

~~THE FRATERNITY OF MASTERS AND SEAMEN IN DUNDEE~~

Extracts from records in City of Dundee Archives, Wellgate Library and from other sources with reference to maritime matters and affairs in the River and the City.

Prefix: ARCH indicates source is City of Dundee Archives

WELL “ “ “ Wellgate Library, Local History Department

NEWS “ “ “ local newspaper

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Minutes of Dundee Free Library Board, Works and Finance Committee

VOLUME 1, 9 DECEMBER 1868 TO 14 OCTOBER 1872

Page 74.6. 14 December 1869. Presentation of whip snake & land lizard by Mr Cumming, Seaman, obtained in India in 1866 while on board the ship DUNDEE of this port.

Page 132, 8 August 1870. Supply of books to MARS Training Ship, Captain Scott to be responsible.

Page 158.5. Presentation of “A quantity of Copper Ore from the Artic(sic) Regions.
Donor: John Black, Seaman, Wallace’s Pend, Hawkhill.

Page 201.3. Presentation of “Records of the History of the Isle of May” edited by John Smart.
Donor: William Wrangham, Dundee.

Page 270, 18 March 1872. Received from Mr Craig, 22 Princes Street, a stuffed specimen of an albatross.

Page 282, 13 May 1872. Presentation of fourteen specimens of quartz combining gold and a small flying fish from Captain Bruce, ship COLONIAL EMPIRE.

VOLUME 2, DECEMBER 1872 TO

Page 8, 23 December 1872. Presentation of a suit of Esquimaux clothing by Peter McIntosh, 54 Princes Street, Dundee.

Page 29, 24 March 1872. Presentation of pair of boots belonging to the above suit.

Page 70, 8 September 1874. Various items presented by:

Captain David Scott	of Dundee
Captain John Edward	of Tay Ferries

Page 138, 30 March 1874. Donation from Captain Alexander Edwards of the STAR O' TAY – telegraphic apparatus used by the late Mr J. Lindsay in his first experiments in submarine Telegraphy.

Page 149, 27 April 1874. Donation from Captain McLelland of the NARWHAL, one seal skin.

Page 185, 30 November 1874. Donation from Captain Kilgour of the POLYNIA of a sledge left by one of the first Franklin Search Expeditions in Batty Bay, Prince Regents Inlet.

Page 185, 30 November 1874. Donation from Captain Walker of the ERIK, a box of sea fossils from Artic (sic) Region, and 2 tusks of the Narwhal.

Page 188, 4 January 1875. Donations of various wild life from the Artic(sic) by:

Captain Kilgour	of POLYNIA
Captain Adam	of ARTIC
Captain Walker	of ERIK
Captain Yule	of ESQUIMAUX
Captain Deuchars	of VICTOR
Captain McLellan	of NARWHAL
Captain Gravill	of CAMPERDOWN

Page 193, 1 February 1875. Donation of various wild life from the Artic (sic) by:

Captain Mannerman	of RAVENSCRAIG
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Page 194. Donation by Mr Walter Payne of 27 Gellatly Street, Dundee, a piece of conglomerate or pudding stone from Gulf of Obi Nova Zembla.

Page 227, 7 June 1875. Donation of various items presented by James Butchart, Engineer, HMS BASILISK.

Page 239, 6 September 1875. Donation from Captain Todd of ship ST LEONARDS, per Methven and Simpson, skull of a Maori chief.

Page 263, 9 January 1876. Donation by Mr D Welch of the ship EMPIRE OF PEACE, jaw of a shark.

Page 268, 7 February 1876. Donation of various items from Captain Walker of ship ERIK.

Page 274, 6 March 1876. From Mr Mackay, Superintendent of Police, Report of Crime and Offences in Dundee 1874-1875.

Page 287, 1 May 1876. Received from R Graham Thoms, 9 pieces of wood from Man-of-war HMS BRILLIANT.

Page 288, 1 May 1876. Donation of various items from Captain Gray of TALISMAN of Liverpool.

Donation from John Pirie, 69 Hilltown, Dundee, Carpenter. Relics of the STRATHMORE.

Page 292, and page 293, 5 June 1876. Reference Trinity Board pictures &c.

