

## **P789 Records of St Peter's Operative Lodge of Freemasons No. 284, Thurso**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P789

Alternative reference number:

Title: Records of St Peter's Operative Lodge of Freemasons No. 284, Thurso

Dates of creation: 1757-2003

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 9 boxes

Format: Paper, wood, glass, fabric

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: St Peter's Operative Lodge of Freemasons No. 284, Thurso

Administrative history: The earliest lodges in Caithness were St John's in Thurso (No.45), established c.1741, and St Fergus in Wick (No.252), which received its charter c.1793.

St John's Lodge originally had a membership comprising both professional people and landowners, and artisans. In 1818 the artisans broke away and established their own lodge, St Peter's Operative, which received its charter in February 1820. In 1826 the Roll of the Grand Lodge was established and it was given the number 284.

Lodge St John No.141 (45) became dormant in 1830, and Lodge St Fergus No 252 about ten years later (the present Lodge St Fergus No.466 received its Charter in 1867). "Thus St Peter's Operative became the senior Lodge in Caithness."

(Taken from St Peter's Lodge website: <http://www.lodge284.com/aboutus.htm>.)

Custodial history:

## RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Appraisal:

Accruals:

## RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: **Some restrictions**

Closed until: **100 years**

Access conditions: **Available within the Archive searchroom; records less than 100 years old accessible only with permission of St Peter's Operative Lodge.**

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

## ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: November 2012

Ref.	Description	Dates
<b>P789/1</b>	<b>Minute Books</b>	<b>1818-2003</b>
P789/1/1	Minute book (1 volume)	28 Dec 1818-27 Dec 1866
P789/1/2	Minute book (1 volume)	14 Jan 1867-6 Mar 1883
P789/1/3	Minute book (1 volume)	5 Apr 1883-5 Feb 1890
P789/1/4	Minute book (1 volume)	4 Mar 1890-30 Aug 1897
P789/1/5	Minute book (1 volume)	29 Sep 1897-11

		Jul 1902
P789/1/6	Minute book (1 volume)	16 Jul 1902-30 Nov 1905
P789/1/7	Minute book (1 volume)	20 Dec 1905-14 May 1907
P789/1/8	Minute book (1 volume)	21 Mar 1907-2 Mar 1911
P789/1/9	Minute book (1 volume)	14 Mar 1911-24 Dec 1915
P789/1/10	Minute book (1 volume)	27 Dec 1915-30 Sep 1919
P789/1/11	Minute book No 1 (1 volume) (Closed until 2074)	12 May 1962-16 Apr 1973
P789/1/12	Minute book No 2 (1 volume) (Closed until 2083)	21 May 1973-15 Nov 1982
P789/1/13	Minute book No 3 (1 volume) (Closed until 2092)	15 Nov 1982-15 Apr 1991
P789/1/14	Minute book (1 volume) (Closed until 2104)	21 Oct 2002-24 May 2003
<b>P789/2</b>	<b>Draft Minute Books</b>	<b>1909-1911</b>
P789/2/1	Draft minute book (1 volume)	26 Feb 1909-14 Mar 1911
<b>P789/3</b>	<b>Attendance Registers</b>	<b>1894-1913</b>
P789/3/1	Attendance Register (1 volume)	4 Dec 1894-13 Jun 1905
P789/3/2	Attendance Register (1 volume)	4 Jul 1905-25 Dec 1908
P789/3/3	Attendance Register (1 volume)	28 Dec 1908-23 Sep 1913
<b>P789/4</b>	<b>Letter Books and Correspondence</b>	<b>1894-1948</b>
P789/4/1	Letter Book (1 volume)	24 Dec 1894-11 May 1909
P789/4/2	“Grand Lodge Correspondence” (1 bundle) (Closed until 2026)	1919-1925

P789/4/3	Correspondence (1 bundle) (Closed until 2027)	1926
P789/4/4	Correspondence (1 bundle) (Closed until 2035)	1927-1934
P789/4/5	Correspondence (1 bundle) (Closed until 2049)	1947-1948
<b>P789/5</b>	<b>Office Bearers/Members' Roll</b>	<b>1819-1911</b>
P789/5/1	Names of original Office Bearers and Members' Roll Also inside front cover, photograph of formal dinner c.1900 (1 volume, cover loose) (Closed until 2049)	1819-1911
<b>P789/6</b>	<b>Bundles of accounts, petitions for admission, receipts, correspondence</b>	<b>1757-1900</b>
P789/6/1	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1757-1770
P789/6/2	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1772-1781
P789/6/3	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1782-1786
P789/6/4	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1786-1819
P789/6/5	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1787-1791
P789/6/6	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1792-1794
P789/6/7	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1795-1797
P789/6/8	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1798-1802
P789/6/9	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1803-1809
P789/6/10	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1811
P789/6/11	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1812
P789/6/12	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1818-1900
P789/6/13	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1819-1820

