Savings Bank of Glasgow, built on important corner sites and endowed with landmark towers. ¹ It achieves the scale necessary for its prominent site by combining the single-storey domed banking hall with a block of tenement flats above shops. The baroque design draws heavily on John Honeyman & Keppie's unsuccessful competition entry of 1894–5 for the Royal Insurance Company offices in Buchanan Street, on which Mackintosh worked. The tower in particular is very close to the earlier design.

Authorship: John Keppie was personally appointed architect for the Parkhead branch by the Committee of Management of the Savings Bank of Glasgow. ² He submitted reports and attended meetings, the bank corresponded directly with him, and there is no doubt that he was responsible for the building. ³ The drawings approved by the Dean of Guild Court are naturally signed with the practice's name rather than Keppie's, but surprisingly the signature is in Mackintosh's hand. ⁴ However, there is no evidence that Mackintosh contributed to the design.

Alternative addresses: Burgher Street Great Eastern Road Tollcross Road

Cost from job book: £14,003 1s 6½d

Status: Standing building

Current use: Offices and residential (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 33634

RCAHMS Site Number: NS66SW 302

Grid reference: NS 62521 64152

Chronology

1906

10 August 1906: The Committee of Management of the Savings Bank of Glasgow approves the appointment of John Keppie as architect for the Parkhead branch. ¹

9 October: Plans of the new branch to be discussed by the Bank's Finance Committee, with Keppie in attendance. ²

1907

28 March: Plans approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ³

April: 'Coloured elevations' shown in Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts exhibition (790). ⁴

7 May: Work begins on site. ⁵

28 October: Walls have reached fifth storey. ⁶

1908

27 May: Finishing roof of tower. ⁷

31 August: Plasterwork finished. ⁸

24 October: Bank opens for business. ⁹

10 December: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court inspector declares the building 'finished'. ¹⁰

Represented in 1908 Royal Scottish Academy exhibition, Edinburgh (428).

1909

Photographs of finished building and watercolour of corner entrance exhibited at Royal Scottish Academy and illustrated in *Academy Architecture*. ¹¹

1920

17 September: Watercolour of corner entrance illustrated in the *Builder*. ¹²

People

Clients:

- Savings Bank of Glasgow

Contractors:

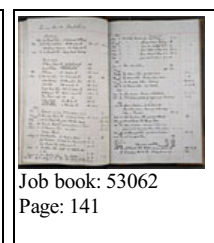
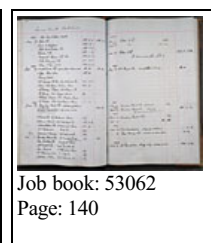
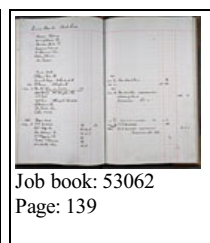
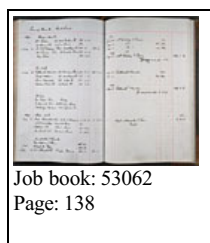
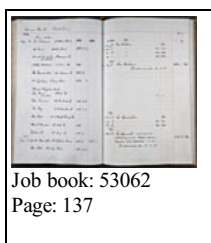
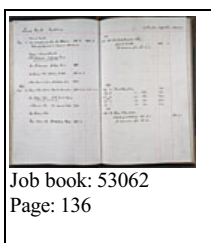
- George Adam & Son
- T. & R. Annan & Sons
- Hugh Arbuckle & Sons
- F. Braby & Co. Ltd
- John Cochrane
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- M. Campbell Duff & Sons
- Elder & Co.
- Galbraith & Winton
- Holmes & Jackson
- Johnston Park & Co.
- William Kemp & Co.
- P. & W. MacLellan
- C. & J. Malloch
- Alex Macdonald & Sons Ltd
- McGeoch & Co.
- R. A. McGilvray & Ferris
- Alex McKay
- D. McLachlan
- Alex Munro & Co.
- John Orr & Sons
- William Paterson & Sons
- James Symington
- Thaw & Campbell

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 M272 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 M272 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Savings Bank of Glasgow

