

# **Trades House of Glasgow**

## **DEACON CONVENER ANDREW MCONIE**



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## Deacon Convener Andrew McOnie

Andrew McOnie was born on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1819 and his parents were Andrew McOnie and Elizabeth Wood. Andrew was staying with his parents at Garscube Road, Glasgow when the 1841 census was taken and he was listed as an engineer. At that time he was staying with his parents and two siblings: Ann and John McOnie.

In 1840 P. and W. McOnie was established by the 3 brothers, Peter, William and Andrew McOnie to manufacture sugar machinery in Glasgow.

By 1848 the McOnie's concern had manufactured fifty engines and fifty mills. In that year the partnership was dissolved.

In 1848 Peter McOnie joined with James Buchanan Mirrlees, forming McOnie and Mirrlees.

1848 or 1851 William McOnie and Andrew McOnie formed W. and A. McOnie

In 1851 Andrew was residing with his parents in Garscube Road, his father was a Grazier of cattle aged 69 years and his mother was 66 years old. Andrew was living with his brothers and sister and James was a 36year old ships carpenter and John was a 25 year old Flesher whilst his sister is listed in the 1851 census as 23 years old carrying out household duties for her parents.

1857 W. and A. McOnie made sugar refinery machinery, including large waterwheel, supplied to Arnos Vale sugar factory, Tobago

In 1861 Andrew was residing at 59 St James St, Tradeston, Glasgow with his 28-year-old wife Mary and his two-year-old son, Andrew. At the time of the census, Andrew.s occupation was listed as a Mechanical Engineer (master) Employers 158 Men & 12 Boys.

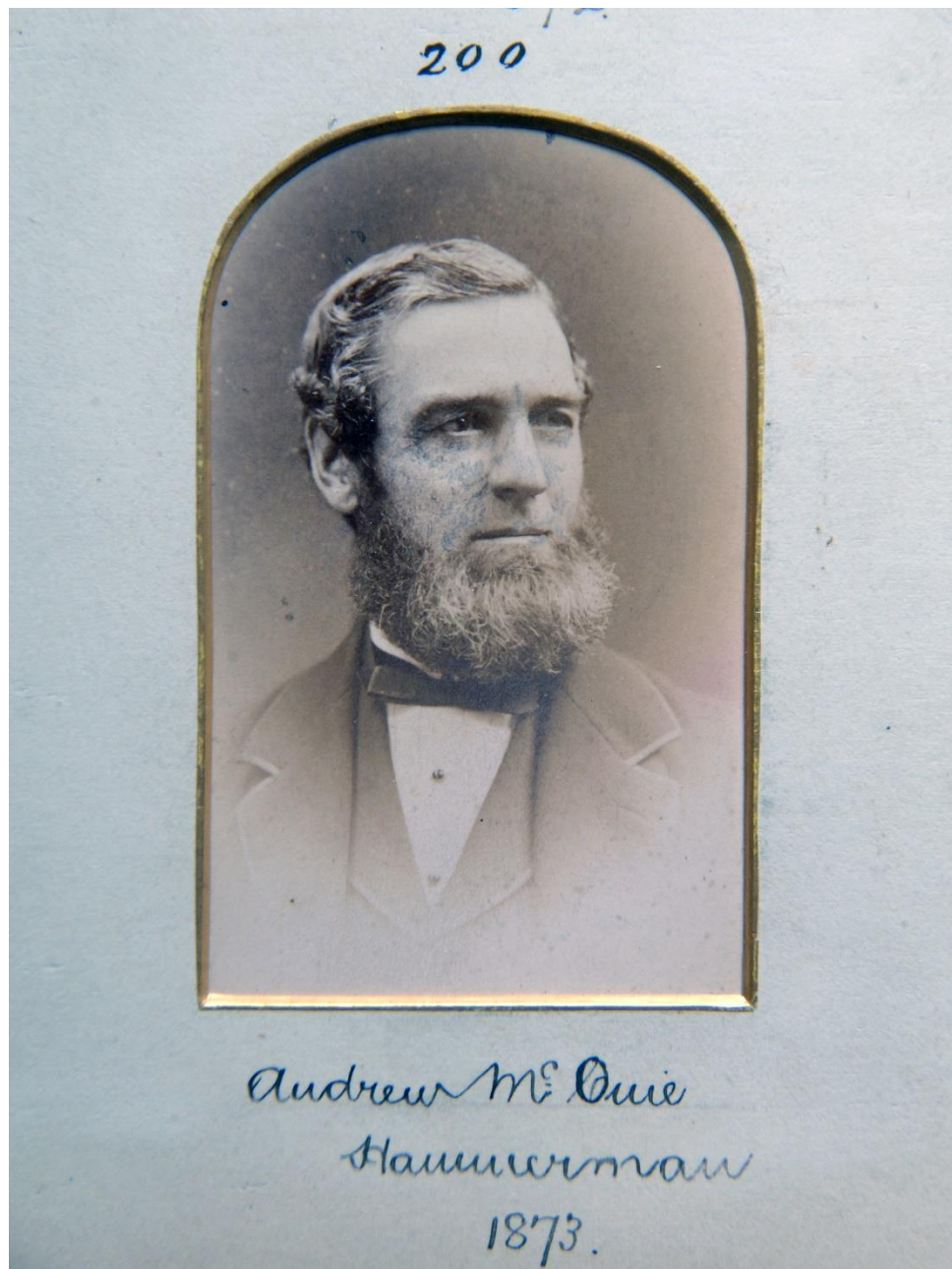
Andrew married Mary McFarlane aged 23¼ at Lochgilphead on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1866 where Mary was staying. Mary's parents were Alexander MacFarlane, an Innkeeper and Catherine Smith.