The following letter from Mr James Hunter, Esq., Clerk to the Dundee Trinity Board was read
“Trinity House, Dundee, 2 May 1876

Dear Sir

My clients, the Board of Management of the “Dundee Trinity House”
EXTRACT FROM PHOTOCOPY OF PAGES 292 AND 293

Page 322, 4 December 1876. Donations of various items received from:

Captain Kilgour	of POLYNIA
Captain Deuchars	of JAN MAYEN
Captain Souter	of INTREPID
Captain Walker	of ERIK
James Gibson,	94 Cowgate, Dundee
David Abbot,	19 Cowgate, Dundee

Page 323, re Franklin Expedition, items left 6 August 1852 at Batty Bay and discovered by Captain Kilgour of POLYNIA 26 July 1875. NOTE COPIED and to be cross referenced

Page 337-338, re Exhibition Committee

VOLUME 3, 12 AUGUST 1878 TO 14 MARCH 1887

Page 227, 14 May 1883, Item 8, Seamen Fraternity Pictures

“The Librarian reported that the Seamen Fraternity had agreed to lend to the Fisheries Exhibition, London, their picture of “Wreck of the Forfarshire” and the portraits of Grace darling and William darling, now hung in the picture gallery. The Committee authorised the librarian to send the pictures at once.”

VOLUME 4, June 1890 to

Page 142, 13 August 1890. Item 10. Models of Men of War in Museum

“The Librarian directed attention to the condition of the models of the Ships of War presented by the Trinity House, the rigging which had rotted and was broken in many places. As the models were so large and finely executed, & so interesting as accurate models of the Men of War of the time of Lord Duncan and Nelson, it was resolved to them properly repaired, & the Librarian was instructed to get some old & experienced sailors to undertake the work.”

Page 144, 11 September 1890. Item 5. Repairs of Models of Ships

“The Librarian reported that as instructed at last meeting he had found two competent sailors (J Richards and D Milne) who had undertaken to repair the rigging and hulls of the fine models of the Men of War in the Museum. He had agreed to pay them at the rate of six pence per hour – and the work would be finished in a most satisfactory manner in a few days more. The Committee approved of what had been done in the matter.”

Page 145, 11 September 1890. Accounts

“Joseph Richards and David Milne, repairing “Men of War” models £8 15/6d.”

Page 158, 12 February 1891. Donations of specimens from the Arctic by whalers for the Museum.

Page 243, 8 June 1893. Item B. Exhibition of sketches by Mr. W Burn-Murdoch in the Antarctic Ocean (During voyage in BALAENA) – Dundee Antarctic Whaling Co. per Mr Kinnes their Manager.

Item D, from Captain Fairweather of BALAENA, two skins of Antarctic seals - Dundee Antarctic Whaling Co. per Mr Kinnes their Manager.

VOLUME 5, 9 January 1896 to 21 August 1903

Nothing of particular relevance to matters maritime or the Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee.

VOLUME 6, 8 October 1893 to 6 October 1908.

Page 289, 17 March 1908.

“Regarding Fire Insurance ... A complete specification of the pictures in Permanent Gallery, both those on loan and those belonging to the Corporation was ordered to be made up, in which the value of pictures above £20 should be declared.

In valuing loan pictures, the Owners or Trustees are to be consulted. Clerk to be appointed Insurance Agent.

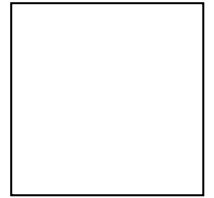
Page 300 and 301, 6 April 1908, Insurance of Lent Pictures and Specimens – reference was made to “Scotsman” article recording articles lent to Royal Scottish Museum were at owners’ risk and were not insured.

Page 305, 9 April 1908, (it was) decided the Committee should insure pictures and articles lent to the Institute, when the owners have not insured them specially.

VOLUME 7, 8 OCTOBER 1908 TO 5 DECEMBER 1911

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Page 148, 13 January 1910, reference to loan of portrait of Lady Jean Cochrane to Whitechapel Gallery (London).



VOLUME 8. 5 DECEMBER 1911 to

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Page 1, 5 December 1911. Re Caledonian Canoe at Dudhope Museum.

