

Information Sheet

R **Freemasons. Star of the West Lodge No. 133 (Ironton, Mo.).**
446 **Records, 1849-1962.**
 Thirty-four folders and thirteen volumes.

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The Star of the West Lodge No. 133, A.F. & A.M., was organized at Iron Mountain, Missouri, in 1849. The lodge moved to Arcadia in 1851, where it met through November 1861, after which it was moved to Ironton. The lodge counted as members many of the prominent business and professional men of the area, such as Eli and J. T. Ake, Robert Bryant, William Dilts, William Edgar, John F. T. Edwards, Jacob Grandhomme, James A. Greason, C. R. Peck, and B. Shepherd. The Star of the West Lodge in its early period was closely associated with the Ironton lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Many individuals were members of both organizations, the lodges jointly owned the Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery in Ironton, and met in the same hall. The lodge building was constructed in 1873 by the Odd Fellows, who subsequently sold the second floor to the Star of the West Lodge. The Masons bought the entire property in 1920, then, in turn, leased a floor to the Odd Fellows. After the demise of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Ironton, the Masons leased the lower floor of the building to the U.S. Post Office Department for use as the Ironton Post Office, 1928-1947. The lodge continues to meet in the same building to the present (1991).

The records of the Star of the West Lodge consist of lodge papers, 1849-1961, individual membership files, 1849-1962, and record books, 1861-1961. There are no rituals or secret materials contained in the collection. The business papers of the lodge, arranged topically, include correspondence with other local lodges and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, records pertaining to lodge property including the lease agreement with the Post Office Department and papers on the Masonic and Odd Fellows Cemetery, reports of the secretary and treasurer, budget proposals and receipts, and materials concerning the Masonic Home of Missouri and the centennial of the Ironton Lodge. A register of items precedes each folder.

The files of individual members have been arranged alphabetically by surname. The files include materials such as applications for membership and reports by investigating committees, papers concerning "raisings" or advancements through the various degrees of Masonry, "dimits" or releases for transfer to other lodges, papers regarding placement of members in the Masonic Home, and memorial resolutions adopted upon the deaths of members. The personnel files, especially the membership applications and memorial resolutions, contain useful historical and biographical data such as the residences of members, occupations, ages and birth/death dates. An index to the personnel files has been filmed in front of the series.

The record books include two groups of volumes, those of the Star of the West Lodge, 1861-1961, and those of Iron Mountain Lodge No. 430, 1864-1894. Both groups of records contain minute books of regular and special meetings and membership records. The minutes of the Star of the West Lodge begin on 23 February 1861 and continue through to March 1961. Minutes of a few of the meetings in the 1850s may be found in the lodge papers. There are no minutes of meetings from 9 June 1938 to 10 September 1954. The minutes of the Iron Mountain Lodge begin with the organizational meeting on 16 November 1871 and continue through 15 September 1894, when the

Iron Mountain Lodge voted unanimously to consolidate with the Star of the West Lodge under the latter's charter. The record books of the Iron Mountain Lodge, which include a membership register, were placed with those of the Star of the West Lodge upon consolidation.

The minute books of the lodges offer an overview of the fraternal and benevolent activities of the Masons. While most of the meetings were devoted to admitting or rejecting prospective members and completing work on the various degrees of masonry, the members also approved expenditures on behalf of Arcadia College, needy Masons and their families, the Masonic Home of Missouri, and the Boy Scouts. Ceremonial functions undertaken by the Masons included lodge rituals at funerals of members, attendance at ceremonies of other lodges, and the placement of cornerstones at various public buildings and churches in the Ironton area. Some of the volumes also include lists of officers and past masters of the lodge.

There are two volumes of membership records, one for the Star of the West Lodge and another for the Iron Mountain Lodge. Additional records of membership, including lists of suspensions for non-payment of dues, may be found in the general correspondence in folders 1-3, and in the Secretary's reports in folder 12.

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Folders 1-13: Lodge papers, 1849-1962.

- Folder 01: General files, 1849-1865.
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- Folder 07: Cemetery papers, 1869-1889.
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- Folder 09: Masonic Home of Missouri, 1887-1960.
- Folder 10: Post office lease, 1928-1948.
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Folders 14-34: Individual files, arranged alphabetically by surname, 1849-1961.