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P789/6/14	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1820-1828
P789/6/15	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1830-1900
P789/6/16	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle)	1896-1898
P789/6/17	Accounts, petitions, receipts, correspondence (1 bundle) (Closed until 2052)	1920, 1951
<b>P789/7</b>	<b>Printed Summons To Meetings (inc. names of persons seeking admission as members)</b>	<b>1940-1942</b>
P789/7/1	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2041)	16 Jan 1940-9 Sep 1940
P789/7/2	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2041)	7 May 1940-17 Dec 1940
P789/7/3	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2042)	11 Feb 1941-16 Sep 1941
P789/7/4	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2042)	28 Oct 1941-26 Dec 1941
P789/7/5	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2043)	3 Feb 1942, 9 Jan 1945
P789/7/6	Printed Summons To Meetings (1 bundle) (Closed until 2043)	16 Jan 1940-3 Feb 1942
<b>P789/8</b>	<b>Forms of Application/Applications for Initiation</b>	<b>1912-1947</b>
P789/8/1	Forms of Application (1 bundle)	1912-1918
P789/8/2	Forms of Application (1 bundle)	1919-1923
P789/8/3	Forms of Application (1 bundle) (Closed until 2035)	1927-1934
P789/8/4	Forms of Application (1 bundle) (Closed until 2046)	1941-1945
P789/8/5	Applications for Initiation (1 bundle) (Closed until 2047)	1945-1946
P789/8/6	Applications for Initiation (1 bundle) (Closed until 2048)	1947
<b>P789/9</b>	<b>Masonic Accounts</b>	<b>1928-1933</b>

P789/9/1	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2029)	1928
P789/9/2	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2030)	1929
P789/9/3	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2031)	1930
P789/9/4	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2032)	1931
P789/9/5	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2033)	1932
P789/9/6	Masonic accounts (1 bundle) (Closed until 2034)	1933
<b>P789/10</b>	<b>Cheques and Bank Books</b>	<b>1929-1933</b>
P789/10	Cheque book stubs, cashed cheques and bank book (1 bundle) (Closed until 2034)	1929-1933
<b>P789/11</b>	<b>Members' Certificates</b>	<b>1925-2004</b>
P789/11/1	Members' certificates (arr. Chronologically, some outsize) (2 bundles) (Closed until 2105)	1925-2004
P789/11/2	Certificate, David Innes McGuffie, as Preceptor of the Preceptory of St Fergus (1 document with 2 seals, one of them broken and in pieces, in cardboard tube) (Closed until 2081)	20 Nov 1980
P789/11/3	6 Life Membership Cards (6 items) (Closed until 2046)	1941-1945
<b>P789/12</b>	<b>Sederunt Books</b>	<b>1962-2003</b>
P789/12/1	Sederunt Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2083)	1962-1982
P789/12/2	Sederunt Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2104)	1982-2003
<b>P789/13</b>	<b>Investigation Committee Minute Books</b>	<b>1991-1998</b>
P789/13/1	Investigation Committee Minute book (1 volume) (Closed until 2099)	15 Apr 1991-19 Oct 1998
<b>P789/14</b>	<b>Cash Books</b>	<b>1925-1997</b>
P789/14/1	Treasurer's Cash Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2060) [outsize]	1925-1959
P789/14/2	Member's Fee Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2100) [outsize]	1961-1999
P789/14/3	Test Fee Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2085)	1972-1984
P789/14/4	Cash Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2098) [outsize]	1976-1997

P789/14/5	Account Book (1 volume) (Closed until 2098)	1984-1997
<b>P789/15</b>	<b>Distinguished Service Membership Diplomas</b>	<b>6 Mar 1956</b>
P789/15/1	Framed Diploma of Distinguished Service Membership (1 item) (Closed until 2057)	6 Mar 1956
P789/15/2	Framed Diploma of Distinguished Service Membership (1 item) (Closed until 2057)	6 Mar 1956
<b>P789/16</b>	Framed sign for St. Peter's Operative Lodge (1 item)	27 Dec 2010