

## 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.

### **Conditions**

**Governing access** There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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### **Governing**

### **Reproduction and**

### **Use**

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

### **Languages and Scripts of the Materials**

English

### **Immediate source Of acquisition**

Materials in this collection were donated by Occidental Lodge #20.

### **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.  
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Faust, George  
Ferguson, Lory E.  
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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

**Places**                    Greeley (Colo.)  
                                  Windsor (Colo.)  
                                  Eaton (Colo.)

**Subjects**                Fraternal Organizations

**Document Forms**      Correspondence  
                                  Ledgers –cash books/financial records  
                                  Rosters/Registers/Logs  
                                  Photographs  
                                  Minutes – meeting records  
                                  Property deeds, loan documents  
                                  Legal documents - witness statements, testimony  
                                  Receipt books  
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                                  Petitions for Initiation

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### **Series I: Correspondence**

**Subseries A:** Letters documenting the “Courtesy Work” of the Lodge between 1915 and 1940. Most letters are from Alfred Riley in his capacity as Secretary, and deal with management issues, inter-Lodge transactions, charitable works, and other Masonic business.

**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  
Occidental Lodge #20

**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.

### **Series III: Membership Records**

**Subseries A:** Petitions for Initiation, Windsor Lodge. Organized in folders by date range, alphabetical within each folder.

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

**Subseries C:** Member Registers  
Occidental Lodge #20  
Windsor Lodge #69  
Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109

### **Series IV: Meeting Records/Minutes**

**Subseries A:** Greeley Occidental Lodge #20

**Subseries B:** Windsor Lodge #69

**Subseries C:** Abdallah/Eaton Lodge #109

**Subseries D:** Visitor Logs  
Occidental Lodge #20  
Eaton Lodge #109

### **Series V: Financial Records, Cash Books, Ledgers**

**Subseries A:** Greeley, Occidental Lodge #20

**Subseries B:** Windsor Lodge #69

**Subseries C:** Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109

**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.

### **Series VIII: Objects**

**Subseries A:** Top Hats

**Subseries B:** Projectors

### **Container List**

#### **Series I: Correspondence**

**Subseries A:** 1915-1940

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-002	1-8

**Subseries B:** 1940-1960

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-003	1-8

**Subseries C:** Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers, Occidental Lodge #20

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**Subseries D:** Miscellaneous Correspondence and Papers, Windsor Lodge #69

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#### **Series II: Legal Documents**

**Subseries A:** Huston/Sly documents

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-003	N/A

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**Subseries F:** Windsor Lodge real estate documents  
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**Subseries B:** Membership Returns  
**Box** **Folder(s)**  
ARC-Masons 1-005 1-8  
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**Subseries C:** Member Registers  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
Occidental Lodge #20 – 11 books  
Windsor Lodge #69 – 4 books  
Eaton Lodge #109-7 books

### **Series IV: Meeting Minutes/Records**

**Subseries A:** Occidental Lodge #20  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
22 books

**Subseries B:** Windsor Lodge #69  
**Box** **Folder(s)**  
ARC-Masons 1-006 N/A

Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
8 books

**Subseries C:** Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
8 books

**Subseries D:** Visitor Registers/ Logs  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
Occidental Lodge #20 – 3 books  
Windsor Lodge #69 – 1 book  
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:  
26 books

**Subseries B:** Windsor Lodge #69  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
5 books

**Subseries C:** Eaton/Abdallah Lodge #109  
Rehoused with scrapbooks:  
8 books

**Subseries D:** Related Masonic Bodies

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-006	N/A

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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ARC Masons 1-001	1-15

**Subseries B:** Member Portraits- Occidental Lodge #20

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ARC Masons 1-001	20-26



**Subseries C:** Unidentified portraits

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-001	16-18

**Subseries D:** Group pictures, unidentified

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-001	19

**Subseries E:** Worshipful Masters – Windsor Lodge #69

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-007	1-9

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

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-007	10-12

**Series VII: Scrapbook**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder(s)</b>
ARC-Masons 1-0008	N/A

**Series VIII: Objects**

**Subseries A:** Top Hats

Rehoused with Objects and Education Collection.

**Subseries B:** Projectors

Rehoused with Education Collection.