

M026 Skin and Hide Market

Introduction

This impressive building consisting of offices and warehousing around an iron-and-glass-roofed yard was built for Robert Ramsey & Co., dealers in wool, hides and other cattle and sheep products. Only the front part survives. It was converted into flats between 1998 and 2000.

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Alternative addresses: Dales Lane Dyers Lane

Cost from job book: Phase 1: £12,407 17s 10½d; Phase 2: £4271 8s 11½d

Status: Front part standing, rear part demolished

Current name: 34–39 Greendyke Street

Current use: Residential (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: HB Number 32716

RCAHMS Site Number: NS56SE 129

Grid reference: NS 59642 64589

Chronology

1889

3 November: Premises of Skin and Hide Market in Greendyke Street destroyed by fire. ¹

13 December: Drawings for replacement building signed and dated by John Honeyman & Keppie. ²

1890

9 January: Drawings approved by Dean of Guild Court. ³

1891

May: Drawings for rear addition signed and dated by John Honeyman & Keppie. ⁴

14 May: Drawings for rear additon approved by Dean of Guild Court. ⁵

1998–2000

Building converted to flats by Applejack Design. ⁶

Description

This imposing block was built as the premises of Robert Ramsey & Co., dealers in hides, skins, wool and tallow. It replaced their previous building, destroyed by fire on 3 November 1889. ¹ Its main function was as a venue for auction sales. Among commercial buildings in Glasgow's industrial East End it occupies an unusually fine site, facing S. over the open space of Glasgow Green beside the 18th-century church of St Andrew-by-the-Green.



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The symmetrical four-storey front originally had two rear wings of the same height, making a U-shaped block. This enclosed a yard with an iron and glass roof, reached by a gated cart entrance in the centre of the Greendyke Street facade. Offices and a sale room occupied the ground floor of the front block. The floors above, and the whole of both wings, were given over to warehousing for wool. The covered yard extended into the ground floor of the two wings, and seems to have been where merchandise was exhibited for sale. In 1891 John Honeyman & Keppie designed an irregularly shaped addition at the rear, extending both the yard and the warehousing.

The main feature of the Greendyke Street facade is a series of giant arches embracing the ground and first floors. Diocletian windows fill the heads of the arches and light the first floor (they recall the semi-circular windows of Sellars's cabinet works for Wylie & Lochhead in Kent Road, begun in 1880). On the ground floor, the spaces between the piers are spanned by cast-iron beams serving as shared lintels for pairs of square-headed windows. Identical cast-iron lintels supported on corbels are found at John Honeyman & Keppie's grain warehouse in Cheapside Street, and there are similar ones at their Glasgow Herald building.



Ornament is limited to two panels of carving on either side of the cart entrance and some Renaissance detailing above the office doors. The facade is red sandstone, with brick for the back and side elevations. Inside, the timber floors were supported on cast-iron columns, and the roof trusses were also iron. According to the job-book entry, structural ironwork was supplied by Alexander Eadie & Son and P. & R. Fleming, but on one of the 1889 drawings a beam is identified as 'McFarlane's girder No. 234'.



One room contained a massive stone chimneypiece, echoing the round arches of the facade, with an Italian Renaissance shield carved on the keystone. ²



Between 1998 and 2000, the rear wings were demolished and the front block was converted into flats. ³

People

Clients:

- Robert Ramsey

Contractors:

- George Adam
- Anderson & Henderson
- John Bennie
- James Caird & Co.
- Alexander Eadie & Son
- P. & R. Fleming
- James Ingleton & Co.
- A. & D. MacKay
- John Orr & Sons
- N. Ramsey & Sons

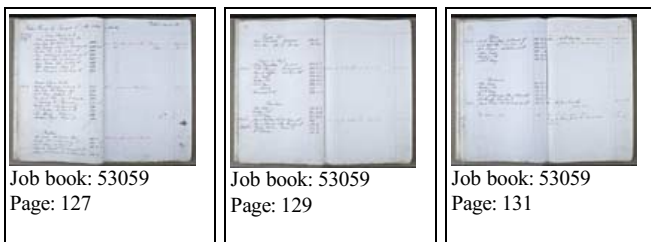
- George Rome & Co.

