

Guide to the Masonic Lodge Collection - 2015.35

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Collection Summary

Dates 1870-2000
Bulk dates 1870-1930
Level of description Collection
Extent
Creator(s) Masonic Lodge

Administrative/Biographical History

The first Masonic meeting in the region that became Colorado took place in 1858. By 1858, due to the discovery of gold in Gilpin County, many Masons had arrived and they were determined to form a new Masonic lodge. In June of that year, a committee of three obtained a block of ground, and in a matter of weeks, they held a meeting of over 200 Masons at what is presumed to be the first “Masonic Temple” between the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast. In 1861, the federal government officially recognized the Territory of Colorado, and in that year, the Grand Lodge of Colorado (Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons) was formed.

In Greeley: In 1870, a group of Greeley Masons was granted a dispensation to operate a lodge. The charter was granted on September 26, 1871, to Occidental Lodge No. 20. The Lodge occupied six distinct locations during its development, the cornerstone for the Greeley Masonic Temple having been laid in 1927.

To satisfy the demands of a growing population, the Masons also established a presence outside Greeley. The Windsor Lodge No. 69 was instituted in 1887 and operated independently until 1986, when it was consolidated with Occidental Lodge #20.

The Masonic Lodge in Eaton was formed in 1899 and chartered in 1900, under the name of Abdallah Lodge No. 109. In 1906, its name was changed to Eaton Lodge No. 109. The Eaton Lodge never had a Temple of its own, meeting instead in rented quarters.

In 2015, the Masonic Temple in Greeley was sold, and the group merged with the Masonic Lodge in Fort Collins.

Scope and Content

This collection contains meeting minutes, financial records, photographs, correspondence, member registers, visitor logs, and legal documents that chronicle the history of Freemasonry in and around Greeley, Colorado from the 1870s to about 2000. Most materials are from Greeley's Occidental Lodge (A.F. & A.M.) No. 20, Windsor Lodge No. 69, and the Eaton/Abdallah Lodge No. 109. In addition, there are some ledgers, minutes, and other records from Greeley Chapter No. 13 of the Royal Arch Masons, (R.A.M.) Knights Templar, and Hiram Council No. 7 (Royal and Select Masters) in Eaton.

System of Arrangement

No original order in the collection. Ledgers, rosters, and minute books are chronological records. Order imposed by object type, then by Lodge of origin, then chronologically.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

English

Immediate source Of acquisition

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Notes

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Names

Abbott, J.W.

Abbott, Orla, d.1918

Adams, John T.

Ahrend, William J., 1867-1934

Akey, John N.

Alkire, Giles N.

Allam, James M.

Allam, Percy
Allred, Robert E.L.
Bush, French
Butscher, L. C.
Carlson, Arthur
Carlson, Kenneth H.
Carpenter, James L.
Carrel, Lee B.
Challgren, John A.
Charles, Carl D.
Charles, William C.
Childs, Francis L, d. 1898
Clabough, Ralph L.
Clark, Roy B.
Claughley, Robert
Claus, La Vern, 1898-1982
Clauson, Edwin
Cleveland, Joseph C.
Cloughly, Robert
Coggin, Morris
Cole, Albert R.
Collins, Annetta
Colvin, Harold E.
Conley, John A.
Cope, B.L.
Cope, Frank E.
Crittenden, Stafford Henry
Crooks, Henry
Crosby, Clarence W.
Culbertson, John P.
Cullison, J.N.
Cullison, Thomas Grant, 1868-1961
Culter, R. Gilbert
Cunningham, Ivan H
Custer, Jasper O.
Dallage, Rodolph Edward
David, Jesse M.
Davis, W. J.
Davison, Freeman A.
Day, Charles Milton
Day, W.J.
deGroot, Albert
Delbridge, William H., 1874-1962
Denike, Edward A.
Detweiler, John S.
DeVotie, Harry Manville

