

M285 Western Baths Co. Ltd

Introduction

This private swimming club was built between 1876 and 1881 to a Gothic Revival design by Clarke & Bell of Glasgow. In 1907–8, Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh made significant internal alterations, horizontally dividing the S. wing to create a suite of private bathrooms and treatment rooms; none of this partitioning survives. They were paid for further changes in 1910.

Authorship: The drawings approved by the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court in October 1907 are signed by John Keppie, which suggests that he was the partner in charge of the project. This is supported by stylistic evidence: a screen subdividing the former reading room above the entrance hall closely resembles other joinery designed by Keppie (the screen is not specifically mentioned in Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh's job book, but it appears to be one of their additions).¹

Cost from job book: Phase 1: £2836 4s 10d; Phase 2: £21 8s 0d

Status: Standing building

Current use: Swimming and leisure club (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 32859

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56NE 1994

Grid reference: NS 56773 67200

Chronology

1907

1 August: Tender accepted for joiner work in connection with alterations to S. wing.¹

30 September: Tender accepted for mason work in connection with alterations to S. wing.²

1908

7 October: Final payments to major contractors for alterations to S. wing.³

1910

21 September: Plumber's tender accepted for 'Alterations at shampooing room, etc.'⁴

12 December: Payment to plumber for 'Alterations at shampooing room, etc.'⁵

1914

July: Tender accepted for steel beams and patent floor, in connection with unspecified works including marble paving.⁶

30 October: Final payments to all contractors for unspecified works including marble paving.⁷

1919

28 May: Tender submitted for marble on walls and floor of shampooing room.⁸

People

Clients:

- Western Baths Co. Ltd

Contractors:

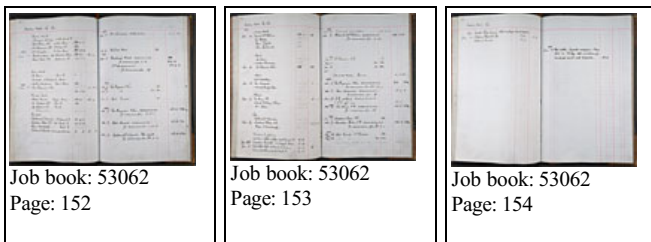
- Robert Aitken
- John Anderson
- R. H. Arrol
- George Ferguson & Sons
- Galbraith & Winton
- Haddow, Forbes & Co.
- William Heinemann
- Daniel McCallum
- Robert McIndoe
- George Rome & Co.
- Robert Russell
- D. B. Selkirk & Co.

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 M285 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 M285 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Western Baths Co. Ltd

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
J. Bowman Lindsay	painter	15 Elmbank Street	1907	£406 8s 4d	no
George W. Sellars & Co.	painter	West George Street	1907	£382 5s 5d	no
H. L. Anderson & Co.	painter	St Vincent Street	1907	£398 0s 9d	no
William Douglas	painter	West George Street	1907	£397 3s 4d	no
R. H. Arrol	painter	214 Great Western Road	1907	£286 4s 1d	yes (1 August 1907)
Bowie Fisher & Co.	painter	Bothwell Street	1907	£409 15s 4d	no
James Grant	joiner	Jane Street	1907	£130 6s 0d	no
James Nicol	joiner	15 Vinicombe Street	1907	£150 3s 2d	no
Mathew Henderson	joiner	Grant Street	1907	£148 0s 0d	no
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£115 16s 9d	yes (1 August 1907)
Robert Russell	plumber	Byers Road	no data in job book	£123 10s 0d	yes
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	George Street	no data in job book	£128 0s 0d	no
James Watson & Co.	plumber	George Street	no data in job book	no data in job book	no

James Rattray & Sons	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£137 7s 10d	no
Hegney & Sons	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	£131 10s 0d	no
Galbraith & Winton	tiling	St Vincent Street	no data in job book	£150 19s 5d	no
Haddow Forbes & Co.	tiling	140 Bath Street	no data in job book	£146 5s 8d	no
Kean & Wardrope	tiling	Bath Street	no data in job book	£158 15s 5d	no
Galbraith & Winton	tiling	St Vincent Street	no data in job book	£91 0s 5d ¹	yes
Daniel McCallum	mason	no data in job book	1907	£189 0s 0d	yes (30 September 1907)
George Barlas	mason	no data in job book	1907	£222 5s 7d	no
Train & Taylor	mason	no data in job book	1907	£212 0s 0d	no
John Kirkwood	mason	no data in job book	1907	£190 0s 0d	no
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£300 10s 10d	no
Mathew Henderson	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£365 0s 0d	no
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	no data in job book	1907	£285 0s 0d	yes (30 September 1907)
A. & D. Mackay	slater	no data in job book	1907	no data in job book	no
John Anderson	slater	no data in job book	1907	£11 0s 0d	yes (30 September 1907)
A. Mackenzie Ross	slater	no data in job book	1907	£15 10s 0d	no
Alex Robertson	slater	no data in job book	1907	£22 3s 3d	no
George Rome & Co.	plaster	no data in job book	1907	£32 1s 6d	yes (30 September 1907)
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plaster	no data in job book	1907	£39 4s 9d	no
William Forbes	plaster	no data in job book	1907	£46 11s 6d	no
Galbraith & Winton	tiling	no data in job book	1907	£120 8s 6d	no
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiling	no data in job book	1907	£113 17s 6d	yes (30 September 1907)
Kean & Wardrope	tiling	no data in job book	1907	£129 17s 0d	no
Arthur Allan & Ure	electric lighting	192A St Vincent Street	January 1908	£23 10s 0d	no
Lowden Brothers & Co.	electric lighting	332 Argyle Street	January 1908	£16 18s 0d	no
D. B. Selkirk & Co.	electric lighting	59 Sauchiehall Lane	January 1908	£20 0s 0d	yes (9 January 1908)
Primrose & Primrose	electric lighting	145 Bath Street	January 1908	£38 15s 0d	no
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	marble	no data in job book	1908	£8 10s 0d ²	yes (10 January 1908)
Galbraith & Winton	marble	no data in job book	1908	£9 10s 0d ³	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum

R. H. Arrol	painter	First installment: 15 October 1907 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £302 13s 0d ⁴
R. H. Arrol	painter	Payment date: 7 October 1908 £37 15s 3d ⁵
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	First installment: 15 October 1907 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £158 14s 7½d ⁶
Robert Russell	plumber	First installment: 11 November 1907 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £87 18s 7½d ⁷
Galbraith & Winton	tiling	Payment date: 7 October 1908 £123 19s 2½d ⁸
Daniel McCallum	mason	First installment: 18 February 1908 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £216 3s 8d ⁹
George Ferguson & Sons	joiner	First installment: 8 January 1908 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £318 0s 2½d ¹⁰
John Anderson	slater	Payment date: 7 October 1908 £17 10s 9d ¹¹
D. B. Selkirk & Co.	electric lighting	Payment date: 27 March [1908] £55 5s 0d ¹²
George Rome & Co.	plaster	Payment date: 7 October 1908 £45 8s 2½d ¹³
Haddow, Forbes & Co.	tiling	First installment: 8 January 1908 Final installment: 7 October 1908 £184 10s 2½d ¹⁴
Robert Russell	plumber	First installment: 24 December 1907 Final installment: no data in job book £1250 0s 0d ¹⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
William Heinemann	'100 best pictures'	13 September 1907	£4 3s 4d
Robert McIndoe	'Frames'	no data in job book	£10 17s 9d
Robert Aitken	Inspector		£23 5s 0d ¹⁶

Phase 2: 'Alterations at shampooing room, etc.', 1910



Job book: 53063
Page: 42

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Tenders:

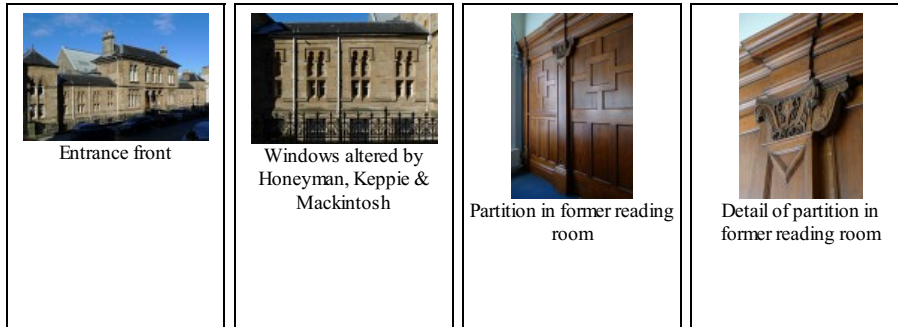
Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Robert Russell	plumber	no data in job book	1910	£21 8s 0d	yes (21 September 1910)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Robert Russell	plumber	Payment date: 12 December 1910 £21 8s 0d

Documents

Images



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Notes:

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- 'amended schedule'.
- For 'Marble Shampooing Slab on glazed brick supports'.
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- Half measurer's fee: £6 15s 0d.
- This payment is described as '2nd measurement'. Half measurer's fee: 17s 0d.
- Half measurer's fee: £2 16s 0d.
- Half measurer's fee: £1 12s 6d.
- Half measurer's fee: £2 3s 3d.

18: Half measurer's fee: £3 17s 0d.

19: Half measurer's fee: £5 12s 0d.

20: Half measurer's fee: 6s 0d.

21: For 'contract amount & 5% off rest'.

22: Half measurer's fee: 15s 0d.

23: Half measurer's fee: £2 6s 0d.

24: This payment was for Russell's second contract.

25: For 'Inspector work from 1st Aug. 1907 to 27 February 1908, and allowing 1 week for work with Inspector.'

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