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 M026 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 M026 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: Robert Ramsey

Measurer: N. Ramsey & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
P. & W. Anderson	mason & brick	84 Lilybank Road	6 January 1890	no data in job book	no
Alexander Eadie & Son	mason & brick	280 Cathcart Road	6 January 1890	£4264 0s 0d	yes
John Paterson & Son	mason & brick	522 Pollokshaws Road	6 January 1890	£5036 6s 5d	no
Guthrie & Co.	mason & brick	6 Cumberland Street	6 January 1890	£4400 0s 0d	no
Peter McKissack & Son	mason & brick	37 Minerva Street	6 January 1890	£4740 0s 0d	no
Alexander Muir & Sons	mason & brick	65 Eglinton Street	6 January 1890	£4387 0s 0d	no
James Watson & Sons	mason & brick	112 Bath Street	6 January 1890	£4730 0s 0d	no
Robert Murdoch	mason & brick	10 King Street	6 January 1890	£4270 0s 0d	no
Thaw & Campbell	mason & brick	11 East Miller Street	6 January 1890	£3970 0s 0d	no
Anderson & Henderson	wright & joiner	75 Waterloo Street	6 January 1890	£2613 0s 0d	yes
Alexander Eadie	wright & joiner	280 Cathcart Road	6 January 1890	£2790 0s 0d	no
A. & J. Gray	wright & joiner	30 Bath Street	6 January 1890	£3000 0s 0d	no
George Laird & Son	wright & joiner	Ann Street, Bridgeton	6 January 1890	£2968 0s 0d	no
S. Stevenson & Co.	wright & joiner	Polmadie	6 January 1890	£3101 1s 7d	no
Guthrie & Co.	wright & joiner	6 Cumberland Street	6 January 1890	£2900 0s 0d	no
J. & G. Findlay	wright & joiner	24 Grant Street	6 January 1890	£2615 0s 0d	no
Thomas Brown	wright & joiner	Rottenrow	6 January 1890	£2899 0s 0d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	wright & joiner	Kelvin Street	6 January 1890	£2800 0s 0d	no
Alexander Eadie & Son	founder	280 Cathcart Road	6 January 1890	£508 6s 0d	yes
Guthrie & Co.	founder	6 Cumberland Street	6 January 1890	£500 0s 9d	no
A. & G. Gray	founder	30 Bath Street	6 January 1890	£568 9s 3d	no
Christie & Smith	founder	28 East Market Street	6 January 1890	no data in job book ¹	no
Moses McCulloch & Co.	founder	168 Gallowgate	6 January 1890	£545 4s 0d	no
Kesson & Campbell	founder	Parkhead	6 January 1890	£594 17s 0d	no
J. & A. Law	founder	Rae Street Foundry	6 January 1890	£591 18s 3d	no

P. & W. Maclellan	girders & roof	Trongate	6 January 1890	£2812 9s 7d	no
P. & R. Fleming	girders & roof	29 Argyle Street	6 January 1890	£2684 6s 11d	yes
Rudolph A. Stoffert	girders & roof	4 West Regent Street	6 January 1890	£2914 11s 2d	no
Alexander Eadie	girders & roof	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£2822 16s 10d	no
Guthrie & Co.	girders & roof	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£2735 13s 11d	no
A. & G. Gray	girders & roof	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£2905 2s 2d	no
Baird	girders & roof	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£2797 0s 0d	no
Somervail & Co.	girders & roof	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£2769 0s 10d	no
Alexander Eadie	plumber	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£276 5s 11d	no
Guthrie & Co.	plumber	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£290 13s 9d	no
A. & D. Gray	plumber	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£287 15s 3d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	168 George Street	6 January 1890	£255 0s 0d	yes
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	Renfield Street	6 January 1890	£275 10s 0d	no
Robert Fulton	plumber	Govan Street	6 January 1890	£280 2s 0d	no
William Paterson	plumber	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£291 16s 0d	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	35 Oswald Street	6 January 1890	£166 15s 3d	yes
A. M. Ross & Son	slater	10 Ann Street	6 January 1890	£174 7s 7d	no
William Darrie	slater	60 Bothwell Street	6 January 1890	£164 4s 2d	no
Alexander Eadie	slater	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£165 0s 5d	no
Guthrie & Co.	slater	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£160 16s 5d	no
A. & G. Gray	slater	not reorded	6 January 1890	£165 16s 10d	no
Alexander Eadie	plasterer	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£101 3s 6d	no
Guthrie & Co.	plasterer	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£104 10s 6d	no
A. & G. Gray	plasterer	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£112 5s 11d	no
R. A. McGilvray & Ferris	plasterer	West Regent Street	6 January 1890	£121 2s 5d	no
William Sheriffs	plasterer	West George Street	6 January 1890	£102 7s 7d	no
James Caird & Co.	plasterer	136 Waterloo Street	6 January 1890	£100 0s 0d	yes
George Adam	ironwork	no data in job book	6 January 1890	£44 0s 0d	yes

