

M080 Bridge of Allan Parish Church Hall

Introduction

John Honeyman & Keppie added a combined hall, session house and beadle's house to this mid-19th-century Gothic Revival church.

Authorship: In 1894–5 John Honeyman was a member of the church and one of its trustees, and it therefore seems likely that he was personally responsible for the design of the new hall. There is nothing to suggest Mackintosh's involvement, though he may have helped with the drawings, there are annotations in his hand on one of the surviving drawings.

Alternative names: Bridge of Allan Quoad Sacra Church; Bridge of Allan chapel-of-ease; Holy Trinity Church.

Alternative addresses: Fountain Road

Cost from job book: £1254 12s 2d

Status: Standing building

Current use: Church hall (2014)

Listing category: B

Historic Scotland/HB Number: 22656

RCAHMS Site Number: NS79NE 122.00 and NS79NE 122.01

Grid reference: NS 79145 97345

Chronology

1893

24 January: Sketch plan for hall and church officer's house to be obtained from John Honeyman. ¹

6 March: Honeyman's plan submitted to joint meeting of church elders and trustees. ²

1894

13 February: Schedules have been prepared for potential contractors to submit tenders. ³

26 February: Tenders submitted; lowest to be accepted; building to be proceeded with 'as soon as possible'. ⁴

25 April: Plans have been approved by Burgh Commissioners of Bridge of Allan. ⁵

20 September: Slaters unable to proceed with their contract. Alternative tender by Messrs Nevin & Sons accepted. ⁶

1895

27 April: Planned opening of hall. ⁷

Description

Church

Built in 1858–9 to a Gothic design by James Henderson of Glasgow, the church has a broad nave with three gables overlooking Fountain Road. In 1876 it was given a new entrance front by Robert Baldie, incorporating a steeple at the corner of Fountain Road and Keir Street. ¹



Hall

A linked hall incorporating a session house and single-storey church officer's dwelling was added on the W. by John Honeyman & Keppie in 1894–5. John Honeyman had moved to Bridge of Allan following his third marriage in 1884, and was a member of the church and one of its trustees.² He was engaged as architect by the hall committee, and it seems from the minutes that he was personally responsible for the project.³ Nothing about the building suggests that Mackintosh was involved in its design, though he may have helped with the drawings submitted for approval to the Burgh Commissioners of Bridge of Allan.⁴

The hall is a simple Gothic oblong with diagonal corner buttresses, built of stugged masonry with smooth ashlar dressings. Ballachulish slates were to have been used for the roof, but the original contractor could not supply them, and Messrs Nevin & Sons undertook to do the job with cheaper Aberfoyle slates instead.⁵ The side windows are mullioned and transomed; those in the gables have Perpendicular tracery. Inside, the trusses of the open timber roof are cusped and rest on simple stone corbels.



People

Clients:

- Trustees and Elders of Bridge of Allan Church

Contractors:

- Alexander Drysdale
- Duncanson & Henderson
- Graham & Morton
- James Gray & Son
- John Grundy
- McArthur & Campbell
- Henry Robertson
- P. & R. Rose
- Alexander Watson

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 M080 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 M080 has been extracted from the job books:



Job book: 53059
Page: 244

Client: Trustees and Elders of Bridge of Allan Church

Measurer: Duncanson & Henderson

Tenders:

Contractor	Type	Address	Date	Value	Accepted
McArthur & Campbell	builder	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	£702 3s 11d	yes (1 March 1894)
A. & D. Headridge	builder	Causewayhead	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
James Headridge	builder	Causewayhead	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Devlin	builder	Glasgow	no data in job book	£783 1s 7d	no
McGregor & Cadian	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	£314 11s 6d	no
Tait & Dawson	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	£334 18s 5d	no
James Henderson	wright	Union Street	no data in job book	£297 0s 0d	no
Alexander Drysdale	wright	Douglas Place	no data in job book	£294 0s 0d	yes
M. J. Cramb	wright	no data in job book	no data in job book	£317 14s 11d	no
James Gray & Son	slater	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	£65 5s 2d	yes
John Nairn	slater	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	£70 14s 0d	no
Watson	slater	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	£77 6s 3d	no
McKay	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Morrison	plumber	no data in job book	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
Henry Robertson	plumber	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	£81 17s 0d	yes
Watson	plumber	Bridge of Allan	no data in job book	no data in job book	no
J. D. Gray & Sons	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£53 1s 9½d	no
Walls	plaster	Stirling	no data in job book	£49 8s 4d	no
Alexander Watson	plaster	no data in job book	no data in job book	£47 19s 7½d	yes

Payments (trades):

Name	Type	Payment out sum
McArthur & Campbell	builder	Payment date: 31 July 1895 £759 2s 6d ¹
Alexander Drysdale	wright	Payment date: 18 July [1895] £291 3s 0d
Alexander Watson	plaster	Payment date: 1 June [1895] £46 0s 4d
Henry Robertson	plumber	Payment date: 6 June [1895] £90 4s 6d

Payments (suppliers):

Name	Service	Payment date	Payment sum
P. & R. Rose	no data in job book	11 July [1895]	£30 11s 4d
Graham & Morton	no data in job book	4 April 1895	£6 10s 6d
John Grundy	Heating apparatus	12 December [1895]	£31 0s 0d

Documents

Images



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