

M286 Alterations to 9 Queen's Gate

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh carried out interior alterations to make a billiard room for George Rome of George Rome & Co. and Robert Rome & Son at the large, red sandstone, terraced house in Glasgow's West End which Rome had owned since it was built in 1899. ¹

Authorship: 'Billiard room details' for 9 Queen's Gate was included on a list of drawings, produced in the office during Mackintosh's time, compiled in the 1930s by Ronald Harrison. Harrison was an early student of his architecture who had access to the office records. He evidently believed that Mackintosh contributed in some way to the design of the building, but no evidence has come to light to support this attribution.

Alternative addresses: 43 Victoria Crescent Road

Cost from job book: £373 3s 7d

Status: Standing building; subdivided into flats

Current use: Residential (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 32597

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56NE 1496

Grid reference: NS 56315 67186

Chronology

1907

9 November: Earliest acceptance of contractor tender. ¹

25 November: Earliest payment to contractor. ²

1908

15 October: Latest recorded payment to contractor. ³

3 November: George Rome pays Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh £33. ⁴

Description

People

Clients:

- George Rome

Contractors:

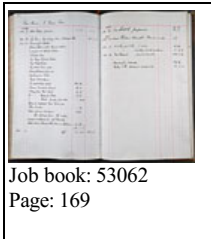
- Behan & Co.
- Burroughs & Watts
- James Grant
- William Kemp & Co.
- McFarlane & Smith
- James Stott & Co.

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 M286 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 M286 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 169

Client: George Rome

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Stott & Co.	gas lighting	no data in job book	no data in job book	£4 10s 0d ¹	yes (9 November 1907)
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	no data in job book	£128 9s 6d ²	yes (15 November 1907)
Burroughs & Watts	billiard table and equipment	no data in job book	no data in job book	£124 19s 0d ³	yes (10 December 1907)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Stott & Co.	gas lighting	Payment date: 25 November 1907 £8 19s 0d
James Grant	joiner	Payment date: 15 October 1908 £142 5s 2d
Burroughs & Watts	billiard table and equipment	Payment date: no data in job book £129 16s 0d

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
McFarlane & Smith	'Painter work'	14 October 1908	£47 0s 0d
William Kemp & Co.	'grate' and 'sundry small fittings'.	15 October 1908	£22 8s 0d
Behan & Co.	'billiard surrounds'.	no data in job book	£22 15s 5d

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

1: *Glasgow Post Office Directory*, 1898–9, p. 510; 1907–8, p. 581.

2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 169.

3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 169.

4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 169.

5: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh / Keppie Henderson cash book, 1889–1917, GLAHA 53079, p. 121.

6: 'Thorpe governor'.

7: 'panelling etc. in Billiard Rm.'

8: For 'Billiard Table in oak. [illegible] cushions, 6 pockets & 6 chalk holders. 12 butted cues. 1 set Ivory Billiard Balls. Long & half butts, long and short brass rests. Rules of Billiards framed. Smoothing iron & shoe. Brush & dust cover.' 'Cue rack & butt rack' £78 15s 0d; 'Bureau & marking board' £19 10s 0d; '8 Bonzoline Pool Balls' £4 4s 0d; '16 Bonzoline Pyramid Balls' £16 16s 0d; '1 Bonzoline Black Snooker pool ball' 10s 0d; 'Pyramid triangle. Rules. Spider rest & Pool Basket' £1 4s 0d; '6 light wrot iron pendant' £6 15s 0d, 'if in polished brass 20% extra.. Subject to special dis. of 7½ p.c.'; 'Latest patent [illegible] vacuum cushions' £15 15s 0d.

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