

Trades House of Glasgow

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In ancient times, every Incorporation had an Officer, this was not a rank, it was more of a servant to the Incorporation who assisted the Deacon in the administration of the organisation. On becoming a new member of the Incorporation, the person would have to serve as Officer until a new member was admitted and they would then take over the position. This was an unpaid position and would have to be carried out in addition to trying to earn a living as a tradesman whilst at the same time not being allowed to hire an Apprentice or a servant until two years after he finished his time as an apprentice. He would still have to pay his Quarter dues to the Craft as every other member of the Incorporation had to.

In 1587, the Skinners Incorporation agreed to pay the Officer the "*custom pennies in the market*". The custom pennies were also known as "*strangers' brod pennies*" and this was the tax levied on tradespeople from outside of Glasgow, bringing in goods which fell under the Skinner's Craft, for sale in Glasgow. The men of Gorbals did not pay the brod penny as they had an agreement with the Incorporation whereby, they paid the Incorporation for the privilege of setting up stalls next to the Skinners. From just after 1696, the Officer became a permanent official and additional duties were given to him.

The duties of the officer included:

1. Warn Craftsmen and Masters of dates and times of meetings of the Craft.
2. To carry the Box and candles to the meeting place.
3. To attend on the Deacon at all public occasions such as banquets, processions, and the conveying of distinguished gentlemen in or out of town.
4. Execution with the concurrence of the Town's Officer the decrees of poinding (now known as impounding) and distraint passed by the Deacons and Masters on a Craft culprit.
5. One of the recognised searcher of skins, this was so that tax could be paid on the skins.
6. Warning members of the funeral of a freeman or a freeman's wife, bairns or relations.

Once the Officer was a paid post, he was supplied in addition to his salary with clothing, hat, shoes, stockings, an overcoat, and sometimes a wig.

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Name	Year
William Lethelan	1568
Thomas Knox received 2/6d for his labours.	1575
Johne Jape	1587
Alexander Jape	1588
Patrick Gamill	1591
James Mathie	1594
Johne Pollok	1596
Thomas Gilmor	1597
James Fergusson	1598
James Rowand	1599
Patrik Bar	1600
Alexr. Cauldwell	1601
Hendrie Smithe	1602
John Padie	1603 - 04
John Gemmill	1605
Andro Muir	1606
Alexander Luife	1607
Robert Gemill	1608
Edward Bowie	1609
William Biggart	1610
William Gillis	1611
Andrew Craig	1612
John Biggart	1613
William Carbarns	1614
Robert Steill	1615
John Ferguson	1616
David Ingram	1617
Michael Muir	1618
Archibald Barr	1618
Archibald Pollock	1619
John Ingram	1620
William Jaip	1621
Walter Watsoune	1622
William Myller	1623
John Young	1624
Rot. Auldcorne	1625
James Barr	1626
Mathow Crawford	1627
Robert Ferguson	1629
James Hutchessoun	1630
James Jaip	1632
Johne Pollock	1633
James Luife	1634
James Ranking	1635
James Steill	1636
Jon Jaip	1637
Ard. Selkrig	1638
William Allane	1639
Mathow Thomsoun	1640

George Leiper	1642
Jon Miller	1644
George Clerk	1645
William Rodger	1650
George Leipper	1650
James Patersoun	1651
Jon Williamsoun	1652
William Love	1653
John Hamill	1654
Gabriell Conyninghame	1655 – 1658
David Wilson	1660
John Scott	1661
William Findlay	1661
Gabriell Conyninghame	1662 – 1665
James Cunnynghame	1666
George Hall	1667
William Wyllie	1668
James Millar	1669
Gabriell Conyninghame	1670 – 1671
David Scott	1672
James Weir	1673
Robert Millar	1676
Robert Stirling	1677 – 1678
Thomas Gibsone	12 th November 1680
William Auchincloiss	24 th February 1682
James Auchincloiss, younger	2 nd November 1683
James Barnhill	September 1684
Thomas Gibson	3 rd November 1685
Thomas Gibson	17 th December 1686
William Auchinclosse	19 th December 1688
Thomas Gibsone	19 th September 1690
Samuell Bulloch	6 th November 1691
John Glen	23 rd September 1692
William Purcloune	3 rd November 1693
William Auchinclosse, younger	21 st September 1694
Thomas Auchinclosse	20 th September 1695
Thomas McKippen	18 th September 1696
James Younge, younger	17 th September 1697
James Younge	23 September 1698
James Younge	22 nd September 1699
James Younge	1 st November 1700
James Younge and William Pattersone	7 th November 1701
James Younge	6 th November 1702
James Younge	17 th September 1703
James Younge	12 th September 1706
James Younge and James Millar	19 th September 1707
James Younge } Officer from:	23 rd September 1709
James Younge } Officer till:	1736
Robert Fulton } Officer from:	5 th May 1737
Robert Fulton } Officer till:	1746
John Tassie, junior } Officer from:	2 nd May 1746
John Tassie, junior } Officer till:	8 th November 1765

No lists of Officers from:	1765 to 1799
James Young	3 rd October 1800
John Watson on James Young's resignation 20/- ordered to be paid to Peter Young, the unsuccessful candidate as a compliment.	28 th November 1800
William Jack (at a salary of £6 sterling)	18 th November 1817
James Rodger	20 th September 1844
John Keir	19 th September 1845
George Proudfoot	19 September 1851