Measurer: M. Campbell Duff & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Alex Macdonald & Sons Ltd	granite	Aberdeen	1907	£462 9s 0d	yes (11 February 1907)
P. & W. Anderson	digging, mason & brick	69 Douglas Street	1907	no data in job book ¹	no
John Kirkwood	digging, mason & brick	139 Hope Street	1907	£7868 0s 0d	no
George Barlas & Co.	digging, mason & brick	13 Ruthven Street, Hillhead	1907	£7161 10s 10d	no
Alex Muir & Sons	digging, mason & brick	139 Nithsdale Drive	1907	£8114 0s 0d	no
Thaw & Campbell	digging, mason & brick	Paton Street, Dennistoun	1907	£7082 14s 4d	yes (6 May 1907)
James Goldie & Son	digging, mason & brick	52 St Enoch Square	1907	no data in job book ²	no
W. Stewart & Co.	digging, mason & brick	121 Maxwell Road	1907	£7700 0s 0d	no
John Paterson & Son	digging, mason & brick	no data in job book	1907	no data in job book	no
John Adam & Co.	digging, mason & brick	Pollokshaws Road	1907	£7517 4s 0d	no
John Cochrane	joiner	70 Dobbie's Loan	1907	£2670 0s 0d	yes (2 May 1907)
James Grant	joiner	128 Pitt Street	1907	£2728 17s 9d	no
William McCall & Son	joiner	5 Balmano Street	1907	no data in job book ³	no
Mathew Henderson	joiner	4 Grant Street	1907	£2900 0s 0d	no
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	144 Gardner Street	1907	£2672 3s 0d	no
William Lightbody	joiner	Sidney Street	1907	£2726 0s 3d	no
John Cairns	plumber & gasfitter	18 Bath Street	1907	no data in job book ⁴	no
Charles Cameron	plumber & gasfitter	219 Cambridge Street	1907	£1209 15s 8d	no
Alex Gray	plumber & gasfitter	67 Great Hamilton Street	1907	£1198 6s 3d	no
Thomas Porter	plumber & gasfitter	10–12 Stanley Street, Kinning Park	1907	£1160 19s 4d	no
Robert S. Renfrew	plumber & gasfitter	140 North Street	1907	£1142 0s 0d	no
Ingleton & Co.	plumber & gasfitter	168 George Street	1907	£1267 10s 0d	no
James Symington	plumber & gasfitter	571 Cathcart Road	1907	£1059 2s 0d	yes (2 May 1907)
William Forbes	plaster	167 West Graham Street	1907	£355 11s 3d	no
George Rome & Co.	plaster	13 Jane Street	1907	£370 0s 0d	no
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	West Regent Street	1907	£332 16s 0d	yes (31 May 1907)
William Tonner & Son	plaster	85 Douglas Street	1907	£353 12s 4d	no
John Forbes	plaster	no data in job book	1907	£392 2s 10d	no
Galbraith & Winton	tile	129 St Vincent Street	1907	£636 9s 5d	yes (31 May 1907)
Field & Allan	tile	63 West Regent Street	1907	£737 1s 9d	no
Kean & Wardrope	tile	167 Bath Street	1907	£841 15s 8d	no

Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tile	140 Bath Street	1907	£686 8s 8d	no
James Boyd & Sons	heating	Paisley	1907	no data in job book	no
James Cormack & Sons	heating	36 Abercorn Street	1907	no data in job book	no
Mackenzie & Moncur	heating	443 Eglinton Street	1907	no data in job book	no
Hugh Arbuckle & Sons	slater	10 Orr Street, Bridgeton	1907	£5 13s 4d	yes (2 May 1907)
A. & D. Mackay	slater	Oswald Street	1907	£12 0s 0d	no
P. White & Co.	slater	Paul Street	1907	£13 10s 4d	no
James Smith & Son	slater	Gardner Street	1907	£15 14s 6d	no
George Adam & Son	iron grilles & lamp	no data in job book	1908	£55 10s 0d	no
David M. Tyre	iron grilles & lamp	no data in job book	1908	£43 17s 0d	no
William Kemp & Co.	iron grilles & lamp	[illegible] Grove	1908	£32 10s 0d	yes (15 September 1908)
William McGeoch & Co.	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Johnstone Park & Co.	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Anderson & Munro	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
William Paterson & Son	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Osborne & Hunter	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
John Gordon	electric lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
C. T. Bowie Fisher & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1908	no data in job book	no
James H. Frazer	painter	22 Elm Bank Street	1908	no data in job book	no
J. T. Irving	painter	56 Renfrew Street	1908	no data in job book	no
John Orr & Sons	painter	no data in job book	1908	£135 0s 0d ⁵	yes (9 March 1908)
Archibald Stirling	painter	503 Springburn Road	1908	no data in job book	no
A. & J. Scott	painter	no data in job book	1908	no data in job book	no
Archibald Sime	painter	7 Skirving Street, Shawlands	1908	no data in job book	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	no data in job book	1908	no data in job book	no
Charles Carlton & Son	painter	no data in job book	1908	no data in job book	no
Guthrie & Wells	painter	no data in job book	1908	no data in job book	no
C. & J. Malloch	glazier	no data in job book	1907	£79 0s 0d	yes (31 May 1907)
G. & J. Rae Ltd	glazier	no data in job book	1907	£78 12s 9d	no
John Cochrane Jr	glazier	no data in job book	1907	£79 16s 7d	no
R. L. Paterson & Co.	glazier	no data in job book	1907	£80 0s 0d	no
Purdon & Callander	glazier	no data in job book	1907	£82 0s 0d	no

William Meikle & Sons	glazier	no data in job book	no data in job book	£83 18s 0d	no
Elder & Co.	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£589 9s 5d	yes (31 May 1907)
Rudolph A. Stoffart	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£592 19s 1d	no
P. & W. Maclellan Ltd	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£593 2s 6d	no
Bladen & Co.	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£598 1s 9d	no
Redpath Brown & Co. Ltd	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£604 2s 7d	no
P. & R. Fleming & Co.	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£611 2s 6d	no
Thaw & Campbell	cast iron & steel	no data in job book	1907	£624 19s 5d	no
McGeoch & Co.	name plates	no data in job book	1908	£35 14s 0d	yes (21 September 1908)
Archibald Hamilton	name plates	no data in job book	1908	£47 5s 0d	no
H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd	carving work	160a Bothwell Street	no data in job book	£736 14s 6d	no
Holmes & Jackson	carving work	55 Jane Street	no data in job book	£246 13s 0d	yes
McGilvray & Ferris	carving work	129 West Regent Street	no data in job book	£313 0s 0d	no
J. C. Young	carving work	1103 Argyle Street	no data in job book	£261 0s 0d	no
Kellock Brown	carving work	152a Renfrew Street	no data in job book	£339 11s 0d	no
William Vicars [Vickers]	carving work	221 West Regent Street	no data in job book	£315 13s 0d	no
Johnston Park & Co.	electric lighting	no data in job book	1908	£134 15s 0d ⁶	yes
T. Fairlie & Co.	electric lighting	33 Stockwell Street	1907	£157 0s 0d	no
Osborne & Hunter	electric lighting	108a West Regent Street	1907	£156 11s 6d	no
A. Maclellan & Co.	electric lighting	63 Waterloo Street	1907	£181 10s 0d	no
William Anderson	electric lighting	Bath Street	1907	£102 0s 0d	no
Anderson & Munro	electric lighting	136 Bothwell Street	1907	£164 0s 0d	no
Johnston Park & Co.	electric lighting	170 Oswald Street	1907	£125 0s 0d ⁷	yes
John Findlay & Co.	electric lighting	Renfield Street	1907	no data in job book	no
McGeoch & Co.	electric lighting	West Campbell Street	1907	no data in job book	no
John Gordon	electric lighting	18 Cathedral Street	1907	£170 0s 0d	no
William Paterson & Son	electric lighting	71 Pitt Street	1907	£195 0s 0d	no
Malcolm & Allan	electric lighting	499 Eglinton Toll	1907	£139 0s 0d	no
James Boyd & Son	heating	Macdowall Street, Paisley	1907	no data in job book	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	36 Abercorn Street	1907	£78 10s 6d	yes (15 October 1907)
Mackenzie & Moncur	heating	443 Eglinton Street	1907	no data in job book	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	no data in job book	1907	1s 5d ⁸	yes
C. T. Bowie Fisher & Co.	painter	26 Bothwell Street	1908	£143 0s 0d	no
James H. Frazer	painter	22 Elmbank Street	1908	£120 0s 0d	no

