

In 1940 Mr R. B. Mann found the Lockit Book, which had gone missing, in a chest belonging to his late father an ex-Deacon. It was duly returned to the Craft.

Cordiners Lockit Book

2nd July 1581

One of the first entries in the Lockit Book is on page three at the opening of the Acts and Statutes when some 59 Members signed the Minute.

Dundie the Second Day of Feby 1692

Whelk Day in ane Court holden by John Kirkland pnt Deacone of the Shoemakers of Dundie with Consent of ye Councillors & remnant Brethren of ye said traid have enacted And heirby enacts That noe free Masters sone of the said trade shall be admitted free master of ye samen untill he first pay in to the Boxmaster of ye sd trade for ye use & behoof of ye remnant brethren & members yrof the soume of twelve pound scots money. And this present act is heerby ordained to stand in full force in all tyme cuming. In testimonie yrof the said Deacone councillors & brethren of ye sd trade subs' thir pnts Day and Date forsaid.

Signed by the Deacon and 35 Members

Dundie the third Day of febrewar on thousand seven Hundreth years

Whilk Day in ane Court holden be John Maidon present Deacon of the shoemakers of Dundie with consent on the Concillors and remnant Brethren of the said traid have Enacted and hereby enacts that in all tim Coming that no Deacon shall continue in his ofice of Deaconrie longer then two years at once this being the second year of the said Deacon in his ofice of Deaconrie So that If any Deacon in all time Coming shall ofer to present himself at the time of the Election amang of the Number of those who are apointed for the Deacons ofice shall be lyable in the fine of twentie pounds scots Notwithstand of the fine that he is Lyable to the act mad anent the samen among the Nine Deacons Likwise If any member of the said Trade shall give his vote to the aforsaid Deacon or Deacons for the third year in his ofice ilk member sall be Lyable in the fine of ten pounds Scots besides the fine of the act among the Nine

John Maiden Deacon	John Kirkland	James Anderson
William Simer	William cock	Jo Lighton
Andrew Ramsay	William Petrie	John I Clark
John M Madien	Thomes Ochterlonie	

Dundie The Trie Day of February on Thousand Seven Hundred years

The Qwilk Day in ane Cowrt Holden be John Maiden Present Deacon of the Shoemaker Trade with consent of the Cownsell and remnant Members of the said Trade have Enackted and Heirby Enackts. That all frei Prentisies, who is to Enter to be frei Master, Shall pay to the Trade, Two Hundreth Merk Money and to serve ane year as oficer to the Trad, emeidatly after he is admited frie Master, and that without any other expence.

It is Likwis Statued and ordained, be the Deacon and wholl Trade, at the Elecktion, that no Deacon present or Late, Shall refuse to goe out among the number of those, who are apointed for the Cordiner ofice, if Leaglie voted, he shall be Lyable in the fine of Twntie Merk, and any Deacon or other member who refuses to go owt among the Number of those who ar apointed for the Deacons ofice, if Leaglie voted he Shall be liable in the fine of Ten pounds, and any member who Shall refwse to go owt for the box Master, ofice, or cowselor if Leaglie voted they shall be Lyabll in the fine of ten Merks Scots, Tosie qwosis, besid preformances of the Samen, and for the beter observance it is hereby asined by the Deacon and Trade.

Robert Krythro let Deacon	John M***** M Maiden
John Maiden Deacon of the Cordiners	Andrew Ramsay
Georg Smith DeckaneJohn Kirkland	Delan Lyen
William Simers Let Deacon	William Cock William
Petrie	
William Louney John Lightown	

Dundie the fort Day of febrewar on thousand Seven Hundreth years

The whilk day in ane Court holden be John Madien present Deacon of the Shoemaker Trade with consent of the Counsell and remnant Members of the said trade have Enakted and heirby enactt, that all frei prentisies, who is to enter, to be frei master, shall pay to the trade, two hundreth merk money and to serve ane year as officer to the trad, emeidatly after he is admitted frie master, and that without ant other expence.

It is Likwis Statuted and ordained, be the Deacon and wholl trade, at the election, that no Deacon present or Late, Shall refuse to goe owt among the number of Those who are appointed for the conviners office, if Leagalie voted, he shall be liable in the fine of Twentie Mark, and any Deacon or other Member who refuses to go out among the Number of those who ar appointed for the Deacons office, if Leagalie voted he shall be liable in the fine of Ten pound, and any Member who shall refuse to go out for the box Master office, or Cowselor if Leagalie voted they shall be Lyable in the fine of ten merks Scots.Tosisk quoskis (*toties quoties*) beside yer for manre of the Samen, and for the beter observance it is heir by assigned by the Deacon and Trade.

