

M290 Alterations to The Red House, Milliken Park, Renfrewshire

Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh's alterations to A. B. McKechnie's home included mason, joiner and slater work as well as a set of dining-room chairs. ¹ At the same date a memorial to his grandfather in Paisley Abbey was commissioned by McKechnie. The 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: £493 10s 5d

Status: Standing building

Current name: The Red House

Current use: Residential (2014)

RCAHMS Site Number: NS46SW 8 (Cochrane Tower, Red House, Johnstone)

Grid reference: NS 4180 6156

Chronology

1908

21 April: Contractor tenders accepted. ¹

1909

6 and 20 April: Latest payments to contractors. ²

Description

People

Clients:

- A. B. McKechnie

Contractors:

- Alexander Craig
- M. Campbell Duff & Sons
- D. J. Hutchison & Son
- James Kirkpatrick & Sons
- Daniel McCallum
- A. McKay & Co.
- A. Shaw & Sons

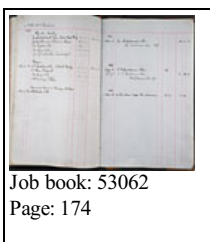
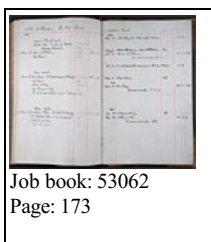
Job Book

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 M290 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 M290 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: A. B. McKechnie

Measurer: M. Campbell Duff & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Daniel Bell	mason & brick	2 Glen Street, Paisley	1908	£165 18s 2d	no
Barclay	mason & brick	Christie Street, Paisley	1908	£151 0s 0d	no
Daniel McCallum	mason & brick	no data in job book	1908	£115 11s 2d	yes (21 April 1908)
James Grant	mason & brick	no data in job book	1908	£147 0s 0d	no
Alexander Craig	joiner	27 Back Sneddon Street, Paisley	1908	£185 1s 2d	yes (21 April 1908)
James Grant	joiner	no data in job book	1908	£340 0s 0d	no
Robert D. Craig	joiner	no data in job book	1908	£350 2s 2d	no
George Ferguson & Son	joiner	no data in job book	1908	£330 0s 0d	no
R. Girdwood	joiner	28 Broomlands Street, Paisley	1908	£349 8s 0d	no
A. Shaw & Sons	slater	57 High Street, Paisley	1908	£41 6s 9d	yes (21 April 1908)
William Gillespie & Sons	slater	16 New Sneddon Street, Paisley	1908	£44 0s 0d	no
A. & D. Mackay	slater	no data in job book	1908	£40 0s 0d	no
John Anderson	slater	no data in job book	1908	£61 0s 0d	no
James Kirkpatrick & Sons	plumber	Dyers Wynd, Paisley	1908	£96 16s 10d ¹	yes (no data in job book)
Wallace & Connell	plumber	8 Gilmour Street	1908	£105 17s 8d	no
James Ingleton & Co,	plumber	no data in job book	1908	£99 0s 0d	no
James Symington	plumber	no data in job book	1908	£108 2s 10d	no
James Johnston & Son	plumber	Cambridge Street	1908	£96 10s 0d	no
D. J. Hutchison & Son	plasterer	23 George Street, Paisley	1908	£34 17s 10d	yes (21 April 1908)
William Speirs	plasterer	[illegible] Street	1908	£45 17s 1d	no
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	no data in job book	1908	£53 1s 9d	no
McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	no data in job book	1908	£44 4s 8d	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Daniel McCallum	mason & brick	First installment: 6 August 1908 Final installment: 6 April 1909 £118 19s 4½d ²

Alexander Craig	joiner	First installment: 6 August 1908 Final installment: 20 April 1909 £192 12s 6½d ³
A. Shaw & Sons	slater	First installment: 22 June 1908 Final installment: 20 July 1908 £42 3s 11d ⁴
James Kirkpatrick & Sons	plumber	Payment date: 6 April 1909 £95 11s 8d ⁵
D. J. Hutchison & Son	plasterer	First installment: 9 July 1908 Final installment: 13 January 1909 £27 18s 11d ⁶

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
A. McKay & Co.	'12 dining Rm chairs'.	13 February 1908	£16 4s 0d

Measurer fee payment: £22 16s 0d

Documents

Images

Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: *Glasgow Post Office Directory*, 1908–9, p. 436. The Red House was designed in the 1890s by Charles Davidson in an Arts and Crafts style. Plans and perspective of the house were published in *Academy Architecture* in 1897. 'Charles Davidson', *Dictionary of Scottish Architects, 1840–1980*, www.scottisharchitects.org.uk [accessed 24 July 2012].
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, pp. 173–4.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53062, pp. 173–4.
- 4: Original tender £96 15s 10d.
- 5: Including '½ measurers fee. £1 11s 6d'.
- 6: Including '½ measurers fee. £3 14s 9d'.
- 7: Including '½ measurers fee. 13/6.'
- 8: Including '½ measurers fee. 23/-.'
- 9: Including '½ measurers fee. 5/3.'

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