

EXTRACTS (c1920) BY WILLIAM WHYTE FROM THE MINUTE BOOKS

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VOLUME I OF MINUTE BOOK

"This Book is for the use of the Shoemakers in Forfar". The Acts & Meetings of the Shoemakers Trade from the 8th day of June 1626.

8 June 1626

1. Apprenticeship 8 years or admission after 3 years on payment
2. Not to buy or sell back to outsiders till after Candlemas and town served
3. Not to buy hydes from Coupar
4. Not to buy "barked" hydes and sell again unwrought except from his own servant and 'barked" in his own pit.
5. Not to buy a rough hyde from shoemaker in Brechin or any other part.

15 July 1704

Which day Thomas Whyt present Deacon xxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx ordained the Acts & Statutes to be booked and recorded in this book and most material points to be insert and same Acts & Statutes to be observed, kept and used to them and their successors in all time coming.

22 Sep 1676	David Whyt	chosen to be Collector
24 Sep 1676	David Whyt	Treasurer
21 Oct 1676	David Whyt	Treasurer made his account and is discharged
18 Oct 1677	Henry Lindsay	of Cairn admitted freeman to the trade
31 Oct 1677	David Whyt	Treasurer made his accounts and is discharged
24 Sep 1682		David Binny, David Ramsay, David Whyt, John Whytlaw & Christopher Ramsay voted on for Deacon. David Binny continued
25 Sep 1682	David Whyt	chosen Deacon
24 Sep 1683	David Whyt	continued Deacon
12 July 1695	Thomas Whyt	son to David Whyte late Deacon after sighting and approving his essay was admitted master and freeman who made faith as use is
5 Dec 1696	Thomas Whyt	allowed to sitt in the foremost seat of the loft - Price 3
26 Sep 1698	David Whyt	Deacon and Thomas Whyt his son Treasurer
25 Sep 1699	David Whyt	continued Deacon, Thomas Whyt to be Treasurer
23 Sep 1700	David Whyt	continued Deacon, William Sturrick Treasurer
21 Sep 1702		Oath of Allegiance to Queen Anne taken
14 Aug 1703	David Whyt	lawful son to David Whyt late Deacon admitted master and freeman
22 Sep 1703	Thomas Whyt	chosen Deacon
24 Aug 1705	Thomas Whyt	continued Deacon
23 Sep 1706	Thomas Whyt	continued Deacon

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June 1708	Alexander Whyt	lawful son to David Whyt late Deacon admitted freeman and master
25 Sep 1709	Thomas Whyt	chosen Deacon
25 Sep 1710	Thomas Whyt	continued as Deacon
21 Sep 1713	Alexander Whyt	elected Boxmaster
20 Sep 1714	Alexander Whyt	continued Boxmaster
6 Dec 1714		Inventory of Bonds to the Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bond Thomas Whyt late Deacon - £ 66:13:4○ Bond Alexander Whyt , to be signed for 100:0
26 Sep 1715	Thomas Whyt	elected Deacon
17 Dec 1715		Inventory of Bonds to the Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bond Thomas Whyt, past Deacon - £ 66:13:4○ Bond Thomas Whyt - £ 66:13:4○ Bond Alexander Whyt e - £100:0:0○ Bill Alexander Whyte - £100:0:0
27 Apr 1716	Patrick Whyte	son to David Whyt late Deacon admitted freeman and master
Sep 1716	Thomas Whyte	continued Deacon
9 Nov 1717	Patrick Whyte	now Boxmaster
		Inventory of Bonds to the Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alexander Whyte £100:0:0○ Alexander Whyte £100:0:0○ Thomas Whyte £ 66:13:4○ Thomas Whyte £ 66:13:4
25 Sep 1721	Thomas Whyte	elected Boxmaster
24 Sep 1722	Thomas Whyte	continued Boxmaster
21 Nov 1722		Inventory of Bonds to the Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alexander Whyte 12 May 1716 £100:0:0
26 Sep 1726	Thomas Whyt	re-elected Deacon
25 Sep 1727	Thomas Whyt	continued Deacon
1 Jan 1729	John Whyte	eldest lawful son of to Deacon Thomas Whyt admitted freeman and master
23 Dec 1730		Act regulating Expenses, Charges and expenses at meetings for elections and Accounts exorbitant and high admin expenses not to exceed £9 Scots at elections and £3 Scots at a/c meetings
23 Sep 1734	John Whyte	elected Boxmaster
Sept 1735	John Whyte	continued Boxmaster
27 Sep 1736	John Whyte	elected Deacon
26 Sep 1737	John Whyte	continued Deacon
25 Sep 1738	John Whyte	continued Deacon
29 Sep 1740	John Whyte	continued Deacon
23 Mar 1743		Act regulating purchase and distribution of meal by Trade
Dec 1743	Thomas White	brother germen to Deacon John White, admitted master and freeman
23 Jan 1749		Meal allocated among 56 members of Trade
5 Aug 1749		Meal allocated among 61 members of Trade