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Volumes 1-10: Star of the West Lodge No. 133, Ironton, Mo., record books, 1861-1961.

Volume 01: Membership account ledger, 23 February 1861--2 June 1892 (296 pages, indexed).

Volume 02: Cash book, 23 February 1861--3 May 1890 (320 pages).

Volume 03: Minute book, 23 February 1861--22 March 1878 (483 pages)

Volume 04: Minute book, 13 April 1878--14 September 1889 (145 pages).

Volume 05: Minute book, 5 October 1889--2 April 1910 (289 pages).

Volume 06: Minute book, 23 April 1910--22 June 1918 (249 pages, unpaginated).

Volume 07: Minute book, 6 July 1918--28 February 1920 (286 pages).

Volume 08: Minute book, 28 February 1920--30 March 1928 (300 pages, unpaginated).

Volume 09: Minute book, 13 April 1928--9 June 1938 (300 pages, unpaginated).

Volume 10: Minute book, 10 September 1954--10 March 1961 (262 pages, unpaginated).

Volume 11-13: Iron Mountain Lodge No. 430, Iron Mountain, Mo., records, 1864-1894.

Volume 11: Membership register, 16 December 1864--14 July 1894 (23 pages, indexed).

Volume 12: Minute book, 16 November 1871--4 December 1884 (424 pages).

Volume 13: Minute book, 3 January 1885--15 September 1894 (458 pages).

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Folder Shelf List

Folder 1 (Lodge Papers—General, 1849-1865)

Item Number & Content

01. Letter (resolution) from A. C. Lewis [?] Marcus Lodge, Fredericktown, Mo., 6 September 1849
02. Petition for demits, 30 March 1850
03. List of members, April 1850
04. Balance sheet "In a/c with Grand Lodge of Mo.," 24 April 1850
05. Proceedings of meeting, 24 April 1850
06. Letter from E. S. Ruggles, Caledonia, Mo., 17 August 1850
07. Affidavit of W. L. S. Dedmon *in re* Dr. Thomas, 15 December 1850
08. Affidavit of Joseph H. Terrell *in re* Dr. Thomas, 18 December 1850
09. Balance sheet, December 1850
10. Letter from M. Thomas, 11 January 1851
11. Letter from [?] Robinson, 18 January 1851
12. Minutes, 8 February 1851
13. Petition, 11 February 1851
14. Letter from E. S. Ruggles. Caledonia, Mo., 22 April 1851
15. Ledger sheet, April 1851
16. Letter of accounting from G. Nettleton, 12 July 1851
17. Letter from G. Nettleton declining elected office, 12 July 1851
18. Minutes by E. F. Smith, Secretary *pro tem*, 24 July 1851
19. Minutes, 6 August 1851