Dickerson, A.R..
Dickerson, S.D.
Dickerson, George Kins, 1869-1962
Dickerson, I.N.
Dille, Chester M
Donald, Joseph C.
Doty, William A.
Douglass, Walter H.
Dowding, Charles
Downey, Elijah H.
Eaton, Bruce Gilbert, 1868-1947
Eddy, Howard Louis
Edgar, D.O.
Edwards, H.R.
Emry, David R.
English, Glen D.
Eskew, Leonard
Evans, George W.
Evans, Lawrence G.
Evans, William H.
Evarts, Barney
Ewalt, Ralph G.
Ewing, Frank Irwin, 1876-1947
Faust, George
Ferguson, Lory E.
Ferman, Cyril
Finley, Archie F.
Finley, Charles F.
Finn, George W.
Fisher, Clifford
Fisher, Erwin
Fisher, John
Flagle, Warren H.
Fleming, Lloyd
Florance, B.H.
Florance, B.H.
Flower, Harrison F., d. 1913
Focht, William Moses
Foltz, Joseph A.
Force, William W.
Foster, F.A.
Foster, T.G.
Fould, R. Karl
Fox, A.E.
Fox, Albert L.
Frazier, David

Frazier, Frank
French, Henry A, d. 1899
Frye, George H.
Fuhrken, William A.
Fuller, Samuel
Gant, L.C.
Garrigues, J.E.
Garrigues, James A., d. 1946
Gatseos, George Gus
Gazlav, Richard C.
Gettchel, Scott L.
Gibben, Tommy
Gill, William H., 1860-1938
Glick, Joseph M.
Gordon, Elmer L.
Gormley, T.B.
Graham, George W.
Graves, H.H.
Gress, Jerry L.
Gress, William B., 1877-1956
Hagarty, William
Hahn, Adam
Hahn, Elmer
Hall, J.S.
Hall, Robert L., 1851-1926
Hall, W.T.
Hancock, Curil
Hanna, Robert E., 1875-1969
Harley, Clinton Strong
Harrington, F.R.
Harrison, John J.
Hartman, Charles L.
Hatch, W. J.
Hayden, William G.
Healey
Heaton, C.
Hegan, Ed
Hemmerle, Edward A.
Hickman, Everette Cecil
Hickman, Ralph
Higgins, George W.
Hill, Otis
Hillary, J.G.
Holman, Raymond
Hoover, E.A. (Buzz), 1902-1973
Howard, A.

Howard, John
Hoyt, Edward R.
Huckabee, Ted L.
Huffsmith, Albert, 1876-1954
Huitt, Darrell H.
Hunt, C.F.
Hunt, Merritt G.
Husk, Guy
Huston
Jackson, Charles N., 1871-1954
Jaenes, James
James, A.W.
James, Tom L.
Johns, Rudolph H., d. 1904
Johnson, Bruce F., 1834-1930
Johnson, James H.
Johnson, S. P.
Johnston, Charles Macbeth
Johnston, Harry J
Johnston, W.J.
Jones, Charles B.
Jones, Hubert Rex
Jones, William
Kane, Van Ness
Kelley, David
Kendrick, George W
Kennedy, Clarence
Kennedy, J. Howard
Kennedy, W.W.
Kern, Edgar L.
Kern, Lewis
Ketleson, Frank P.
Keys, James H.
Kidd, David S.
Kinkade, J.H.
Kinney, Gerald K.
Kinzie, Bert
Knelly, Charles A.
Knowles
Kobel, Alvin E.
Koeltler, Conrad
Kolaric, Vaclav L.
Kraemer, Emil T.
Krueger, Frederic F.
Lackey, Herbert
Laird, Thomas Spencer

Lane, Walter V.
Laughlin, David F.
Laughlin, Roy Clifford
Lavery, Kenneth G.
Law, George W.
Law, L.D.
Laybourn, Myron Henry
Levy, Ralph Willis
Lindblad, Burnice E.
Lindblad, Gary
Lindblad, George A.
Lindblad, S. August
Littler, Ray
Lloyd, Phillip W.
Lofgren, Harold W.
Lowry, Beverly D.
Luben, Francis B.
Lucas, Clement Mathew
Lucas, George
Lucas, Theodore
Luce, Charles W.
Luecht, Jim W.
Lundy, Robert D.
Lynch, Andrew Rl
Mannon, James
Marshall, Geo. G.
Martin, Cornelius A.
Martin, Robert
Martindale, R.E.
Mausen, C.F.
Mayher, William M., 1843-1923
McDowell, William A.
McGruder, James
McHood, W.E.
McIndoo, J.M.
McIndoo, James M.
McKee, William A.
McNaughton, J.A.
McNaughton, James B.
McNelvey, V.
McPherson, William Smith
Metcalf, Norman
Metz, James Alla
Meyer, Charles
Miller, Clarence A.
Miller, Clarence J.