Page 9, 15 December 1911. "Book of the Covenant" 1643 purchased for £50 (gift from Mr. C.W. Scrimgeour, Mount Tabar, Dundee) and presented to the City.

Page 17, 11 January 1912. Captain Scott of MARS presented with five silver swimming medals

Page 23, 17 January 1912. - Seamen's Fraternity Pictures

On the motion of Baillie Foggie, the Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs J & J Hunter, Solicitors, as agents for the Seamen's Fraternity in Dundee asking that the pictures now on loan to the Free Library Committee should be presented to the City. These are "The Wreck of the Forfarshire" by T.M.Joy, "Portrait of Grace Darling", and "Portrait of William Darling," by the same artist, and "Portrait of Admiral Duncan".

Page 25-26. 24 January 1912. The matter of inventories was discussed and a scheme for making permanent inventories, recording pictures received on loan for the Galleries, with dates received, when returned and when lent elsewhere.

Page 34, 5 February 1912, Matter of permanent inventories further discussed.

Page 38, 8 February 1912. Matter of permanent inventories further discussed.

Page 67, 29 April 1912. Re Naval Records.

The Clerk reported that 36 volumes of publications by the Navy Records Society offered by Sir John Knox Laughton, had been received, the only cost being that of binding the printed sheets.

It was agreed a special letter of thanks should be sent to Sir John Laughton for this gift.

Page 74, 9 May 1912. Letter received from Messrs R.A. Mudie acknowledging receipt of model of SS AURORA from Dudhope Museum.

Page 87, 13 June 1912. {Portraits of Captain Speedy of the DP&L Company's steamers, and of his wife), presented through Mr. Walter Speedy.

It was reported that Messr. R. A. Mudie & Co had received back the half models of SS AURORA and SS GLOANINGA that had been lent to Dudhope Museum.

Page 105, 8 August 1912. Re loan of 7 exhibits from Dudhope Museum to the Glasgow Steamship Exhibition at present open.

Page 125, 20 November 1912. Pictures belonging to Seamen's Fraternity.

The Clerk explained that, by instruction from the Committee of Management in January last, he had written to Messrs. J. & J. Hunter, Dundee, Agents for the Seamen's Fraternity.

NOTE: COPIED PAGES 125 and 126.

Page 136, 10 December 1912. Re Seamen's Fraternity Pictures

NOTE: COPIED PAGE 136.

Page 158, 7 March 1913. Models returned from Glasgow (1 model missing and other damages.)

Page 159, 7 March 1913. Naval Models

A letter from Mr W Senior, Editor of the "The Mariner's Mirror" was read, asking for descriptions of ship-models of 17th and 18th centuries in possession of the Committee. The request was granted and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr Senior.

Page 161, 10 March 1913. Reference Insurance and lenders being asked to provide listed values on exhibits.

Page 205, 12 June 1913. Received from David Smith, Dundee, silhouette portrait of Captain Buist, Dundee, Circa 1850.

Page 226 Storage of pictures and disposal of pictures and frames at Ward Road (said to be of little value.)

Page 231, 26 September 1913. Surplus pictures lent to Town Council for hanging in Caird Rest. [Items listed but none on loan from the Fraternity.]

Page 274, 20 January 1914. Items from Balaclava found on field by Captain Henry Campbell of the barque WITCH which carried stores to the seat of War.

Presented by Mr William Hunter, Beach Tower, Broughty Ferry.

Page 275, 20 January 1914 Ship models at Dudhope (Museum).

Mr Phillips called attention to the three Ship Models at Dudhope Museum which belong to the Seamen's Fraternity of Dundee, and suggested that these should be put in proper order.

The Committee decided unanimously to recommend this matter to the Committee of Management.

Page 285, 12 February 1914. Exhibition of Antarctic Pictures.

Letter received from Mr. David Wylie, Secretary of Dundee Branch of Scottish Geographical Society re exhibitions of Antarctic sketches by the late Dr. Wilson (to be held) during the month of March.

{NOTE: Dr. Wilson was Dr. E. T. Wilson who was one of the Polar Party led by Scott and who all perished on the return journey from the South Pole.)

