



## M006 Alterations to Rosslea, Rhu

### Introduction

This large house in Rhu (formerly known as Row), N. of Helensburgh, was designed by John Baird II before 1876. <sup>1</sup> In 1888–9, John Honeyman & Keppie carried out unspecified alterations to the drawing room.

**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:** £140 14s 2d

**Status:** Standing building

**Current name:** Rosslea Hall Hotel

**Current use:** Hotel (2014)

**RCAHMS Site Number:** NS28SE 234

**Grid reference:** NS 26583 83968

### Chronology

#### 1888

Tender accepted. <sup>1</sup>

#### 1889

20 February 1889: Payment made. <sup>2</sup>

### People

#### Clients:

- Alex Dennistoun

#### Contractors:

- James Spy

### 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 M006 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 M006 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53059  
Page: 89

**Client:** Alex Dennistoun

**Tenders:**

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Spy	no data in job book		1888	£135 0s 0d <sup>1</sup>	yes (no data in job book)

**Payments (trades):**

Name	Type	Payment out sum
James Spy	no data in job book	<b>Payment date:</b> 20 February 1889 £140 14s 2d

**Notes:**

- 1: 'John Baird II', *Dictionary of Scottish Architects, 1840–1980*, [www.scottisharchitects.org.uk](http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk) [accessed 28 November 2011].
- 2: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 89.
- 3: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 89.
- 4: for 'drawing room'.

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