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**United Sea Box of Bo'ness**

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## The papers of the United General Sea Box of Bo'ness

These papers contain, in addition to those of the Sea Box itself, a considerable quantity relating to the various bodies which joined it over the years, including the Landsmen's Society, the Friendly Society of Shipmasters, the Shipmasters' Society, and the New Friendly Society. The volumes have already been numbered, though some items have disappeared, and the order of this numeration (numbers in brackets) has been preserved. Where no other indication is given, the reference is to the Sea Box itself.

1. (1) Cash book, 1634-72. This volume also contains a signed resolution to repair the church and churchyard, 1697.
2. (4) Cashbook, 1701-37.
3. (5) Receipt book, 1682-1701.
4. (6) Cashbook, 1690-1749, including a list of apprentices and masters, ca.1740, and a list of the bonds granted to the Sea Box, 1700.
5. (7) Disbursement book, 1634-78; note of new rules, 1733; copy of minute of 1756; cash book, 1756-1855.
6. (8) Cash book of the Friendly Society of Shipmasters, 1757-1866.
7. (9) Rent book, 1763-91.
8. (10) Receipt book, 1786-1811; cash book, 1821-41. This volume also contains information relating to the reorganisation of the Sea Box in 1821, and to the case concerning the Sea Box's right to appoint the town crier, and list of pensioners and apprentices, 1800-39.
9. (11) Receipt book, 1660-90. This volume overlaps 3, and includes notes of payments by the same shipmasters for the same voyages, though the sums involved are different.
10. (12) Entry book, and minute book of the Sea Box Society of Grangepans, 1777-1818.
11. (13) Minute book, 1857-79.
12. (14) Minute book, 1879-95.
13. Minute book, 1895-1909.

14. (15) Decreet of Declarator by John Ritchie of the Sea Box against the Kirk Session of Bo'ness, 1764, claiming that the church had misappropriated funds supplied to it largely by the Sea Box, that it abused the marriage stent, that it had no right to allow a loft to be built in the church above that of the Sea Box, and many other things.
15. (17) Minute book of the Friendly Society of Shipmasters, 1756-1863.
16. (18) Rent book of the Friendly Society of Shipmasters, 1833-66.
17. (19) Minute book of the Shipmasters' Society, 1775-1863, including accounts for 1772-1866, and a copy of the foundation agreement, 1744.
18. (21) Annuitants receipt book for the Shipmasters' Society, [revera: Friendly Society of Shipmasters], 1790-1830.
19. (20) Annuitants receipt book for the Shipmasters' Society, [revera: Friendly Society of Shipmasters], 1831-63.
20. (22) Cashbook of the Landmen's Society, 1762-1857, including a note of the Society's rules.
21. (23) Minute book of the Landsmen's Society, 1729-1857.
22. (24) Minute book and cash book of the New Friendly Society, 1793-1808.
23. (25) Bundle of printed rules for the various Bo'ness societies.
24. (26) Minute book, 1743-1857.
25. (27) Cash book, 1856-1902, with statements of the capital belonging to the Sea Box, 1869-76.
26. (28) Manuscript copy of the rules, 1857.
27. Factor's committee minute book, 1890-1905.
28. Title deeds etc to the property of the Sea Box, 1627, 1640 (the original bond of erection signed by the participating shipmasters and sailors), 1641, 1648-9, 1655, 1657, 1666-7, 1675, 1678, 1684, 1691.

29. Title deeds etc to the property of the Sea Box, 1627, 1640 (the original bond of erection signed by the participating shipmasters and sailors), 1699, 1719, 1729, 1739-40, 1856.
30. Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1715-1819.
31. Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1820-29.
32. Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1831-9.
33. Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1869-1967.
34. Miscellaneous formal documents relating to the Sea Box, including bonds, judicial papers, petitions and rentals, 1660, 1701, 1710, 1718-19, 1732, 1784-5.  
  
Correspondence, 1790, 1855-6, 1870-74, 1911, 1913, 1936, 1953.  
  
Miscellaneous papers, including plans, 1766, 1805, ca.1870, and a drawing of the Sea Box bell, ca.1897.
35. Friendly Society of Shipmasters, miscellaneous correspondence, accounts, and other papers, 1762, 1768, 1780-92, 1841.  
  
Printed rules, 1835.
36. Proceedings of the United General Sea Box of Borrowstounness Friendly Society at the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, 16 November 1984.
37. "Inventory of All Cash Books, Minute Books, and other Documents belonging to the United General Sea Box of Borrowstounness contained in this Safe - No.2", 1906.