

Opening Minute in Bonnetmaker's Lockit Book

The Aleventh of August 1660

The quich day the bonitmaker Croft of Dundie, Reprentive, takine to consideratione the loss and want of their ould and antient bouck of their acks and kiper of ther measters neams in Register, by the storme and intakine of our forsaid bruch by the Inglis, upon the first of September in anno a thousand six houndreth fiftie ane. His now creat and mead this present bouck in stead and please thereof, to contean and pres-ve our ould and antient acks and statutes that was continit in that former lost bouck by our wyse antessours, and quhat we in our tymes can think expedient and profitable, or the neirist way for the honour of God and our own weill. And also for all thos that schall by the providence of God, sused to our bonitmaker crof of dindie in all tyms heirefter.

Thomas Miller, being Deakone, present and George Spence, leat Daeken ther, And William Kreag, somtyme Deakone, With Daud Hog, older, and Johne Gib, older, and James Richertson, all three being Deaks heirftofor. And for tresent counselors David Gray and Thomas Prinrice, James Hog, Thomas Langlandes, Eaduard Spence, and William Gib. George Spence, wreiter heirof.

Sample of agreements made between Masters and Sons and Daughters of fellow Masters for service for certain periods and conditions.

Nowmbr 13 1682.- The whillk day John Mill and David qhyt, older,ag Reid for one years serwic of John Myll, his son, to be acomplised be andro mill yor., his fie is four pond Scots, ane pair of shoes, ane pair of hos, and bonet.

Andro Johns son, his task is ane dosn gryt bonets, working fyftine of the six pond sort, and twentie two of the four pond sort, Ilk one of thes to be one wiks wrk to him in tym of ther wrkink.

Januar 8, 1683. - Woillame Gib hath agreid with Elspit Smyth for one yers serwic, hir weekly work is twenty two of the six pond sort, and others accordingly, Elspit's fie is six pond thrintine shilling four penes Scots.

March 26, 1683. - James Carnigy hath agried wirh Elspit Hog for one quarter year's serwic, week about wt James Gibson, her fie is two pond Scots; her wekly task is sixtine gryt bonets, working or spinning at eightine once the pic; if ye bonet be less working the yarn is to be deliwrid bak wt the bonet, and if the bonet be mor then 18 ounce working, she is to reseawe spun yarn to our wead it, twodosn of the six pond sort at twelf ounce the pic, and two doz and eight of the four pond sort at 8 ounce the pic.

Janwy 11, 1683. - James Craig hath agried with Elspit Hog for ane half year's serwic, week About; her fie for that tyme is four pound Scots. Hir weekly task is sixtine gryt bonets, working or spring at eightine or 20 ounce the pic, or mor if njd reeqwyr, of the six pond sort two dosn, and of the four pond sort two dosn and eight, Ilk ane of this sorts qn wrought to be ane week's work.

Ayugt 6, 1683. - James Gib hath argied wt Margrit Hog, daughter to James Hog, for ane half year, week about wt her father; hir fie is from James Gib, for hir half year's wirk is fiwe mark Scots.

May 21, 1684. - Robert Philip, present Deacon, hath agried wt John Mill for ane year's serwic of Thomas Mill, his son; his fie is five pounds Scots. His weekly tesk is fortine gryt bonets, working. Of the six pond sort, twentie and ane, and of the foue pond sort twentie and eight, ilk ane of thes sorts when wrought to be ane weel's tesk to him in ther tymes of working. Agried before the old Deacon.

Feb. 17, 1690. - Whilk day, Alex. Johnston hath agried wit Wm. Gariner for his youngest daughter, Kirstan Johnston, for two year's serwic, and Wm. Oblodges himself to furnish hir suficiently in meat and clothing during the said years, and if William be content he is to heawe hir the thrid year.

July 13, 1691. - Elspit Smith and James Gib hath agried with Margret Gib, her doghtar-in-lawe, and the said James, her brother, for ean year's service week about; hie fie is 5 pound Scots money; her task is too her mother-in-lawe 32 litell bonets wickly, and too her brother James 32 litell bonets, 24 midlen, 16 mickall, all this to be observed in time of working.

Agust 28, 1693. - William Langlance hath agried with deackon Craig for ean year's service, his fie is ten pond Scots and ean bonnet . His task is ean dosn great boonets the first four days, and the nixt two 8 dighten that be larg, all this to be wrought in tyme of working be him

Novmber 6, 1693. - Andrew Mill hath agried with deackon Philip for ean year's service, his fie is 10 pond, and if hav no tinsill he is to resave 1lb more, and if he have onie he is to pay 1lb 10 sh. His task is 16 great, 24 midlin, 32 litell bonnets, and he hath two days dighten, and four days wifing, all this to be wrought in tyme of working.

September 1, 1695. - Margret Low hath agried with her two good daughters fir nin pond weight of wool, to be wrought by them evry wik in that yier aboue menshoned, and ther fie is 5 pond evry on of them.

April ye 13 day, 1702. - Deacon Gib hath agried with Margart Gib, lawfull Daughter to the decast William Gib, hath agried for a year's service; her fie is six pound Scots; her weeklie task is twentie five lang midlen bonets, spinning or working at eleven ounce ye ps bonnet.

27th May, 1718. - Deacon Carnegie and John Hoge hath agried with William Morgon for eghtien fourst ses bonnets in the week to each of them, week about, for eght pound Scots betwixt them in the year to him. What is fealing each bonnet, six pennies; each bonnet more, six pennies to him than the task.

February 3, 1729. - David Whyt hath agreed with Gorg Inness from Candlemass, 1729, to Candlemass, 1730; his weekly work is a fourth sys working and 28 dighten, 20 mangrels working and 20 dighton, 22 third sys working and 21 dighton; his fie is ten pond Scots, and he hath when his work is done he is to get a dosn to dight.

Aprile 10, 1736. - The which day Andrew Grive, Bonnetmaker, and Jame Milln, Bonnetmaker, hath agried with James Milne his son for a yeares work, if they agrie; if not he is frie at ye half yeares end, and that from Whinsday seventin hundred and tretie sex, to Mertem seventin hundred and tretie seven yeares, his work being two dozen of thred seies wefen and dreson on, and twentie Manglars working and dresen, and eightin fourt sies working and drisen; his fie is ten pound Scots.

9th December, 1738. - The which day George Innes hath agried with James Millne, son to James Millne, juner, bonnetmaker, for on years serves; his work is 14 fourths seys, 16 mangrels, and 18 third sys working and dresing, vitz, his fie Eight pond ten shilon Scots, begining elevent coront.

12th January 1998. – The Deacon informed the meeting that Craftsman Andrew Nicoll had submitted a modified Oath of Allegiance, based on the Craft style, to the SNP for consideration for adoption as their Oath of Allegiance to the forthcoming Scottish Parliament. The SNP, it was believed, had decided to use it as their Oath.

20th July 1998 – The Clerk reported ob the history if the Ralph Pryde Bequest. It was noted that the annual income from the Bequest was approximately £50. The Committee expressed the hope that this could be used to provide an annual prize for the Medical Facility of the University if Dundee. The Boxmaster was to investigate the level of value if prizes generally available to the University and report back to the Committee on the suitability of the bequest for this purpose.

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