J. T. Irving	painter	56 Renfrew Street	1908	£153 14s 10s	no
John Orr & Sons	painter	101 Wellington Street	1908	£135 0s 0d	yes (9 March 1908)
Archibald Stirling	painter	503 Springburn Road	1908	£119 8s 0d	no
A. & J. Scott	painter	249 West George Street	1908	£138 12s 6d	no
Joseph Sharp & Son	painter	259 St Vincent Street	1908	£143 12s 4d	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	233 St Vincent Street	1908	£149 11s 7d	no
Charles Carlton & Son	painter	189 St Vincent Street	1908	£143 0s 0d	no
Guthrie & Wells	painter	237 West George Street	1908	£139 17s 0d	no
Archibald Sime	painter	7 Skirving Street	1908	£134 13s 10d	no
P. & W. MacLellan	Chatwood iron door	no data in job book	1907	£32 0s 0d ⁹	yes (17 October 1907)
Johnston Park & Co.	electric bells	no data in job book	1907	£21 2s 6d	yes (19 November 1907)
McGeoch & Co.	grates & kitchen ranges	no data in job book	1908	£137 12s 6d	yes (11 February 1908)
Johnston Park & Co.	electric fittings	no data in job book	1908	£59 12s 3d ¹⁰	yes (24 February 1908)
William Paterson & Sons	iron door	no data in job book	1908	£32 17s 6d	yes (7 April 1908)
D. McLachlan	window blinds	91 Renfrew Street	1908	£13 0s 0d	yes (8 May 1908)
James Hutcheson	window blinds	199 Bath Street	1908	£15 15s 0d ¹¹	no
John Bryden & Son	window blinds	60 Renfield Street	1908	£15 13s 0d	no
George Adam & Son	ironwork	no data in job book	1908	£6 10s 0d ¹²	yes (11 June 1908)
William Paterson & Sons	iron ladders	no data in job book	1908	£7 8s 0d	yes (18 August 1908)
F. Braby & Co. Ltd	steel windows	no data in job book	1909	£13 12s 0d ¹³	yes (23 January 1909)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Thaw & Campbell	digging, mason & brick	First installment: 2 August 1907 Final installment: 29 April 1909 £6871 14s 0d ¹⁴
John Cochrane	joiner	First installment: 25 December 1907 Final installment: 5 August 1909 £2880 1s 3½d ¹⁵
James Symington	plumber & gasfitter	First installment: 16 April 1908 Final installment: 27 April 1909 £1124 9s 8½d ¹⁶
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	First installment: 28 January 1908 Final installment: 5 August 1909 £272 1s 7d ¹⁷
Galbraith & Winton	tile	First installment: 14 August 1908 Final installment: 5 August 1909 £695 5s 3d ¹⁸
Hugh Arbuckle & Sons	slater	Payment date: no data in job book £2 10s 5d

John Orr & Sons	painter	First installment: 2 June 1908 Final installment: 25 June 1909 £202 0s 6d ¹⁹
C. & J. Malloch	glazier	First installment: 4 November 1908 Final installment: April 1909 £75 8s 1d ²⁰
Elder & Co.	cast iron & steel	First installment: 1 October 1907 Final installment: 15 June 1908 £577 3s 7½d ²¹
William Kemp & Co.	iron grilles & lamp	Payment date: 21 January 1909 £32 10s 0d
Johnston Park & Co.	electric fittings & wiring	First installment: 8 October 1908 Final installment: 27 April 1909 £168 7s 2d ²²
C. & J. Malloch	glazer	Payment date: 12 March 1909 £1 8s 2d ²³
F. Braby & Co. Ltd	steel windows	Payment date: 12 March 1909 £13 12 0d ²⁴
George Adam & Son	ironwork	Payment date: 18 February 1909 £7 11s 0d ²⁵
George Adam & Son	ironwork	Payment date: 17 February 1909 £1 8s 0d ²⁶
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	Payment date: 17 [November] 1908 £79 15s 6d
William Paterson & Sons	iron ladders	Payment date: 21 January 1909 £5 15s 2d
D. McLachlan	window blinds	Payment date: 14 September 1908 £13 0s 0d
William Paterson & Sons	ironwork	Payment date: 29 October 1908 £40 13s 0d ²⁷
McGeoch & Co.	grates	Payment date: 23 December 1908 £216 5s 3d ²⁸
Johnston Park & Co.	electric bells & fittings	First installment: 4 April 1908 Final installment: 23 December 1908 £251 0s 0d