In 1866 W. and A. McOnie completed and dispatched a 60-hp engine, shafting and boilers to Japan. The steam hammers for the same place were made by Glen and Ross and the planing punching and plate-bending machines by Thomas Shanks and Co. of Scotland Street Engine works, Glasgow

The following year on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1867 Andrew became a member of the Incorporation of Hammermen.

The 1871 census shows Andrew was staying at St. Andres Road, Woodvale with his 38-year-old wife Mary and he was an Engineering Master. Andrew's family had grown to include Andrew Junior aged 12 years; Peter aged 7 years, Catherine aged 5 years, Mary aged 2 years and Evelyn aged 1 year. They also had two servants who acted as Nurse and Housemaid.

In September 1873, Andrew became the Deacon of the Incorporation of Hammermen.



Andrew McOnie  
1873  
Scotland Street,  
Glasgow

An interesting event occurred at the Laminas Court in 1874, when the deacon, Mr. Andrew McOnie, presented an album to the incorporation, which, he suggested, should be devoted to collecting photographic likenesses of the members.

Deacon Convener 1879-80



Andrew McOmie  
Hammerman  
1879-80

The 1881 census shows that Andrew had moved from Glasgow to Wyndham Bank, Dunoon and Kilmun, Argyll but was still listed as a Mechanical Engineer and was employing 252 men and boys. His wife Mary was still living with him and three children: Peter aged 17 years and a Mechanical Engineer; Catherine S. McOmie

aged 12 years and still at school and lastly; Mary E. MacOnie his 12 year old daughter who also was still attending school.

In 1885 the Partnership dissolved. The Copartnery of W. and A. M'Onie, Engineers and Millwrights, in Glasgow, of which the subscribers were the sole partners, was been dissolved by arrangement, on the 30th of June, 1885. The business in all its branches was carried on under the firm of W. and W. McOnie, by the subscriber William M'Onie, jun., who is authorized to collect all debts due to, and who will pay all debts due by, the dissolved concern. William McOnie. Andrew McOnie. William McOnie, junr. Andrew McOnie, junior.

Andrew died on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1886 at 3.15. He was staying at 15 Bruce Road Polokshaws at the time of his death. He died of Phrenitis lasting about one month and Pneumonia which lasted about 10 days.

1888 McOnie Harvey and Co was formed by the amalgamation of Harvey's and McOnie's.

In 1886, the firm became known as W & W McOnie and was under the control of William McOnie, jnr, William's son. William, jnr's, premature death in 1887 brought his father out of retirement and he formed a new partnership with Robert Harvey in 1888 though a merger with Robert Harvey & Co, sugar machinery manufacturers, Glasgow, to form McOnie, Harvey & Co . In 1892 , the firm was incorporated as McOnie, Harvey & Co Ltd , changing its name again in 1904 to Harvey Engineering Co Ltd . In 1930 , Harvey Engineering Co Ltd was liquidated and its good will acquired by Blairs Ltd , coppersmiths, Glasgow, who continued to use the McOnie name. In 1945 the ordinary share capital of Blairs Ltd was acquired by The Mirrlees Watson Co Ltd , sugar machinery manufacturers, but the two companies continued to trade independently.

Andrew's wife Mary survived him by 15 years and the 1891 census shows that she was living Shore Rd, Dunoon, Argyll on private means with her son Peter McOnie and her two daughters Catherine S McOnie and Mary E McOnie.

Mary passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5.45pm. at her home at 3 Devonshire Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow, aged 68 years old. The cause of death was heart disease.