

M275 Additions and alterations to the Guild of Aid's premises

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh added a 'baths annexe' to the existing hall and later made alterations to other areas of the premises.

Authorship: Mackintosh is named in contemporary Guild of Aid documents as its honorary architect; the job book entry is entirely in his hand.

Cost from job book: Phase 1: £151 16s 11½d; Phase 2: £15 15s 2d; Phase 3: £27 1s 0d

Cost from other sources: £182 3s 4d for 'erection of Baths Annexe' ¹

Status: Demolished

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56SE 812

Grid reference: NS 5876 6438

Chronology

1887

The Guild of Aid is founded. ¹

1898

Reverend Edward Balvaird Hewett submits an application to build a mission church and hall in South Coburg Street to the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ²

1899

October: The Guild of Aid hall opens. ³

1906

8 November: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court approves work proposed by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh. ⁴

19 November: Contractor tenders accepted. ⁵

1907

14 February: Work signed off by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ⁶

1909

Alterations to drains are carried out. ⁷

1911

Alterations including pointing, roofing and painting are carried out. ⁸

1973

The Guild of Aid moves out of South Coburg Street. The hall is demolished to make way for the comprehensive redevelopment of the Gorbals. ⁹

Description

The Guild of Aid was founded in 1887 by the Reverend Edward Balvaird Hewett, mission priest at St Margaret's Episcopal Church, Coburg Street, and his wife, Mrs Mary Hewett. Rev. Hewett resigned from the church in 1895, but continued to run the Guild of Aid. In 1898–9, he commissioned a new hall. Its innovative features included a roof-top playground, and on the exterior of the building colourful, enamelled stoneware panels made by Doulton & Co., depicting religious scenes. ¹

The Guild of Aid hall and its facilities had served the welfare of Gorbals residents for almost ten years when a 'Baths Annexe' was added in 1906–7. The expenditure for this work appears in the accounts of the creche, suggesting the expansion of services for young children. One of Glasgow's earliest day

nurseries is said to have existed at the Guild of Aid. ²

The location and appearance of the annexe are unclear. The costs of the work suggest a modest structure with significant plumbing and tiling, a concrete (Lithic) floor and concrete roof. What is clear is the involvement of Mackintosh: the Guild of Aid's 1907 annual report lists 'Mr C. R. McIntosh (Hon. Architect), Blythswood Square' among its general committee members. ³

People

Clients:

- Guild of Aid
- Reverend Edward Balvaird Hewett
- Mrs Mary Hewett

Contractors:

- William Anderson
- Alexander Cousland & Son
- William Douglas
- James Grant
- Haddow, Forbes & Co.
- The Lithic Flooring Co.
- Daniel McCallum
- A. McKenzie Ross

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 M275 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 M275 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 126

Client: Guild of Aid

Tenders:

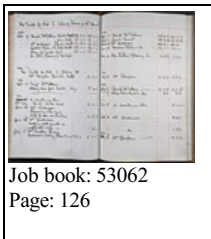
Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Daniel McCallum	brick	no data in job book	no data in job book	£37 0s 0d	yes (19 November 1906)
Daniel McCallum	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£30 0s 0d	yes (19 November 1906)
William Anderson	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£47 15s 0d	yes (19 November 1906)
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiler	no data in job book	no data in job book	£23 0s 0d ¹	yes (19 November 1906)
The Lithic Flooring Co.	flooring	Edinburgh	no data in job book	no data in job book	yes (19 November 1906)

William Douglas	painter	no data in job book	no data in job book	£10 0s 0d	yes (November)
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Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Daniel McCallum	brick	Payment date: 12 April 1907 £44 12s 3d
James Grant	joiner	Payment date: 11 April 1907 £38 16 10½d
William Anderson	plumber	Payment date: 15 March 1907 £48 13s 1d
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiler	Payment date: 21 January 1907 £23 0s 0d
The Lithic Flooring Co.	flooring	Payment date: 30 May 1907 £6 14s 9d
William Douglas	painter	Payment date: 14 May 1907 £13 6s 3d

Phase 2: Alterations, 1908



Job book: 53062
Page: 126

Client: Guild of Aid

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Daniel McCallum	alterations to drain from creche	no data in job book	no data in job book	£5 0s 0d	yes (10 December 1908)

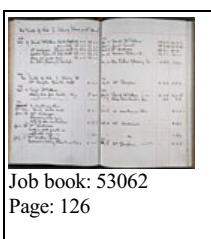
Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Daniel McCallum	alterations to drain from creche	Payment date: 9 January 1909 £2 0s 5d

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
Alexander Cousland & Son	no data in job book	9 January 1909	8s 6d

Phase 3: Alterations, 1911



Job book: 53062
Page: 126

Client: Guild of Aid

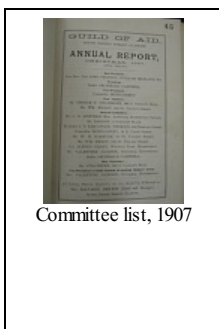
Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
A. McKenzie Ross	pointing	no data in job book	no data in job book	£8 11s 0d	yes (27 February 1911)
William Anderson	roofing	no data in job book	no data in job book	£8 15s 0d	yes (14 June 1911)
William Anderson	roofing	no data in job book	no data in job book	£1 15s 0d	yes (26 June 1911)
William Douglas	painting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£8 0s 0d	yes (5 July 1911)

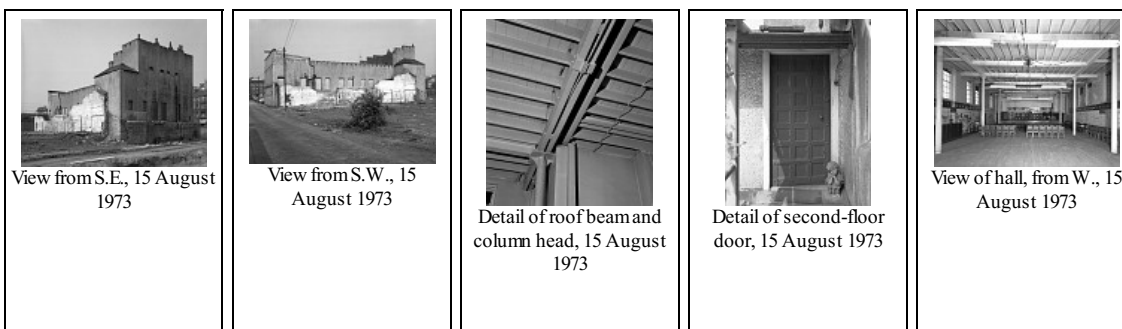
Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
A. McKenzie Ross	pointing south wall	Payment date: 8 June 1911 £8 11s 0d
William Anderson	roofing	Payment date: 18 September 1911 £10 10s 0d ²
William Douglas	painting	Payment date: 6 October 1911 £8 0s 0d

Documents



Images



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- 13: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Parish of Glasgow Collection of Prints, Guild of Aid Creche account to 30 September 1907, T-PAR 1.11, p. 45.
- 14: 'Allow for small items £30 0 0' is entered below.
- 15: For 'Re-covering with zinc roof of room over staircase' and 'Making good cracks on asphalt roof.'

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