Dundee, 30 August 1720 years

Which day in a court holden be William Petrie, present Deacon, and hail remanent members and brethren of the Shoemaker Trade of Dundee, within the buriel place of the Brough, being ye ordinary place of their meeting, the said Deacon and members of the said Trade taking to their consideration that the Lords of Justiciary, by their Sentence dated at Edinburgh the ninth of August instant, for the causes therein mentioned had deprived Thomas Geikie, Cordiner or Shoemaker in Dundee, of his right of Burgesship and freedom of this burgh and declared him incapable of enjoying the same in all time coming; and that the Magistrates and Council of this burgh had likewise, in obedience to the said sentence, deprived the said Thomas of his right of Burgess ship and freedom of the said burgh, and declared him incapable of enjoying the same in all time coming; so likewise the said Deacon and whole remanent members of the said Shoemaker Trade, in compliance with the said Lords of Justiciary's Sentence, and Act of council off this Burgh, against the said Thomas Geikie, have deprived and hereby deprives the said Thomas Geikie of his right and freedom to the said Shoemaker Trade of this burgh, and declare him incapable of enjoying the same in all time coming, and ordain the said Thomas Geikie's name to be cancelled out of this book. In testimony whereof thir presents signed by the said William Petrie, Deacon, in name, and at the desire of the whole remaining members and brethren of the said Trade. (signed Wm. Petrie).

Dundie the Eighth day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and twenty two years.

Which day Thomas Skirling present Deacon of the Cordiner trade of Dundee and remanent Masters and Bretheren of the said Trade being mett conveyaned in the ordinary Buriall place of the sd burgh consulting anent the affairs of the Trade and takeing to their consideration the great loss and prejudice the Trade sustains by some of their members furnishing work to Journeymen and allowing them to work the same out of the sds members their own houses whereby the sds Journeymen have an opportunity to encroach on the privileges of the trade by working for their own behoof in pretext and under covert of those masters work who employ them. Therefore the sd Deacon and remanent Masters and Brethren do hereby Statute and enact that in time coming no free master of the said Cordiner Trade shall employ any Journeyman to work to him except in his own house Or furnish

materials to them for making Boots, shoes, slippers, Cloggs or any other Cordiner work whatsoever And if any master shall contraveen the preimsses Then yt is hereby unanimously agreed to that it shall be in the power of the Deacon & Boxmaster to the sd Trade for the time Or any member of the sd Trade having comission from them to apprehend and seize the sds material or made work so to be found in the hands of any Journeyman made out of a free masters house and to dispose of or apply the same for the use of the poor of the trade and the Contraveener shall forfeit & tyne Six pounds Scots for the first fault & twelve pound money for sd second fault to be levied and uplifted by the sd Deacon and Boxmaster and applied for the use of the forsiad and that besides the loss of the Sd materials or made work. In witness given of there presence are Subt place & date forsd By

John Maiden	Robert Simmers	Thomas Skirlin
William Maiden	Georg Dunbar	Wm Petrie
Thomas Simers	Robert Geikie	George Simmers
Alex Whyte	John Neilson	J Matthson
	Alexander Watsone	P Lighton
	Gorg Jonas	John Cock
		James Cock
		J Lighton

Dundee the 30 of Decr 1723

Which day Androw Mathew present Deacon to the Cordinar Trade of the said burgh

Having called and Conveind ane Court in the ordinar place of meiting being the burial place of the Said burgh of the members of sd Incorporation and the said Deacon having with Counsell and advice made Serious Inquirie into the affairs relating to Trads Common Stock find a nesessitie that some oryer Method be taking in order to the paying of the Debts the said Trade is now under and for the more comfortabell support of our poor. After Matuer deliberation the Court unanimously agreed and Enacked that from the first day of Janivar Seventine hundred and twentie four years Each master of the Said Trade for himself he being no object of Charitie Shall pay in for the use and behove of the said Common Stock the Soumme of Six pennies Scots weiklie to be uplifted as also any master who shall have ane or mor Jurny men Shall pay for each of them the soum of Six pennies Scots as a forsaid viz: at the end of each weik and for the more Strik knowledge of what Jurni men any may put to work the Master or Master or Masters Widow are heirby prohibited to put any either Stranger Club or other to work until they Inform the Deacon yrof and Incaise any member shall wilfullie or negilintlie Delay paying the above Specified soume over the for mentioned Saturday at Six of the afternoon the Colektor for that Day is to intimate the same to the box master and he the neglektor or refuser is Lyabell to pay two pennies Scots more for each not payd Six pennies forsaid on Munday following and further if any be found obstreperous in Continuing this act they shall be dneid the ordinar Previlidges of a freie member and for the validitie of the said act we Subscribe the present Day and place .

