



M032 Addition to Rhu Parish Church

Introduction

In 1891 John Honeyman & Keppie extended the nave of Rhu Parish Church, a Gothic Revival building dating from 1851 by William Spence (c. 1806–1883). The extension is square-ended and aisleless, with Decorated window tracery to match Spence's original building. The harled walls have stone dressings. The most distinctive features are the gently sloping buttresses, which only have set-offs at the top. Later additions have been made on both sides of the nave.

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: Rhu Parish Church.

Alternative addresses: Gareloch Road

Cost from job book: £1332 10s 11½d

Status: Standing building

Current name: Rhu and Shandon Parish Church

Current use: Church (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 19498

RCAHMS Site Number: NS28SE 31.00

Grid reference: NS 26717 83997

Chronology

1890

27 June: Visit to Rhu by John Honeyman & Keppie to examine and measure the church. ¹

10 July: Design submitted. ²

23 July: Report on cost submitted (£1300). ³

1891

26 February: Further visit to examine church roof and receive instructions about 'new design'. ⁴

2 July: Further visit to receive instructions for estimate from 'Mr Webster'. ⁵

July: Tendering process begun. ⁶

1892

November: Final payments to principal contractors. ⁷

People

Clients:

- Rhu Parish Church

Contractors:

- James Boyd & Sons
- James Caird & Co.
- W. H. Dinsmore
- John Horne
- Hutcheson & Grant
- James Ingleton & Co.
- Jones & Willis
- McCulloch & Gow
- Alexander McLeod
- George Rome & Co.
- A. & J. Scott
- W. Thom

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 M032 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 M032 has been extracted from the job books:



Client: no data in job book

Measurer: W. H. Dinsmore ¹

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
James Spy	mason	Row	July 1891	£411 0s 0d	no
Alexander McLeod	mason	Row	July 1891	£395 11s 3d	yes
John Jack	mason	Helensburgh	July 1891	£425 0s 0d	no
A. Miller	mason	Helensburgh	July 1891	£452 0s 0d ²	no
Thomas Brown	mason	no data in job book	July 1891	£4439 6s 3d	no
James Ferguson	joiner	Helensburgh	July 1891	£440 0s 0d	no
John Dick	joiner	Helensburgh	July 1891	£472 0s 0d	no
William Jack	joiner	Helensburgh	July 1891	no data in job book	no
Thomas Brown	joiner	193 Rottenrow	July 1891	£469 0s 0d	no
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	no data in job book	July 1891	£399 0s 0d	yes
Henderson	joiner	no data in job book	July 1891	£490 0s 0d	no
A. Mullin	joiner	no data in job book	July 1891	£505 6s 9d	no
Robert Shedden	plumber	Row	July 1891	£25 0s 0d	no
James Ingleton & Co.	plumber	168 George Street	July 1891	£29 0s 0d	no
James Johnstone & Son	plumber	Renfield Street	July 1891	£26 0s 0d	no
John Horne	plumber	Helensburgh	July 1891	£25 0s 0d	yes

Thomas Brown	plumber	no data in job book	July 1891	£37 11s 4d	no
Thomson	plasterer	Helensburgh	July 1891	£57 8s 4d	no
James Caird & Co.(Rome)	plasterer	no data in job book	July 1891	£75 0s 0d	yes
George Davidson	plasterer	Sauchiehall Lane	July 1891	£89 9s 8d	no
Thomas Brown	plasterer	no data in job book	July 1891	£67 11s 7d	no
A. & D. McKay	slater	no data in job book	July 1891	£53 18s 8d	no
W. Thom	slater	Helensburgh	July 1891	£40 14s 5d	yes
Thomas Brown	slater	no data in job book	July 1891	£49 7s 10d	no
McCulloch & Gow	glazier	no data in job book	July 1891	£23 18s 0d	yes

Payments (trades):

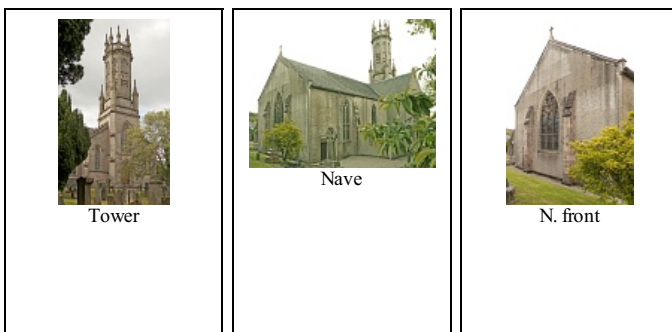
Name	Type	Payment out sum
Alexander McLeod	mason	Payment date: 21 November 1892 £398 4s 11d ³
Hutcheson & Grant	joiner	Payment date: 7 November 1892 £487 8s 6½d ⁴
John Horne	plumber	Payment date: 17 November 1892 £42 8s 0d ⁵
George Rome & Co.	plasterer	Payment date: 24 November [1892] £69 18s 5d ⁶
W. Thom	slater	Payment date: 16 November 1892 £35 7s 9d
McCulloch & Gow	glazier	Payment date: 16 November [1892] £23 7s 0d

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	
James Boyd & Sons	no data in job book	£63 10s 5d
Jones & Willis	no data in job book	£29 13s 4d
A. & J. Scott	Painting	£32 11s 7d
A. & J. Scott	Painting	£132 10s 0d ⁷

Documents

Images



Bibliography

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Notes:

- 1: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie visit book, GLAHA 53060, p. 5.
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- 6: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 156.
- 7: The Hunterian, University of Glasgow: John Honeyman & Keppie job book, GLAHA 53059, p. 157.
- 8: 'Schedules to be returned Augt. 6th.'
- 9: Tender is for 'all works'.
- 10: 'Includes Gourock stone 12. ; moving tablet 2.10; jobbings with heating 12.'
- 11: 'Less old mate[rials]: £6 7s 9d; includes Bench Enclosure: £39 10s; Extra Barricading: £4 10s; Alteration of pulpit, etc.: £6 7s; jobbings in room: £1. Grant cert. for pay to a/c for £130.'
- 12: 'Includes gas fittings & extra plumber work at heating apparatus, etc.'
- 13: Includes £4 7s 5d for 'jobbings'.
- 14: 'As per estimate'.

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