Miller, Dale
Miller, Raymond C.
Miller, Wm.L.
Milne, James
Minckivitz, Ernst Ulrich
Moody, D. Lawrence
Moody, William B.
Morrish, Arthur W.
Myers, Vern L.
Nashland, Ole A.
Neece, Donald H.
Neff, Edward
Neill, Clarence T., d. 1961
Neill, Morton J.
Nelson, George E.
Newell, James S.
Newton, R. James
Nixon, C.A.
Nixon, John C., 1868-1943
Norcross, Bob
Norcross, Fred B., 1874-1952
O'Hara, Joseph G.
Oglivy, John
Paris, William
Parker, Harvey D., 1868-1930
Paul, Charles
Paul, John
Peake, William P.
Perkins, John Travers
Petersen, Arthur E.
Petrikin, John Montgomery Brindle, 1866-1957
Pierce, Fredrick Charles
Pierce, Oakley
Polcen, John G.
Pollard, George W.
Pool, Presley
Poole, Charles Ford
Porter, Frank R.
Porter, Newman
Potter, Chester L.
Potter, Clarence E.
Potter, James D., d. 1932
Price, Alexander B.
Price, E.R.
Primmer, Ernest
Puler, Victor A.

Raetz, Albert
Rasmussen, Ralph
Raymond, E.I.
Reppe, John E.
Reynolds, Hubert
Rhodes, Robert W.
Rice, William H.
Richards, George Irving, 1883-1968
Rickard, William J.
Riggs, M.D.
Roberg, John E.
Robinson, Arther
Ross, Alvin
Rowe, Amos James
Rowe, George
Royer, Elmer S.
Rundquist, louis
Russell, Eldo A.
Russell, J.J.
Ryerson, John H.
Sabin, E.A.
Sautter, Ben
Schmidt, Louis
Schute, Martha A.
Sear, George
Sease, Worth
Severance, D.E.
Severance, David
Shane, Joseph H.
Shaw, Fred
Shaw, Harry H.
Shaw, Kenneth M.
Shepard, Chauncy B.
Simpson, Cecil J.
Sly
Smith, Charles H.
Smith, Cloyd
Smith, E.B.
Smith, Thomas C.
Snyder, E. Tyndall, 1885-1938
Snyder, E.R.
Snyder, Frank
Soapes, Alvin Dwight
Sorensen, Theodore, 1880-1964
Southard, Samuel Harvey
Spalding, Willilam E.

Spindle, B.S.
Springer, George W.
Springer, J.H.
Stabler, M.C.
Stanley, Charles E., d. 1899
Stephens, Roy
Stewart, G.E.
Stoll, Harold
Stone, Lee
Straight, D.C.
Sullivan, Frank E.
Sutor, Arthur G.
Swanson, C.
Swanson, H.
Swearingen, Russell H.
Taylor, Charles B.
Taylor, Eugene B.
Taylor, John A., d. 1927
Taylor, Warren Merle
Teel, Walter
Teller, G. Stanley
Teller, G.H.
Teller, George Briggs
Teller, Harrison
Teller, Harrison V.
Tennessee, Joe
Thomas, Hiram
Thompson, Harry M.
Thompson, W. E.
Thompson, William Hall, d. 1945
Tool, Charles S.
Trask
Tucker, George W.
Tully, Horton C.
Van Horn, Lester E.
Van Valkenburg, R.J.
Vanderlip, Jim C.
Vaughn, J. Wendell
Veldran, Eugene
Voshell, Richard C.
Vuagniaux, Ulysses
Waldo, Ralph E.
Walter, Edward C..
Walters, Edward E.
Warren, Harley F.
Warren, Newton A.