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Alexander Eadie & Son	mason	Payment date: 22 May 1891 £5113 2s 5d
Alexander Eadie & Son	mason	Payment date: 25 May 1891 £170 0s 0d ²
Anderson & Henderson	wright & joiner	Payment date: 1 May 1891 £2901 2s 4d
Alexander Eadie & Son	founder	Payment date: 22 May 1891 £572 5s 4½d
P. & R. Fleming	iron	Payment date: 1 May 1891 £2674 12s 4½d
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	Payment date: 1 May 1890 £469 3s 3d
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Payment date: 7 April 1891 £165 15s 10d ³
James Caird & Co.	plaster	Payment date: 27 April 1891 £179 6s 7½d ⁴
George Adam	ironwork	Payment date: 15 December 1891 £44 0s 0d ⁵

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
John Orr & Sons	Painting	19 June [1891]	£118 12s 1d

Phase 2: Additions, 1891–2



Job book: 53059
Page: 145

Client: Robert Ramsey & Co.

Measurer: N. Ramsey & Sons

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
Alexander Eadie & Son	mason	280 Cathcart Road	5 June 1891	£2235 0s 0d	yes
Bell Hornsby & Co.	mason	197 Pollokshaws Road	5 June 1891	£2080 0s 0d	no
P. & W. Anderson	mason	64 Bothwell Street	5 June 1891	£2543 10s 1d	no
Alexander Muir & Sons	mason	400 Eglinton Street	5 June 1891	£2217 0s 0d	no
John Paterson & Son	mason	522 Pollokshaws Road	5 June 1891	£2236 0s 0d	no
Robert Murdoch	mason	19 Commerce Street	5 June 1891	£2340 0s 0d	no
Anderson & Henderson	joiner	75 Waterloo Street	5 June 1891	£898 0s 0d	no
George Laird & Son	joiner	Ann Street, Bridgeton	5 June 1891	£915 0s 0d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Gardner Street	5 June 1891	£928 0s 0d	no
Alexander Eadie & Son	joiner	no data in job book	5 June 1891	£894 0s 0d	yes
Alexander Eadie & Son	founder	no data in job book	5 June 1891	£129 10s 3d	yes
Moses McCulloch & Co.	founder	168 Gallowgate	5 June 1891	£136 17s 9d	no
Kesson & Campbell	founder	Parkhead	5 June 1891	£142 12s 6d	no
J. & A. Law	founder	Rae Street Foundry	5 June 1891	£143 6s 0d	no
Allison Bros	founder	Cogan Street, Pollokshaws	5 June 1891	£122 16s 0d	no
P. & R. Fleming	girders & roof	no data in job book	5 June 1891	£627 6s 0d	yes
Alexander Eadie	plumber	no data in job book	5 June 1891	£187 0s 0d	no
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	Renfield Street	5 June 1891	£185 0s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	168 George Street	5 June 1891	£200 0s 0d	yes
William Paterson	plumber	83 Pitt Street	5 June 1891	£226 7s 0d	no
A. & D. MacKay	slater	no data in job book	5 June 1891	£74 0s 0d	yes

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
Alexander Eadie & Son	mason	Payment date: 1 October [1891] £2145 17s 7½d ⁶
Alexander Eadie & Son	joiner	Payment date: 1 October [1891] £844 16s 11½d
Alexander Eadie & Son	founder	Payment date: 1 October [1891] £140 3s 2d
P. & R. Fleming	girders & roof	Payment date: 27 July [1891] £650 0s 0d ⁷

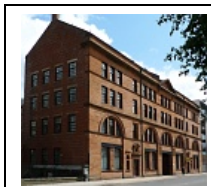
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	Payment date: 7 July [1891] £223 17s 10d
A. & D. MacKay	slater	Payment date: 7 July 1892 £79 15s 7d ⁸

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
John Orr & Sons	Painting	10 November [1891]	£32 7s 10d ⁹
John Bennie	'Hoist & lowering apparatus.'	11 July [1891]	£81 7s 6d
George Adam	'Spike Rails.'	28 January 1892	£5 1s 11d
John Orr & Sons	'decoration of Drawing Rm.'	28 October 1891	£67 9s 0d
George Rome & Co.	'mending of plaster on Stair'	7 May 1892	11s 6½d

Documents

Images



Front from S.W.



Front from S.E.



Ground- and first-floor windows



Entrance to yard



Office entrance



Carved panel



Fireplace, auction hall,
Skin and Hide Market,
1903

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10: 'returned with thanks'.

11: For jobbing.

12: Includes £12 0s 0d for 'jobbing a/c in old buildings'.

13: Includes £1 1s 0d for jobbing.

14: For gate.

15: Includes £58 6s 10½d for 'masons & joiners jobbing a/c', and £53 2s 0d for 'drain from Jas Morrison St. digging brick wall'.

16: Includes 'new gangways'.

17: Includes £4 8s 0d for 'jobbing at stables etc.'

18: This is the sum paid after deduction of £1 0s 0d for the measurer's fee.

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