

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Local authority records

Bo'ness Courts Finding Aid

This finding aid contains lists of records of the various courts in the Burgh of Bo'ness prior to 1975.

Bo'ness (Borrowstounness) was made a Burgh of Regality in 1668, a Burgh of Barony in 1748 and a Police Burgh in 1883. The Burgh was incorporated in 1903. Local Government originated with the Bo'ness Harbour Trustees in 1744. The Trustees became Town and Harbour Trustees in 1843 with enlarged powers. In 1883 the Trustees were replaced by Police and Burgh Commissioners who were in turn replaced in 1903 by Bo'ness Town Council. In 1975 Bo'ness and the surrounding area became part of Falkirk District. Previously the surrounding area had been part of the County of West Lothian.

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Bo'ness Licensing Court was responsible for licensing premises for the sale of alcohol under legislation dating from 1808 and subsequent amendments and additional legislation. The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1903 included a requirement to deposit plans of licensed premises with the licensing courts, and the regulation of licensed clubs. Licensing courts in burghs and counties were held twice a year, with an appeal to licensing appeal courts consisting partly of JPs and partly of councillors.

Bo'ness Licensing Court was replaced by Falkirk District Licensing Board in 1976 under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976.

A818.003	1904-1919	Minute Book.
A799.071	1904-1952	Licensing Court Book

Bo'ness Burgh Court

Burgh Police Courts were responsible for summary jurisdiction and handled minor crimes. Royal burghs had courts from the medieval period, while the feudal lord of burghs of barony was entitled to hold barony courts. Under the Police Act, 1833 and subsequent Police Acts the right or obligation to hold burgh courts (also known as police courts) were extended to Police Burghs.

Bo'ness Burgh Court was replaced by Falkirk District Court following local government re-organisation in 1975

A818.004	1934-1965	Sentence book
A799.063	1902-1906	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court. <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.064	1906-1910	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.065	1911-1913	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.066	1913-1915	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.067	1921-1924	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.068	1931-1934	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.069	1934-1937	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.070	1937-1941	Register of Youthful Offenders. Bo'ness Burgh Court <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>
A799.072	1918-1951	West Lothian Constabulary General Order Book
A1200.001	1965-1971	Juvenile Court Register. <i>Closed for 100 years from last date in volume</i>