



M308 Mann family memorial, East Kilbride cemetery

Introduction

Over a decade after the firm carried out alterations at his home at 3 Montgomerie Crescent, Robert M. Mann commissioned Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh to design a gravestone commemorating his young son James, who had died in January 1910. By this date, the Mann family was living at 'Rhubeg', Busby, south of Glasgow, which probably explains the commission name, 'Busby memorial stone', recorded in the job book. Busby was located in the parish of East Kilbride; the memorial stone is located in East Kilbride cemetery. ¹ Robert Mann served in the First World War, reaching the rank of major. He was killed on active duty in France in November 1917 and his name was subsequently added to the stone. Mann is also commemorated on public war memorials at East Kilbride, at Greenbank Church, Clarkston (a short distance from Busby), at Busby Bowling Club and at Troon Golf Club. ²

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: £20 10s 0d

Status: Monument extant

Grid reference: NS 6404 5556 (East Kilbride Cemetery)

Chronology

1910

10 January: James Mann dies aged three from a tubercular condition. ¹

1911

8 June: Contractor paid. ²

Description

People

Clients:

- Robert M. Mann

Contractors:

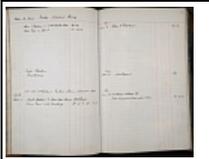
- Holmes & Jackson

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 M308 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 M308 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53063
Page: 43

Client: Robert M. Mann

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Holmes & Jackson	carving	no data in job book	no data in job book	£20 10s 0d ¹	yes (no data in job book)
Robert Gray	carving	no data in job book	no data in job book	£41 18s 5d ²	no

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Holmes & Jackson	carving	Payment date: 8 June 1911 £20 10s 0d

Documents

Images



Gravestone to James and
Robert M. Mann, East
Kilbride cemetery

Bibliography

Notes:

- 1: Record of James Mann's death www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk [accessed 11 December 2012].
- 2: The Scottish War Graves Project, scottishwargraves.phpbbweb.com [accessed 11 December 2012].
- 3: Record of James Mann's death, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk [accessed 11 December 2012].
- 4: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: Honeyman, Keppie & Mackintosh job book, GLAHA 53063, p. 43.
- 5: 'in Auchenheath stone'.
- 6: 'in granite'.

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