Waterhouse, Frank Ernest
 Webster, J.C.
 Welch, Samuel T.
 Welsh, William H.
 West, H.T. (Henry Tracey), 1824-1922
 Whan, W.D.
 Wheeler, Charles H., d. 1921
 Whitford, Ralph N.
 Wigle, Edwin C.
 Wilkinson, W.L.
 Willard, L. B.
 Willard, LeBaron, d. 1911
 Williams, B.
 Williams, E.
 Williams, G.M.
 Williams, Henry L.
 Williams, Richard S.
 Williams, W.E.
 Williams, William G.
 Wood, Edward
 Wood, James E.
 Wood, T.B.
 Woodbury, J. A. (Joseph Albert), 1832-1913
 Woodman, Lawrence Alfred
 Woods, J.E.
 Yardley, Charles J.
 Young, Theodore
 Zick, Herbert Arthur, 1898-1985

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Subjects Fraternal Organizations

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 Membership Returns
 Petitions for Initiation

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Subseries B: Letters documenting the “Courtesy Work” of the Lodge between 1940 and 1950. Most letters are from Charles Bursiel, as Secretary, and of the same type as in Subseries A.

Subseries C: Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers, Occidental Lodge #20
Financial statements 1993-1994
Biographical info for awards to be given to Joe Tennesen and William Paris
Shearson-Lehman correspondence
Lists of Past Masters

Subseries D. Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers, Windsor Lodge #69.
A biographical sketch of George Rowe, Windsor Lodge #69
Memorial Service for a Mason
Rent receipt
Unused receipt book for donations

Series II: Legal Documents

Subseries A: Huston/Sly documents:
Witness statements in the matter of Mr. Huston and Mrs. Sly, 1919

Subseries B: Harry W. Johnston documents:
Witness statements in the “Masonic trial” of Harry W. Johnston, 1930

Subseries C: Theodore Young documents
Transcript of the Masons’ investigation of Theodore Young

Subseries D: Warranty deed
Daniel A. Camfield and the Greeley Masonic Temple

Subseries E: Articles of Incorporation
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Subseries F: Windsor Lodge real estate documents:
Documents pertaining to real estate transactions of Windsor Lodge #69, including loan records, deeds of trust, and quit claim deeds.

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Subseries B: Membership returns. Organized in folders by date range.

Subseries C: Member Registers
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Subseries D: Visitor Logs
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Series V: Financial Records, Cash Books, Ledgers

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Subseries D: Related Masonic Bodies

Series VI: Photographs

Subseries A: Worshipful Master portraits, Occidental Lodge #20, ordered from oldest to newest. Names on verso.

Subseries B: Thirty-six portraits of members. No date. Names or partial names on verso.

Subseries C: Portraits of past members, unidentified

Subseries D: Group pictures, without names

Subseries E: Worshipful Master portraits, Windsor Lodge #69, Ordered from oldest to newest.

Subseries F: Small individual portraits with biographical info; small photos, unidentified, Windsor Lodge #69. Associated with 3-ring binder.

Series VII: Scrapbooks

Album containing pictures and newspaper clippings of Masonic Temples across the nation, 1927-1957, with attribution inside back cover.

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Windsor Lodge #69 – 4 books
Eaton Lodge #109-7 books

Series IV: Meeting Minutes/Records

Subseries A: Occidental Lodge #20
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Subseries B: Windsor Lodge #69
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ARC-Masons 1-006 N/A

Rehoused with scrapbooks:
8 books

Subseries C: Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109
Rehoused with scrapbooks:
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Subseries D: Visitor Registers/ Logs
Rehoused with scrapbooks:
Occidental Lodge #20 – 3 books
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Eaton Lodge #109 – 7 books
Related Masonic Bodies:
Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar - 3 books

Series V: Financial Records: cash books and ledgers

Subseries A: Occidental Lodge #20
Rehoused with scrapbooks:
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Subseries B: Windsor Lodge #69
Rehoused with scrapbooks:
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Subseries C: Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109
Rehoused with scrapbooks:
8 books

Subseries D: Related Masonic Bodies

Box	Folder(s)
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Rehoused with scrapbooks:
Royal Arch Masons – 5 books
Knights Templar – 1 book
Hiram Council #7 – 1 book

Series VI: Photographs

Subseries A: Worshipful Master Portraits- Occidental Lodge #20

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Subseries B: Member Portraits- Occidental Lodge #20

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Subseries C: Unidentified portraits

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ARC-Masons 1-001	16-18

Subseries D: Group pictures, unidentified

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Subseries E: Worshipful Masters – Windsor Lodge #69

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Subseries F: Small portraits with biographical info; small unidentified photos, Windsor Lodge #69

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Series VII: Scrapbook

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Series VIII: Objects

Subseries A: Top Hats

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Subseries B: Projectors

Rehoused with Education Collection.