Page 311. The exhibition of Antarctic sketches was the most popular exhibition held in Dundee with 37, 154 persons visiting the exhibition between 4 to 19 March 1914.

VOLUME 10, February 1918 to August 1923

Page 21, 11 April 1918, Reference to insurance values of pictures and sculptures.

Page 85, 10 February 1919. Donation of German submarine Pirate flag and a signalling flag. Donor Sea Scout A. Robertson, H.M.S. UNICORN.

Page 182-183, 7 June 1920. Reference to insurance of pictures – all to be brought under a single policy ... "Leaving only loans on separate policies."

Page 247, 6 June 1921. Donation of the following ship models:

LOCH MAREE
LOCH EARN
LOCH KATRINE
LOCH TAY
LOCH ETIVE

Donor Mr. R. J. Leitch, Dundee.

Page 252, 8 August 1921. Donation of a model of Frigate FOUUDROYANT made by French prisoners- of- war at Perth 1812 – 1813. FOUUDROYANT was Nelson's flagship at Battle of the Nile. Donor Miss Julia Ogilvie, London.

NOTE: Refer Volume 12 page 41 regarding return of model to donor.

Page 282, 2 December 1921. Reference to a Certificate that Thomas Martin was on board H.M.S. BEDFORD at Battle of Camperdown on 11 October 1797.

A Burgess Ticket was granted to Thomas Martin, Cooper, Dundee as a Volunteer Seaman for the Royal Navy, 2 April 1795.

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VOLUME 11, August 1923 to February 1928

Page 28 and 29, re Fraternity property COPIED

Page 196, 10 August 1925. Donation of half models of ships:

DEN OF KELLY
DEN OF CROMBIE
DEN OF RUTHVEN
JUTEOPOLIS
LAWHILL
DUDHOPE
A steam ship

Donor Charles Barrie.

Page 227, 7 December 1925. Donation of a Quadrant, property of Captain Rattray, Dundee, and made by Bow (?), Dock Street, Dundee.

Page 247, 11 February 1926. Reference to Art Catalogue.

Page 410, 10 October 1927. Reference to figurehead of sailing ship LOCHEE.

VOLUME 12 February 1928 to

Page 41, 1 June 1928, Model of FOUUDROYANT.

Miss Juliet Ogilvie had written to J. & J. Ogilvie to make arrangements for removal to London of the model which had been on loan for some years to Dudhope Museum.

NOTE: Refer volume 10, page 252 for details of loan of this model.

Page 57, 7 August 1928, reference to two Antarctic pictures by W. G. Burns Murdoch one being of whaler BALAENA.

NOTE: Regarding letter 20 March 1929 from the Librarian to J. & J. Hunter on behalf of the Fraternity, there is no referrence of such letter in these minutes.

Page 190, 2 September 1929. Reference to Naval Exhibition in Edinburgh.

Page 254, 10 February 1930. Received an offer to purchase Half Model of SV LOCHEE (presented by Messrs Stephens, Dundee). The Committee agreed they had no power to sell Exhibits presented to the Department.

Page 339, 6 October 1930. Received request from Mr. Hugh Oldham, Middlesex to procure photographs of ship models at Dudhope. Agreed but must be of models in cases.

Page 442, 3 August 1931. Letter from Liverpool Organisation requesting loan of ships models and sailing whaler ... Committee decided to recommend that as we have no whaler model and the most valuable and suitable of the models at Dudhope are on loan, the request be not granted.

VOLUME 13, 14 September 1931 to 4 February 1935

Page 8, 14 September 1931. Reference to Portraits of Mr. And Mrs. George Duncan on loan from Balgowan Boys School, Downfield.

Page 35, 7 December 1931. Portrait of George Duncan's mother, also on loan from Balgowan Boys Schol, Downfield.

Page 70, 7 March 1932. Donation of model of the Missionary ship ELLENGOWAN from the premises of J. & J. Gray.

Page 82, 4 April 1932. Donation of two cases of Arctic birds which had been the property of Captain Kilgour, Tayport, and model of a paddle steamer.

