

## M276 Addition to The Moss, Dumgoyne

### Introduction

This large extension containing a kitchen and other rooms was added at one side of The Moss, a Georgian house dating from 1812.

**Authorship:** There is good evidence that Mackintosh designed the extension: Dumgoyne is listed among the locations of his domestic work in his entry in *Who's Who in Glasgow 1909*; the job book entry is written largely in his hand; and the surviving kitchen furniture is similar to work at his two major houses, Windyhill and The Hill House.

**Alternative names:** Moss; Moss House.

**Cost from job book:** £1741 6s 6d

**Status:** The original house survives; the extension has been demolished.

**Current use:** Residential (2014)

**Listing category:** C

**Historic Scotland/HB Number:** 10421

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS58SW 6

**Grid reference:** NS 51626 83841

### Chronology

#### 1906

19 December: Plans for extension approved by Stirlingshire County Council. <sup>1</sup>

#### 1907

14 February: Principal tenders accepted. <sup>2</sup>

#### 1908

26 March: Final payment to slater. <sup>3</sup>

October: Final payments to mason, joiner and plumber. <sup>4</sup>

#### 1968

Extension demolished. <sup>5</sup>

### Description

Sir Archibald Campbell Lawrie (1837–1914) settled at The Moss after his retirement in 1901, following a legal career spent mostly in Ceylon. <sup>1</sup> The site of the house was a venerable one – it had been the birthplace of George Buchanan (1506–1582), international Renaissance scholar, tutor to James VI, and an ancestor of Sir Archibald – but the house itself had been rebuilt in 1812. <sup>2</sup> Three bays wide and two storeys high, it was a roughcast Georgian box with a classically-detailed stone porch in the middle of the entrance front and a later single-storey wing at the N.E. end.



Soon after his arrival, Sir Archibald obtained permission from Stirlingshire County Council to build two cottages, one on Stockiemuir Road in 1902, another closer to The Moss in 1905. <sup>3</sup> These modest buildings probably did not require an architect, but in 1906 he decided to extend The Moss itself, and for this

more substantial work he called on Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh. Four sheets of plans were submitted to the County Council and approved on 19 December 1906.<sup>4</sup> The plans are untraced, and the extension itself has been demolished, but photographs record its appearance.

There is good evidence that Mackintosh was responsible for the design: the job-book entry is written largely in his hand; the surviving kitchen furniture closely resembles his kitchen furniture at Windyhill and The Hill House; and, most significantly, Dumgoyne is listed among the locations of Mackintosh's domestic work in his entry in *Who's Who in Glasgow 1909*.<sup>5</sup> Sir Archibald may have turned to him because Mackintosh had very recently begun building Auchinibert for F. J. Shand, just 2.5 km away at Killearn. Mackintosh's relationship with Shand was to sour in the course of that project, but when Sir Archibald was looking for an architect it was probably still in its honeymoon period.

A photograph of the house taken on the eve of Mackintosh's changes, now (2011) in the possession of the present owners, bears the following inscription: 'To. A. A. S. / the opponent of all change. / The Moss / 1 January 1907 / as it stands now before the threatened / alterations w[hich] it is feared will spoil it. / Arch.' The identity of 'A. A. S.' is not known, but his or her misgivings were well-founded: the alterations did not harmonise with the old work, nor did they achieve coherence in themselves.



Mackintosh appears to have raised the existing N.E. wing to two storeys and given it a mansard roof, then added a single-storey extension under a steeply pitched roof. The single-storey part had echoes of C. F. A. Voysey, with windows on the entrance side separated by square, unmoulded mullions. At the rear, the broad sweep of the roof was interrupted by segmental-headed dormers. The disharmony between new and old is the more surprising because, as an antiquary, Sir Archibald was keenly aware of the historic significance of his house, and as recently as 1906 he had hosted a pilgrimage of scholars to The Moss to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Buchanan's birth.<sup>6</sup>



Mackintosh's addition is said to have been demolished in 1968.<sup>7</sup> In fact, demolition appears to have taken place in two distinct phases. An undated aerial photograph shows the single-storey section reduced to its external walls, enclosing a yard with a lean-to structure against the surviving mansard-roofed section.



Subsequently, the whole addition, including the mansard-roofed part, was replaced with a flat-roofed extension.<sup>8</sup> In 1998, listed building consent was sought to replace the flat roof with a pitched roof containing dormers, and this work was afterwards carried out.<sup>9</sup> It is possible that parts of Mackintosh's external walls survive in the extension. His salvaged kitchen fittings are now (2011) split between the extension and a modern house in the grounds.

