

## M300 Apex Motor Engineering Co.

### Introduction

These former livery stables were converted into a garage in 1910 for Apex Motor Engineering Co. Ltd by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh.

**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.

**Alternative names:** Blythswood Motors Ltd.

**Alternative addresses:** Burnbank Terrace Great Western Road

**Cost from job book:** £155 12s 10½d

**Status:** Demolished

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS56NE 2882

**Grid reference:** NS 5801 6671

### Chronology

#### 1884

Built as stables for Alexander Frew. <sup>1</sup>

#### 1910

24 March: Glasgow Dean of Guild Court grants approval for conversion to a garage for Apex Motor Engineering Co. Ltd. <sup>2</sup>

13 April: Roof being put on. <sup>3</sup>

24 June: Work completed. <sup>4</sup>

### Description

Squeezed into the backlands between tenements facing Cromwell Street, Great Western Road and Burnbank Terrace, these premises were originally a long, plain, two-storey, brick range of stables, built in 1884 for Alexander Frew, coachbuilder and carriage hirer. <sup>1</sup> They were altered in 1910 for Apex Motor Engineering Co. Ltd by Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh, who made minor internal changes and added a lean-to glazed roof at the entrance, covering what had been an open court. Glasgow Dean of Guild Court records identify the builder as G. B. Ritchie, mason, of Elmbank Street, but this name does not appear in the architects' job-book entry. <sup>2</sup>

All the buildings have been demolished, but photographs show that the additions were utilitarian. <sup>3</sup> The building housed a motoring school, which expanded to cater for growing numbers of women drivers after the outbreak of the First World War. <sup>4</sup>



### People

#### Clients:

- Apex Motor Engineering Co. Ltd

## Contractors:

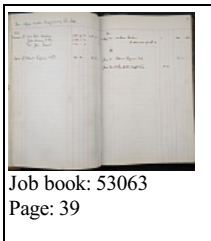
- M. Campbell Duff & Sons
- Peter Graham
- Robert Rogerson & Co.

## 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 M300 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 M300 has been extracted from the job books:



**Client:** Apex Motor Engineering Co. Ltd

**Measurer:** no data in job book

### Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Peter Graham	no data in job book	no data in job book	1910	£215 6s 9d	yes (10 March 1910)
John Lindsay & Co.	no data in job book	no data in job book	1910	£254 0s 9d	no
James Grant	no data in job book	no data in job book	1910	£270 1s 4d	no
Robert Rogerson & Co.	no data in job book	no data in job book	1910	£25 12s 0d	yes (29 April 1910)

### Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Peter Graham	no data in job book	<b>Payment date:</b> 17 May 1910 £124 0s 10½d <sup>1</sup>
Robert Rogerson & Co.	no data in job book	<b>Payment date:</b> 8 June 1910 £29 2s 0d
M. Campbell Duff & Sons	no data in job book	<b>Payment date:</b> 30 June 1910 £2 10s 0d

## Documents

## Images



Covered yard, Scottish Country Life, June 1916, pp. 258-9



Office entrance, Scottish Country Life, June 1916, pp. 258-9

## Bibliography

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### Notes:

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- 9: '½ measurer's fee £1 5s'.

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