Dundie the 30 of Deser 1723

Which day Andrew Mathew Present Deacon to the Cordiner Trade of the said Burgh

Having Calld and Convind ane Court in the ordinary place of meiting being the bwriall place of the Said burgh of Dundie the members of the Incorporation and the said Deacon having with Consell and advice made Serious Inquirie in to the affairs relating to the Trades common Stock find a nesesetie that some proper Method be taking in order to the paying of the Debts the said Trade is now under and for the more comfortabell support of our poor after Matwer deliberation the court unanimously agreid and Enacked that from the forst day of Januiwar Seventine Hunderand twentie four yeirs Each master of the said Trade for himself he being no object of Charitie Shall pay in for the use and behold of the Said Common Stock the sowmme if Six pennies Scots weiklie to be uplifted as also any master who shall have ane or moe Jwrnjmen Shall pay for each of them the Sowm of Six pennies Scots as a forsaid Viz at the end of each weik and for the more Strik knowledge of what Jwrnimen any may piut to work the Master or Masters or Masters Widow are heirby prohibeted to jwt any either Stranger

Clwb or other to work until they inform the Deacon yrof and Juraise any member shall wilfwllie or negilintlie Delay paying the above specified Sowme order the for mentieined satwerday at Six of the afternoon the colektor for that day is to intimat the same to the box master and he the neglekter or refwser is Lyable to pay two pennies Scots more for each not payd six pennies forsaied on Monday following and further if any be found abstreprous in Contiawining this actt they shall be Dneid the ordinar priviledges of a freie member and for the validitie of the said actt wei swbcrybe this present Day and place.

Alexander Whyte	Thomas Simers	George Thomson
Andrew Brown	Patrick Cook	Thomas Neilson
John Nilson	James Cock	Alexander Watson
George Sincler	William Maiden	Robert Simmers
Robert Petrie	John Calder	And Matthew
Jo Lighton	George Simmers	Thomas Skirlin
P Lighton	John Cock	John Maiden
Robert Geikie		

At Dundie the Fourth day of March One thousand Seven Hundered and Thirty years

The which day Robert Lighton present Deacon of the Cordiner Trade of Dundee being with the haile Freemasters and Brethren of the Same Mett and Conveenid in the burriall place of the said burgh their ordinary Place of Meeting when treating and Consulting about the affairs of their Trade And they takeing to their Serieus Consideration the many Inconvenunint & disadvantages that has happened both to the Town and the Trade by the frequencie of intrant Members into their Trade who are not duely qualified for exericing the diffrant subjects of their impley which brings a Severe Reflection upon their Society and also obliges the Inhabitants of the Burgh to have Recourse to other places for supplying themselves with fashionable shoes agreeable to their own fancy And they considering that this Increase of their Number has proceeded from the different Entries of free Masters Sons and Sons in law and free apprentices who have Served their time in this place and being unabil with what knowledge they had aquired during that peried and without having recourse to any other place for furdur Improvement therein have primerly chosen a superficiale Essay bien admitted a freemaster into their Trade Therefore & for preventing Such Incenvenies for the future for Introduicng amonge ysna Skilfull Exercise of the Trade in this Burgh The said Deacon with consent of the hail freemasters and Brethren of the said Cordiner Trade and they all of ane and joint Consent Have Enacted Statuted and Ordained and hereby Enact Statute and Ordain that in all time coming every free Masters Son or Son in Law Previuus to his Entrie as a Freemaster to the Trade shall be obliges to satisfie the Trade that he has Exericed the Cordiner Trade for Nine years within the Burgh of Dundee or Some such place of the like Importance or sall for discovery of this sufficieshent of his skil and knowledge of the Cordiner Trade