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Alex McKay	Inspector		£117 0s 0d
Alex Munro & Co.	'Borings at Parkhead.'	20 August 1907	£21 15s 8d
T. & R. Arnan & Sons	'4 photos of adjoining Buildings.'	30 October 1907	£2 16s 0d

Measurer fee payment: First installment: 30 May [1908]

Final installment: 5 May 1909

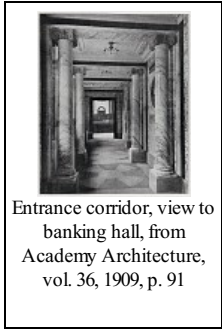
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Documents

Images



View from E.	Detail of Burgher Street elevation	Burgher Street elevation	View from N.	View from W., from Academy Architecture, vol. 36, 1909, p. 88	Banking hall, from Academy Architecture, vol. 36, 1909, p. 89
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Entrance corridor, view to banking hall, from Academy Architecture, vol. 36, 1909, p. 91

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- 4: At least one other drawing signed by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh was in the possession of the then owner of the building in 2004: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: unidentified press cutting.
- 5: University of Glasgow Archive Services: Savings Bank of Glasgow records, Minute Book 8, GB0248 TSB 63 1/1/8.
- 6: University of Glasgow Archive Services: Savings Bank of Glasgow records, letters out book, GB0248 TSB 63 1/11/28, p. 753.
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- 9: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court, Register of Inspections, D-OPW 25/31, p. 129.
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- 15: *Academy Architecture*, 36, July 1909, pp. 88–91.
- 16: *Builder*, 119, 17 September 1920, p. 308.
- 17: 'returned with thanks'.
- 18: 'returned with thanks'.
- 19: 'not filled'.
- 20: 'not filled'.
- 21: 'for Front Bdg. The bank [illegible] done at similar rates.'
- 22: For 'electric fittings at Bank, price for wiring to be adjusted, not to exceed 27.11.6'.
- 23: 'fittings extra'.
- 24: For 'Japanese Register Gratings'.
- 25: For 'Chatwood iron door. P. & W. Maclellan agents.'
- 26: For 'electric fittings in houses'.
- 27: This tender is for second quality blinds; an alternative tender of £17 15s 0d for first quality is recorded.
- 28: For 'grills to coal ho[use] door 4. 15.'
- 29: For 'Steel windows to stair'.
- 30: Includes Alex MacDonald & Son's payment of £457 0s 11d for granite, and a sum of £158 9s 1d for silicating. Also includes two payments to Holms & Jackson: £261 19s 0d on 26 June 1908 for 'carving including caps in corridor', and £6 on 28 October 1908 for 'carving at chimneypieces'. Half Thaw & Campbell's measurer's fee: £86 14s 0d; half Alex MacDonald's measurer's fee: £5 14s 3d.
- 31: Half measurer's fee: £36 2s 6d.
- 32: 'Including extra, copper dome. Telephone to be deducted 1.11.6.' Half measurer's fee: £14 2s 6d.
- 33: Half measurer's fee: £3 8s 0d.
- 34: Half measurer's fee: £8 13s 9d.
- 35: 'including bank'. Half measurer's fee: £2 10s 0d.
- 36: Half measurer's fee: 18s 9d.
- 37: Half measurer's fee: £7 5s 0d.
- 38: Half measurer's fee: £2.
- 39: For 'glazing at stair.'
- 40: For 'sashes at staircase.'
- 41: For 'coal shoot & grille'.
- 42: For 'Stanchions & coal shoot'.
- 43: For 'iron door & ladders'.
- 44: For 'kitchen ranges, plates etc.'

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