

# M291 Fireplace at Warriston, Paisley

## Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh designed a fireplace for the 'parlour' of the large Paisley house of Thomas Rowat and his wife Margaret, uncle and aunt of Jessie Newbery nee Rowat. No drawings for the fireplace survive and no details of its design are known. <sup>1</sup>

**Authorship:** The evidence for Mackintosh's involvement in this work is the job-book entry, which is written entirely in his hand, and the related work he carried out for other members of the Rowat family: for the Rowats' son Robert James Rowat, and his wife Jenny, at 14 Kingsborough Gardens, Glasgow; for their daughter Isabella Wylie Hill at 3 Lilybank Gardens, Glasgow; and for their niece, Edith, at Prospect Hill House, Paisley

**Cost from job book:** £26 18s 3d

**Status:** Standing building; fireplace demolished

**Grid reference:** NS 4762 6326

## Chronology

### 1908

15 May: Contractor tender accepted. <sup>1</sup>

10 September: Contractor paid. <sup>2</sup>

13 November: Thomas Rowat pays Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh £9 9s 0d. <sup>3</sup>

## Description

## People

### Clients:

- Thomas Rowat

### Contractors:

- James Grant

## 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 M291 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 M291 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53063  
Page: 14

**Client:** Thomas Rowat

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Grant	fireplace	no data in job book	no data in job book	£26 10s 0d <sup>1</sup>	yes (15 May 1908)

**Payments (trades):**

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Grant	fireplace	<b>Payment date:</b> 10 September 1908 £26 18s 3d

## Documents

## Images

## Bibliography

### Published

- Roger Billcliffe, *Charles Rennie Mackintosh: The Complete Furniture, Furniture Drawings and Interior Designs*, Moffat, Dumfriesshire: Cameron & Hollis, 4th edn, 2009, p. 243

### Notes:

- 1: Information on the Rowat family supplied by Mark Stephens, 10 October 2012.
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, p. 14.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, p. 14.
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie / Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh / Keppie Henderson cash book, 1889–1917, GLAHA 53079, p. 121.
- 5: Tender for 'grates etc etc'. An 'estimate cost' of £33 plus £5 is also given.

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