

# M292 Tenements, Craigpark Drive, Dennistoun

## Introduction

Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh designed seven four-storey tenements in Dennistoun for local builder R. D. Gray, whose firm carried out the work. Ultimately only three of the blocks were constructed.

**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.

**Status:** Standing buildings

**Current use:** Residential (2014)

**Grid reference:** NS 6107 6549–NS 6111 6550

## Chronology

### 1908

21 July: Drawings submitted to the Dean of Guild Court. <sup>1</sup>

30 July: Approval granted by Glasgow Dean of Guild Court. <sup>2</sup>

11 August: First visit to site by Master of Works inspector. <sup>3</sup>

### 1909

29 June: Inspection visits cease for over 18 months. <sup>4</sup>

9 December: R. D. Gray pays Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh £40. <sup>5</sup>

### 1911

13 February: Site inspections recommence. <sup>6</sup>

### 1912

April: Date of revised drawings for the first, second and third floors of the two blocks to the E. <sup>7</sup>

### 1914

10 February: Final inspection visit. <sup>8</sup>

12 February: Building work discharged by Dean of Guild Court. <sup>9</sup>

23 October: Drainage system tested and found to be satisfactory. <sup>10</sup>

## Description

In July 1908 plans were drawn up by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh for seven four-storey tenements in the suburb of Dennistoun in the E. of Glasgow for local building contractor R. D. Gray of Charles Gray & Son, wrights and builders. <sup>1</sup> Speculative, planned development of Dennistoun had begun in the mid-19th century. At first villas and terraces were constructed, then tenements from the 1890s. <sup>2</sup>

The middle-class tenements designed for Gray followed a pattern familiar by 1908. Each building had two flats on each floor – three in corner buildings – and each flat contained two rooms, plus kitchen and bathroom. There were small gardens to the front and courts to the rear where single-storey common 'washing houses' were provided. <sup>3</sup> The drawings show very plain elevations to Craigpark Street, Craigpark Drive and Golfhill Drive, with canted bays, simple mouldings and slightly projecting entrance bays.

Drawings were submitted to the Glasgow Dean of Guild Court planning for approval in July 1908. They were prepared by a draughtsman in Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh's office and signed by John Keppie. Two revisions of the design of the two blocks to the E. were submitted, the latter in April 1912.

Building work, carried out by Gray himself, was protracted: dates on the Master of Works' inspection certificate suggest that work was carried out between August 1908 and June 1909 and then February 1911 and February 1912. <sup>4</sup> Only three of the seven blocks were ultimately built, those on Craigpark Drive. The site of the other four blocks has never been developed, and has served as an allotment since the 1950s.

The fact that Gray's firm built the tenements probably explains the absence of the work from the practice job books: the architects were required only to draw up plans and not to supervise construction. The £40 Gray paid Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh in December 1909 is probably a fee for design work. <sup>5</sup>

## People

### Clients:

- R. D. Gray

## 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 M292 is entered in the tables below.

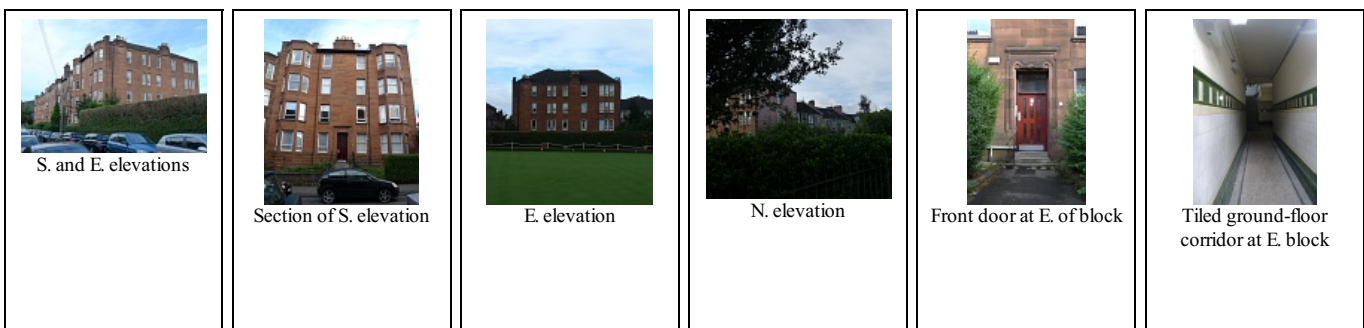
Page numbering is not consistent in the job books. Sometimes a single number refers to a double-page spread and sometimes each page is individually numbered. Here, each image of a double-page spread is identified by the number given at the top of the left-hand page. (Images of all of the pages from the four job books can be found at [Browse Job Books](#), [Visit Book and Cash Book](#).)

The following information about M292 has been extracted from the job books:

## Documents



## Images



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