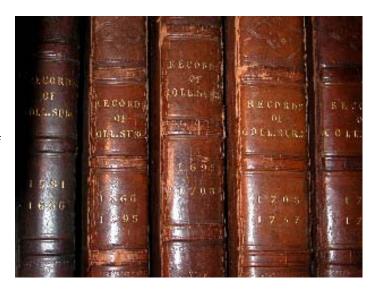
## **Minute Books**

RCSEd 1 and 2: The Record/Minute/Sederunt Books of the Deacon/President's Council (1581- )

The archive contains a fascinating set of original minute books. They form a continuous record from 1581 to the present, charting the development of the College and its part in the history of surgery.

This remarkable record, initially in old Scots, is a detailed account of the



activities of the institution. It records Diploma, Licentiate, Membership, Fellowship and Honorary awards, deaths, gifts and donations, events and developments, thoughts and deeds of many famous medical historical figures and with other national institutions. Other documents here date from 1460. Together these are an invaluable historical resource and may be consulted by arrangement through the library.

Volumes 1-9 are available digitally scanned here and in the National Archives of Scotland search rooms. The first one has been transcribed and the first three have handwritten translations. There are manuscript nineteenth century indices available. The volumes have been bound as below.

Vol 1	Vol 5	Vol 9	Vol 13	Vol 17	Vol 21	Vol 25	Vol 29
1581-1666	1738-1770	1822-1828	1846-1854	1878-1888	1920-1927	1945-1949	1965-1968
Vol 2	Vol 6	Vol 10	Vol 14	Vol 18	Vol 22	Vol 26	Vol 30
1666-1695	1771-1793	1828-1832	1854-1859	1888-1897	1927-1934	1950-1954	1969-1971
Vol 3	Vol 7	Vol 11	Vol 15	Vol 19	Vol 23	Vol 27	Vol 31
1695-1708	1793-1810	1832-1838	1859-1868	1897-1908	1935-1939	1954-1960	1972-1973
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