Page 97. 2 May 1932. Donation of Arctic birds accepted unconditionally presented per Mr. J. C. Lindsay, 2 Bellfield Avenue, Dundee.

Page 157. Donation of book "The Story of the Life-Boat" from RNLI.

Also donation of "A ship-builders history, Alex Stephen & Sons, 1750 – 1893".
Also reference to Denny 1844/1932.

Page 270, 4 September 1933. Received offer of a model boat ANNIE for £75, declined.

Page 305, 4 December 1933. Donation of 6 Volumes "Terra Nova."

Page 314, 8 January 1938. Donation of a three masted vessel (model) by Mr. Fraser Mecalfe, 10 McNab Street, Dundee.

Also donation of 19 articles including sailing ship models etc., oil paintings and photos.
Donor W. H. Corsar, c/o M. C. Tomson & Co., 2 India Buildings.

Page 341, 5 March 1934. Donation of model of three masted Barque ASIA.
Donor Mrs. Marion MacGregor, 17 Baxter Park Terrace, Dundee.

Also bunk cover from FORFARSHIRE recovered from wreck.
Donor: William Davidson, Hillpark, Wormit.

Page 383, item 4. Reference to whaler HOPE.

Page 431. Reference to Duncan medallions.

Page 444, 7 January 1935. Donation of hull model 60 to 70 years old sailing ship showing details of internal construction.

Donor: A. Sutherland, 3 Dens Road. Dundee.

VOLUME 14, 4 February 1935 to 5 June 1938.

Page 34, 2 May 1935. Donation by Captain J. Murray, Scroggieside, Newburgh Road, Wormit, of photos of figurehead of a Norwegian Sailing Ketch (part made from) jaw bone of a whale.

Page 44, 3 June 1935. Donation of a Narwhal walking stick from William Steward, 62 Murraygate, Dundee.

Page 45, 3 June 1935. Donation ~~from of painting trustees of Mrs. Anstruther Duncan~~ "The Battle of Camperdown".

Donor: Trustees of Mrs Anstruther Duncan

Page 81, 4 October 1935. Donation of Eskimo spear head, plus another item.

Donor: Clarence Steward, 98 Victoria Road, Dundee.

Page 89-90, 28 November 1935. Painting "Crab Fishers" by James Patrick offered as a gift by David C. Doll, 26 Baxter Park Terrace. Offer declined.

Page 100. Donation of a harpoon by J. Leslie Smith, Ashwood, Dundee Road, West Ferry.

Page 112, 2 March 1936. Donation of a relief model of sailing ship DUNDEE from William Scott, 9 Loons Road, Dundee.

Page 135, 2 March 1936. Donation of model of three masted Barque MARION CROSBIE that was torpedoed during Great War.

Donation of model Brixham Smack in lead glazed case, both these donations being from John R Dunbar, 3 Caird Terrace, Dundee.

Page 218, 2 October 1936. Donation of items from western Arctic.

Page 237, 7 December 1936. Donation of half models of ships:

DUNDEE,
ERROL,
INVERTAY,
DUKE OF ARGYLL,
ARUNDEL CASTLE

Donor: Charles Barrie & Sons, 49 Meadowside, Dundee.

Page 247, 4 January 1937. Donation of half ship model of vessel RICHMOND, built by Gourlay Brothers Dundee and donated by Charles Barrie & Sons, 49 Meadowside, Dundee.

Page 335-336. Donation of painting of Barque HANDEE (or similar name) and ship AISLABY from Captain James Campbell, c/o Young, 59 Broughton Street, Edinburgh.

Page 357, 11 October 1937. Donation of model of Broughty Ferry Life Boat.

~~Donor: from~~ William

G. S. Small, 56 Old Craigie Road, Dundee.

Page 6 December 1937. Discussion re donation of figurehead of LOCHEE (9' x 3'6") from Clement Park Salvation Army Home.

Page 404, re loan of FORFARSHIRE paintings COPIED.

Page 429, 4 April 1938. Loan of model of whaler NARWHAL, lender Miss Scott, 1 Auburn Terrace, Invergowrie.

VOLUME 15, 6 June 1938 to 9 February 1942

Page 3, 6 June 1938. Donation of 2 drums elephant ears.

