

M281 Alterations to the Theatre Royal

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh fundamentally remodelled the four-storey tenement building at the corner of Hope Street and Rutherford Lane for the use of the theatre. The ground floor was extended at the rear (E.) and iron columns inserted to create a shop with open floor space and plate-glass windows. A separate stage entrance for the theatre was built E. of the shop. On the first and second floors, the tenement flats became additional theatre dressing rooms and new doorways connecting the two buildings were knocked through. The tenement stair was removed and a new external stair added on the theatre's E. elevation. During the 20th century, the Theatre Royal underwent extensive alterations and renovation following a fire in 1970. ¹ The building altered by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh survives at the S. end.

Authorship: This is one of over 270 jobs carried out in the office of John Honeyman & Keppie (Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh from 1901) during Mackintosh's time there. Mackintosh undoubtedly worked on many of these, but there is no specific evidence for his involvement in this case.

Cost from job book: £1664 11s 7d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Theatre Royal

Current use: Theatre (2014)

Listing category: A: Listed as '254–90 (even nos) Hope Street, Theatre Royal'

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 33061 (Theatre Royal)

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56NE 154 (Theatre Royal)

Grid reference: NS 58905 65981 (Theatre Royal)

Chronology

1907

28 May: Earliest acceptance of contractor tender. ¹

July: Date of drawings submitted to Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ²

1 August: Plans approved by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. ³

1908

9 October: Latest payments to contractors. ⁴

Description

People

Clients:

- Howard & Wyndham

Contractors:

- Robert Aitken
- John Anderson
- H. L. Anderson & Co.

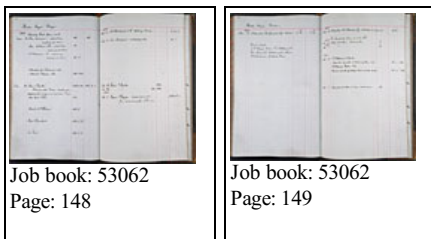
- C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.
- The Decorative Tile & Fireplace Co.
- John Train & Taylor
- Daniel Wilkie & Son

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 M281 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 M281 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Howard & Wyndham

Measurer: Daniel Wilkie & Son

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
John Anderson	silicating front & stone work	no data in job book	1907	£47 0s 0d ¹	yes (28 May 1907)
John McOwat & Son	silicating front & stone work	no data in job book	1907	£40 0s 0d ²	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	silicating front & stone work	no data in job book	1907	£56 3s 0d	no
Morrison & Mason Ltd.	alteration of tenement	no data in job book	1907	£1782 19s 4d	no
John Train & Taylor	alteration of tenement	Dalmarnock Bridge, Rutherglen	1907	£1483 18 10d ³	yes (22 July 1907)
Alex Muir & Sons	alteration of tenement	no data in job book	1907	£1640 0s 0d	no
Daniel McCallum	alteration of tenement	no data in job book	1907	£1582 9s 0d	no
Shaw & Campbell	alteration of tenement	no data in job book	1907	£1504 6s 8d	no
James Grant	alteration of tenement	no data in job book	1907	£1582 3s 8d	no
The Decorative Tile & Fireplace Co.	fireplaces	no data in job book	1907	£13 19s 0d	yes (9 November 1907)
C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.	painter	26 Bothwell Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	yes (no data in job book)
Thomas Laurie & Co.	painter	130 Wellington Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
J. & R. Anderson	painter	76 Bath Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
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John Anderson	silicating etc.	Payment date: 10 September 1907 £48 1s 0d
John Train & Taylor	alterations to tenement	First installment: 23 September 1907 Final installment: 9 October 1908 £1533 16s 1d ⁴
The Decorative Tile & Fireplace Co.	fireplaces	Payment date: 10 January 1908 £15 18s 0d
C. T. Bowie, Fisher & Co.	painter	Payment date: 9 October 1908 £52 6s 7d ⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
H. L. Anderson & Co.	'letting board'	18 April 1907	£2 10s 6d
Robert Aitken	inspector	First installment: 24 December 1907 Final installment: 8 October 1908	£12 0s 0d ⁶

Documents

Images

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Notes:

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- 3: Glasgow City Archives Collection: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court plans, B4/12/2/1866.
- 4: See inscription on the block plan. Glasgow City Archives Collection: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court plans, B4/12/2/1866.
- 5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, pp. 148–9.
- 6: Tender for 'silicating making up stone'.
- 7: Tender for 'silicating making up stone'.
- 8: 'accepted as per arrangement with Carter & Greig'.
- 9: '½ measurers fee' of £19.
- 10: Including £26 1s 11½d for 'Painter work at dressing Rms etc.' and £26 4s 7½d for 'Painter work of shops and outside work'.
- 11: 'The Inspectors fees are to be £10'.

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