Tho Simmers	Rob Petrie	J Lighton
Alexander Watson	John Cock	P Lighton
James Gray	James Cock	George Simmers
David Turnbull	Wm Maiden	Rot Geikie
Geo Williamson	John Neilson	R Matthew
W Lighton	Andrew Brown	Thomas Neellson
	Patrick Cock	

Trade undergoe the following Essay Viz He shall be obliged to meet to satisfaction of the Trade a pair of Gaibt or stronger Boots A pair of Jackie or light boots and a pair of sea boots a pair of mens shoes with timber hiles and another pair of the same with leather hiles and a pair of mens pumps and such kinds of Womens shoes as the fashion calls for ye time or such Entrie and a pair of spatter Dashes or button'd boots As also shall all Apprentices who have served a freemaster of the Trade for five years previous to be Entered as a freemaster & be obliged to satisfy the Trade that he has proved in this place or such another four years as Journeyman and for an Evidence of a suitable Improvement all Such Entrants shall undergoe the above Essay prescribed for free Masters Sons or Sons in Law As Also that all Strangers being neither free Apprentices nor Sons or Sons in Law to freemasters who shall

hereafter make application for purchasing his freedom to the Trade Shall before their Entrie as free masters to the Trade be Obliged to Undergoe & performe the above Eassy of his own Materialls and within his own houss and sall be done under the Eye and Inspection of two freemasters of the said Trade to be Appointed for that end And that all Apprentices or Purchasers who hereafter shall Apply for their freedom to the Trade shall pay for such an applicatien three pounds Scots money before their other dues that are formerly established and furdre They Enact that all appretices from mortifications in this burgh who are not sons to law freemaster in the Nine Trades of Dundee are to pay the ordinary booking money payable by stranger Apprentices at their booking as such and for the better Observence of the Act Each Member of the Cordiner Trade of Dundee has for ye time subscribed the Same upon this & yr preceeding page.

Note: Spatter dashes were leather type leggings which covered as far up as the knee.

Tho Simmers	Rob Petrie	P Lighton
Alexander Watson	John Cock	Jo Lighton
James Gray	John Maiden	J Geikie
Wm Lighton	John Neikon	A Matthew
David Turnbull	Andrew Broun	James Cock
Geo Williamson	Thomas Nicallson	George Simmers
	Patrick Cock	

It is agreed by the haile cordiner Trade of Dundee That in Regard of the narrowness of the place not allowing all the Members of the Trade to subscribe the before written Act upon ye two preceeding pages That the subscriptions of all hereto shall be as effectuall as if the same had adjoined each page of the foresaid Act.

Patrick Ouchterlone's mark

John Palmer

Gr Ross.

19 Day of October 1737

Wheras Alexander Donnet son to the above George Donnet is Convict of Theft Sentenced to and was Whipt Conform to Sentence we do by the Couperation power in us Eject and Cast him out from any part of this Brotherhood he could have enjoyed by his birthright Derived from his said father written and Signed at Dundie 19 Day of october 1737 by

George Simmers, let Deacon	Thomas Skirlin, present Deacon
Robert Geikie, let Deacon	Peter Sturkeouk
Robert Petrie, leat Deacon	Lighton, lat Deacon
Will Lighton	P. Wrghton, lat Deacon
Collan Simmers	Alexander Lighton

11th day of June Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Two.

Andrew Brown, lawful son of James Brown, late Shoemaker in Dundee was accepted into the Trade. "and the oath of admission administered to him which he complied with (the first clause excepted)."

Note: this was the oath of subjection to the King and State with regard to everything lawful to both Church and state.

9th March 1949

Which day at a special Meeting and Social Function of the Craft, ex-Deacon James Dunbar Hardie presented to the Incorporation a Chain of Office to be worn by the Deacon on all Official Occasions. The Chain of Office which is Silver Gilt consists of a Circular Centre on which is the Cordiner Crest surrounded by the words "The Cordiner Craft of Dundee" mounted on a shield with a scroll border in raise relief. At the top of the shield there is the word "Deacon" and at the foot the Coat of Arms of Dundee in raised relief. This main shield is hung on a Chain of Twenty-Five Thistle shaped shields. The Chain of Office was worn for the first time by the deacon at the Kirkin' of the Nine Incorporated Trades at St Andrews Church on Sunday the 8th day of October Nineteen Hundred and Fifty and also at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporation on the eleventh day of October Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.