Page 20, 8 August 1938. The Chairman reported:

2. That the Fraternity of Masters and Seamen in Dundee have granted permission to reproduce "The Wreck of the Forfarshire" as a coloured post card and to be sold during the Centenary Week."

Page 37, 5 September 1938, re Grace Darling Pictures:

It was reported that the three Grace Darling pictures had been safely returned from Newcastle with a letter of thanks from the Curator.

Page 62, 5 December 1938. Offer of a model galleon 4'6" x 4' 6", no name, but had been made for a "Drake" competition and won an award.

Model maker and donor Mr. D. S. Grout, Dundee. Offer accepted.

Page 63. Offer of model of MAULSDEN, built at Dundee by Alexander Stephen & Son in 1875, by W. J. Walker, West Newport. Offer accepted.

Page 230. Agreed to pay £250 to MacIntosh Patrick for painting "A city garden".

Page 359. 12 May 1941. Death of Mr. A. S. Webster, Chief Librarian.

VOLUME 16, 9 February 1942 to 7 January 1946

Page 2, 9 February 1942. Re patents, 13 ½ tons as salvage. QUERY THIS.

Page 9. Offer of two watercolour drawings by McIntosh Patrick:

1. Strathmartine Lodging, Dundee
2. The Pillars, Dundee

Offer at £12 12/- each from Robertson & Bruce. Offer accepted.

Page 29-30, 11 May 1942. Reference to damage to Dudhope Museum after occupation by Military Units 1939 – 1942 inc.

Page 183, 9 August 1943. Donation of added plan of HMS CEYLON.

Page 244, 7 February 1944. Donation of Chinese 10 Dollar note from Chung Sing Ling, and Chinese 1 Dollar note from Sing Less Kue, both Merchant Navy SS ORISKANY.

Page 293, 9 June 1944. Acceptance of Gifts.

All future gifts to be accepted on condition they could be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

Page 385, 7 May 1945. Return of pictures from Crombie and Linlathen. Noted the picture store (at Albert Square) had been in use as a public Air Raid Shelter since the beginning of hostilities.

VOLUME 17, June 1946 to 1948

Page 76, 10 June 1946. Agreed the (Albert) Institute for membership of the Scottish Museums Federation.

Page 91, 5 August 1946. Donation of a letter dated 9 November 1858 from Lady Franklin to Captain Simpson of whaler HEROINE of Dundee.

Page 113, 23 August 1946. Agreed 32 pictures be on loan to Council for opening of Camperdown House.

Page 135, 9 September 1946. Further reference to pictures at Camperdown House.

Page 161, 5 December 1949. Disposal of torpedo.

NOTE: This was a German torpedo from Great War and was on display below display cases in the main ground floor gallery opposite the old main entrance.

Page 169, 9 December 1946. Following items removed to Camperdown House:

model of Dundee built DOSINA
old Dundee model (of central Dundee Circa 1880)
1914-1918 War Memorial.

Page 170, 9 December 1946. Revaluation of insurance on pictures, and reference to Dr. Honeyman of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Stanley Cursiter, Director, National Gallery of Scotland.

Page 186, 7 April 1950 (?) donation of photographs and documents relating to Dundee flier W. Preston Watson.

Page 265, 11 August 1947. Offer of donation of narwhal tusk.

Largest known narwhal tusk is one brought out by Peary after his last expedition, and is 8' 00" long and 8" at the base (probably diameter at base), now in American Museum of Natural History.

The narwhal tusk now offered is 8' 3" long and 1' 4" diameter at the butt.

Page 414, 5 December 1949. Forty Nine pictures moved from Camperdown House.

Page 391, 10 December 1951. Reference to proposed Maritime Museum at Ward Road Galleries. In reply to a question the Curator said the models would remain on display at Ward Road and not returned to Dudhope Museum.

VOLUME 18, NO DATES RECORDD, NO ITEMS EXTRACTED

VOLUME 19, NO DATES RECORDED, NO ITEMS EXTRACTED.

VOLUME 20, NO DATES RECORDED, NO ITEMS EXTRACTED

Volume 20 is probably the last bound volume of those Minutes.

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