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Freemason Centennial Lodge, 747 Philo  
Records, 1880-1975

Collection 85

## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate Name:** Freemasons Centennial Lodge 747

**Inclusive Dates:** 1880-1975

**Physical Description:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Freemasons Centennial Lodge 747 Collection materials were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

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**Historical Note:**

Centennial Lodge 747 was a Masonic lodge in Philo, Illinois that acted as a meeting place for Freemasons accepted into that chapter. The Freemasons are a fraternal organization that are organized into Lodges. The local Lodges are usually supervised and governed at the regional level by a Grand Lodge. Freemason members attend frequent meetings where they discuss finances, charitable works, and Freemasonry rituals.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Freemasons Centennial Lodge 747 records at the Champaign County Historical Archives document official social and financial activities of the Masonic chapter in Philo from 1880-1975. The materials consist of annual reports, receipts (taxes, utilities, and dues), member petitions, regalia order forms, reports and letters from the state and national Grand Master, miscellaneous documents pertaining to members of the lodge, and a photocopy of the lodge's bylaws. Documents list member admittance, member attendance at meetings, member activity within the society, and financial history of the lodge. Please see the list of names of people within the collection starting at the bottom of Page 2.

**Arrangement:**

This collection has been arranged into five series: Annual Reports, Finances, Official Documents of Lodge No. 747, Petitions for Masonic Degrees, and State and National News/Forms.

**Subject Terms:**

Fraternal Organizations--Philo--Records and Correspondence

Freemasonry--Philo

Men--Societies and Clubs--Philo



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**Name Terms:**

Freemasons. Centennial Lodge 747 (Philo, Ill.)

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

**Annual Reports**

Folders 1-2: Annual Reports (42), 1919; 1934-1939; 1940-1945; 1947-1960; 1966-1971; 1974-1975

**Finances**

Folder 3: Real Estate Tax, circa 1881-1972

Folder 4: Receipt Books (16), 1898-1919, 1968-1970

Folder 5: Receipts and Cancelled Checks, 1900-1974

**Official Documents of Lodge No. 747**

Folder 6: Lodge Dimit, 1901-1909

Folder 7: Reports to District Deputy Grand Master, 1924-1959

Folder 8: Bylaws, undated

Folder 9: Blank Forms, undated

**Petitions for Masonic Degrees**

Folder 10: Petitions (Documents #1-45), 1929-1965

Folder 11: Petitions (Documents #46-92, #96-97), 1894-1971

**State and National News, Forms**

Folder 12: Rosters, 1880-1973

Folder 13: Regalia, circa 1900-1970

Folder 14: Obituaries, 1912, 1961

Folder 15: Illinois Annual Reports, Lodge Listings, 1970-1972

**Index of Names in Collection:**

These records contain date of birth, place of birth, place of residence, and occupation for the following individuals.

Alexander, Robert Lee

Banhart, Rexford Dean

Bell, Lloyd Allison

Boring, Walter Gilbert

Brand, Clifford Alonzo

Brand, Irven Garfield

Brand, Lawrence Lynn

Brand, Robert Irven

Bray, Ellis Elmer

Brazelton, Jewell Lindberg

Brewer, Isaac

McCloskey, Mark Lee

McCoy, George Wesley

McKinney, Charles Clayton

McKinney, Charles Merle

Meharry, George Francis

Merkle, Carl William

Miller, Billie J.

Miller, Jr., William James

Mitchell, Leslie R.

Mooney, John Van

Penman, Robert Morris



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Brewer, Walter Mumm	Pierce, John Bernard
Burton, Clarence James	Ray, Eugene Cecil
Cecil, Clifford Ray	Ray, Franklin Jerome
Clark, George Estes	Ray, Joseph Wayne
Clark, Kermit Michael	Reed, Dan Earl
Cressey, James Norman	Reed, Dwight Lewis
Dilley, Collins	Rennels, Robert Gossett
Dilley, Edward Wayne	Riggs, Emil Oliver
Dilley, Owen	Seaborn, Jack H.
Ellars, Harley Eugene	Shepherd, Verne Chalmer
Folty, Jr., Charles James	Shepherd, Vernon Dean
Foster, Jr., Russell LaVern	Shirley, Joseph Howard
Griffin, Billy Andrew	Stahl, George Raymond
Gustafson, Ronald Arthur	Stahl, George Robert
Harnsberger, Edward Grove	Stahl, Louis Orlan
Harris, Kenneth Edwin	Stearns, Willard A.
Harris, Larry Allen	Stewart, Charles Roy
Hinners, Donald Ivan	Stone, George Earl
Hinners, Harold Charles	Storm, William Franklin
Hinners, Ivan Floyd	Taubert, Anthony Burch
Jenkinson, John Benjamin	Tracy, Robert Darrel
Johnson, Jr., Carl Alvan	Wiley, James Philip
Lafenhagen, Glen Harold	Wilson, Fred Pierce
Lafenhagen, Leo Francis	Wilson, George W.
Landes, Jack Lyle	Wilson, Harold Henry
Leach, Bill	Wilson, James Arthur
Licht, Kenneth Eugene	Wimmer, Newton
Lovingfoss, Philip Henry	Wing, Edward
Lovingfoss, Robert Burr	Winings, Robert L.
Maxey, Albert Shook	Wood, Victor Lee