

M289 Memorial to Robert McKechnie in Paisley Abbey

Introduction

A. B. McKechnie commissioned Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh to make a memorial brass to his grandfather, Robert McKechnie (1781–1853), a physician, to be erected in Paisley Abbey. It is a modest, wall-mounted plaque in the Abbey's N. transept, also commemorating Robert McKechnie's wife, mother and sister. At the same date Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh carried out alterations to McKechnie's home, The Red House in Milliken Park, Renfrewshire. These two commissions are recorded together in the firm's job books.

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: £10 10s 0d

Status: Memorial extant

Grid reference: NS 48559 63954 (Paisley Abbey)

Chronology

1908

21 April: Contractor tender accepted. ¹

4 November: Contractor paid. ²

Description

People

Clients:

- A. B. McKechnie

Contractors:

- McGeoch & Co.

Job Book

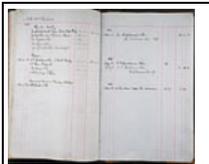
The job books of Honeyman & Keppie (later Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh) are now held by The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and include four volumes related to the Mackintosh period. The books were used by the firm to keep a project-by-project, day-by-day record of contractors, suppliers and expenditure. 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 M289 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 M289 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53062
Page: 173



Job book: 53062
Page: 174

Client: A. B. McKechnie

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
McGeoch & Co.	Memorial brass in Paisley Abbey	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	yes (21 April 1908)

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
McGeoch & Co.	Memorial brass in Paisley Abbey	Payment date: 4 November 1908 £10 10s 0d

Documents

Images



Commemorative plaque to Robert McKechnie

Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 174.
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, p. 173.

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