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24 Sep 1750	Thomas White	Boxmaster
30 Sep 1751	Thomas White	continued Boxmaster
14 Sep 1754	John Ure White	admitted master and freeman
30 Sep 1754	Thomas White	elected Deacon
29 Sep 1755	Thomas White	continued Deacon
31 Oct 1755		There has been so extravagant entertainments as is highly prejudicial to the trade's fund and might sink the same and therefore have for remedy enacted that from Michaelmas as entertainment of dinner and drink or other liquors need to treat the haill trade at elections shall not exceed £30 Scots.
16 Feb 1770		Inventory of Bills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thomas Whyte & Baillie N Webster £59:6:8
3 Aug 1772		Resolved to purchase certain riggs of land at Tails belonging to Margaret Adam Relick of John Wilkie Shipmasters Arbroath
25 Sep 1772		Resolved that each Deacon on election pay 5/- for his hand washing whether deacon before or not
25 Sep 1776	John Whyte	son of Thomas Whyte Shoemaker, admitted master and member
13 May 1779	Robert Whyte	Son of Thomas Whyte Shoemaker, admitted master and member
29 Sep 1788	Robert Whyte	elected Boxmaster
27 Sep 1790	Robert Whyte	elected Deacon
4 Oct 1794		Articles of xxxx of Tails 8 th Obtained by Patrick Whyte, glover & James Bruce £3:19:6 per acre 6 th Obtained by John Findlay & Deacon Robert Whyte at £4:0:6 per acre 11 th Obtained by Alexander Sturrock & John Whyte at £3:3:6 per acre
29 Aug 1798		Exact list of members presently alive with dates of entry to Trade – <i>Extract</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ John Whyte 25 Sept 1776○ Robert Whyte 25 Sept 1776○ Alexander Whyte 27 Feb 1809 Measure of rental of lots of land belonging to the Trade <i>Extract</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kirk rigg Peter Whyte 1acre:0 ro:30 falls at £3:19:6 per acre
27 Sep 1802		William Roberts made Clerk salary 10/- per annum
24 Oct 1809		Agreed to erect a stone fence of 5 feet on west side of property in Church riggs on condition that Tenants to east of fence viz Charles Craik Shoemaker, William Roberts & Patrick Whyte, Skinner pay 5% of sum expected
31 May 1811		Agreement witnessed by William Roberts and his apprentice William Whyte

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8 Oct 1827	The Incorporation direct the Treasurer to get the march between the property of the late Robert White and the Incorporation regulated and if possible to get a mutual dyke built between the properties
9 Mch 1829	Robert Whyte Trustees write agreeing mutual march dyke at Kirkriggs on certain conditions
23 Sep 1840	Opinion of Duncan McNeill Advocats “the four Deacons of Crafts viz Glovers, Shoemakers, Tailors & Weavers are always Councilors ex-officio
27 Sep 1847	Last minute Balance in treasuries and lands divided