## People

### Clients:

- Sir Archibald Campbell Lawrie

### Contractors:

- George Adam & Son
- James Baxter & Sons
- James Cormack & Sons Ltd
- Douglas, Hunter & Whitson
- Haddow, Forbes & Co.
- William Kemp & Co.
- John Macdonald
- Charles M. F. Morton
- James Paton
- Andrew Sharp
- A. & J. Sinclair

## 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 M276 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 M276 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062  
Page: 127



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**Client:** Sir Archibald Campbell Lawrie

**Measurer:** Douglas, Hunter & Whitson

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
William Gow & Sons	mason	Kilsyth	1907	£472 5s 5d	no
James Baxter & Sons	mason	Kilsyth	1907	£440 9s 10½d	yes (14 February 1907)
John Baxter	mason	Kirkintilloch	1907	£460 14s 6d	no
William Gourlay	mason	Killearn	1907	no data in job book 1	no
J. H. White & Sons	mason	Pollockshaws Road	1907	£523 4s 1d	no
Daniel MacCallum	mason	Bothwell Street	1907	£565 0s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	mason	no data in job book	1907	£552 0s 0d	no
Muir Brothers	mason	Blane field	1907	no data in job book	no
A. & J. Sinclair	joiner	Killearn	1907	£600 0s 0d	yes (14 February 1907)
Robert Simpson	joiner	Killearn	1907	£605 9s 5½d	no
Andrew Wright	joiner	Strathblane	1907	£624 6s 10¾d	no
James Grant	joiner	Pitt Street	1907	£651 9s 11d	no
McCall & Sons	joiner	Balmano Street	1907	£715 0s 0d	no
E. C. Morgan & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£710 7s 0d	no
James Paton	plumber	Balfirn	1907	£220 8s 6d <sup>2</sup>	yes (14 February 1907)
William Anderson	plumber	Wellington Street	1907	£220 0s 0d	no
Fyfe & Allan	plumber	Woodlands Road	1907	£188 16s 3d	no
Thomas Morton	plumber	171 West Regent Street	1907	£233 2s 10d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	George Street	1907	£228 0s 0d	no
Moses Spiers & Sons	plumber	Bothwell Street	1907	£199 0s 0d	no
A. & J. Williamson	plasterers	Kirkintilloch	1907	£76 15s 2d	no
John Macdonald	plasterers	Kirkintilloch	1907	£74 5s 4d	yes (14 February 1907)
McGilvray & Ferris	plasterers	West Regent Street	1907	£115 18s 0d	no

William Forbes	plasterers	Glasgow	1907	£106 15s 7d	no
John Forbes	plasterers	Glasgow	1907	£124 2s 4d	no
George Rome & Co.	plasterers	Glasgow	1907	£93 0s 0d	no
Charles M. F. Morton	slaters	Balfon	1907	£62 0s 10d	yes (14 February 1907)
N. Wallace & Son	slaters	Lennoxtown	1907	£70 4s 5d	no
A. Mackenzie Ross	slaters	Glasgow	1907	£65 0s 0d	no
John Anderson	slaters	Glasgow	1907	£72 0s 0d	no
A. & D. McKay	slaters	Glasgow	1907	£70 0s 0d	no
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	no data in job book	11 September 1907	£56 5s 0d	yes
William Kemp & Co.	kitchen range	no data in job book	30 September 1907	£45 5s 0d	yes
George Adam & Son	ironwork	no data in job book	no data in job book	£2 14s 0d <sup>3</sup>	yes
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiling	no data in job book	5 November 1908	£1 10s 0d	yes

#### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Baxter & Sons	mason	<b>First installment:</b> 30 May 1907 <b>Final installment:</b> 16 October 1908 £525 13s 8d
A. & J. Sinclair	joiner	<b>First installment:</b> 15 June 1907 <b>Final installment:</b> 5 October 1908 £583 18d 1d
James Paton	plumber	<b>First installment:</b> 16 August 1907 <b>Final installment:</b> 5 October 1908 £271 2s 6d
John Macdonald	plasterer	<b>First installment:</b> 13 November 1907 <b>Final installment:</b> no data in job book £70 13s 5d
Charles M. F. Morton	slater	<b>First installment:</b> 12 September 1907 <b>Final installment:</b> 26 March 1908 £44 12s 10d
James Cormack & Sons Ltd	heating	<b>Payment date:</b> 23 December [1907] £56 5s 0d
William Kemp & Co.	kitchen range	<b>Payment date:</b> 5 March 1908 £79 1s 6d <sup>4</sup>
George Adam & Son	ironwork	<b>Payment date:</b> 27 January 1908 £2 14s 0d <sup>5</sup>
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiling	<b>Payment date:</b> 5 November [1908] £1 10s 0d <sup>6</sup>

#### Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	
Andrew Sharp	no data in job book	<b>First installment:</b> no data in job book <b>Final installment:</b> 1 February 1908 £60 12s 6d

**Measurer fee payment:** £45 3s 0d (17 August [1908])

## Documents

## Images



Aerial view after partial demolition, c. 1968



Entrance front before extension, 1907



Garden elevation, with Mackintosh extension on right, 1957



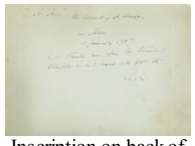
Entrance front, with Mackintosh extension on left, before 1968



Garden elevation, with Mackintosh extension on right, before 1968



Garden elevation, with Mackintosh extension on right, before 1968



Inscription on back of photograph, 1 January 1907

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- 18: For 'Kitchen Range / Boiler and Bedroom Fireplaces'.

19: For 'Door & Frame'.

20: For 'Tiling at Kitchen Dresser'.

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