20. Letter from G. Nettleton, Iron Mountain, Mo., to E. F. Smith, 3 December 1851
21. Receipt, 3 March 1852
22. Dispensation for initiation, to G. Nettleton, signed by E. S. Ruggles, Caledonia, Mo., 6 March 1852
23. Letter (demit) from Andrew J. Murphy, Secretary of Farmington lodge, 3 April 1852
24. Articles of agreement for carpentry work, 12 July 1852
25. Accounts receivable ledger, 1 August 1852
26. Communication from Marcus Lodge, N. B. Allen, Secretary, Fredericktown, Mo., 4 September 1852
27. Communication from Tyro Lodge, Caledonia, Mo., *in re* E. S. Ruggles, 13 September 1852
28. Letter from G. Nettleton, Farmington, Mo., 13 September 1852
29. Letter from A. J. Murphy, Secretary of Farmington lodge, 11 November 1852
30. Letter concerning dues, from E. F. Smith, 16 November 1852
31. Letter of examining committee, 30 December 1854
32. Printed communication from Grand Council of Mo. concerning "Black list," 14 March 1855
33. Printed communication from Grand Council of Mo. with names of rejected candidates, 14 March 1855
34. Printed communication *in re* reading material, 16 March 1855
35. Receipt for dues from Grand Lodge of Mo., 11 April 1855
36. Letter of account from Grand Secretary, 19 July 1855
37. Letter containing resolutions from Grand Secretary, 19 October 1857
38. Letter to Giles Russell acknowledging summons, from G. L. Waugh, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 2 Dec 1857
39. Notice of expulsion of William Nixon from Tyro Lodge, Caledonia, Mo., 27 February 1858
40. Minutes, 27 March 1858
41. Invoice for materials in account with J. F. Garner, 19 June 1858
42. Printed communication from Grand Secretary A. O'Sullivan concerning purchase of Mount Vernon (Washington's home), 3 August 1858
43. Letter of inquiry from J. G. Anderson, Steelville, Mo., about C. H. Houpes, 25 January 1859
44. Receipt for initiation of John H. Board, 2 March 1859
45. Letter from committee to settle a disagreement, 3 March 1859
46. Letter from John H. Board, Greenville, Mo., 5 March 1859
47. Letter from Grand Secretary A. O'Sullivan *in re* degrees conferred, 5 March 1859
48. Letter to W. L. Faber from Alexander Warfield, Creek Agency, "West of Arkansas," 14 March 1859
49. Letter of account to W. L. Faber from Grand Secretary A. O'Sullivan, 17 March 1859
50. Letter accompany payment, from G. L. Waugh, Cane Creek, Butler County, Mo., 21 March 1859
51. Letter to Dr. Faber from John Board, Greenville, Mo., 23 March 1859
52. Letter/invoice to Dr. Faber from E. W. Gosseline, Ironton, Mo., 14 April 1859
53. Report of committee on difficulty between Pease and Lee, 11 June 1859
54. Printed resolutions *in re* Masonic College, Lexington, Mo., official letter, 29 August 1859
55. Printed communication from Marcus Boyd, Grand Master, 9 September 1859
56. Letter of recommendation, D. B. Cassady, Secretary, Hall of Dvcusburg (Ky.) Lodge, 11 February 1860
57. Letter from Grand Secretary O'Sullivan *in re* imposter, 3 May 1860
58. Letter from Grand Secretary O'Sullivan *in re* consolidation, 10 October 1862
59. Letter of authorization from George Whitcomb, Charleston, Mo., 15 October 1862
60. Letter, 1st Brig., 3rd Div., A.S.W., "Camp at Ironton," *in re* mail, 28 October 1862
61. Letter from Grand Secretary O'Sullivan *in re* demit, 1 August 1864
62. Resolutions *in re* handling of funds, 8 April 1865
63. "Demitted since April 1st 1865," ca. June 1865
64. Printed circular from Grand Secretary A. O'Sullivan, 4 August 1865
65. Printed circular from Grand Secretary A. O'Sullivan, 23 October 1865
66. Letter from F. Barron, Irondale, Mo., *in re* dedication of Irondale Lodge Hall, 24 October 1865

Folder 2 (Lodge Papers—General, 1866-1879)

Item Number & Content

01. List of degrees conferred since 1863, 30 April 1866
02. Letter from Grand Secretary, Springfield, Ill., *in re* C. H. Miller, 1 May 1866
03. Letter from Julius Londoner *in re* dues payment, 12 July 1866
04. Printed letter from J. D. Vincil, Grand Master, *in re* appointment of G. F. Gouley, 17 August 1866

05. Official letter from George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, 21 August 1866
06. Report of committee on purchase of land for cemetery, 25 August 1866 (2 pages)
07. Letter to William F. Mitchell from George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, 27 August 1866
08. Letter to W. F. Mitchell from George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, 30 August 1866
09. Letter to B. Shepherd from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, *in re* death of William Chilton from cholera, 5 September 1866
10. Letter to Shepherd from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, *in re* notification of Mrs. Chilton, 13 September 1866
11. Report of committee *in re* mourning for A. O'Sullivan, 20 October 1866
12. Letter to B. Shepherd from George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, *in re* laws, 24 October 1866
13. Printed letter *in re* reconstruction of Fulton Lodge, Hickman, Ky., 27 January 1867
14. Letter from Mary Boatwright, Pilot Knob, Mo., January 1867
15. Printed appeal from Winchester, Va., lodge for aid in reconstructing lodge destroyed in the war, 11 March 1867
16. Printed official edict from George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary, 18 March 1867
17. Letter *in re* edicts from W. B. Williams, DDGM, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 18 April 1867
18. Printed appeal for aid for indigent Masons of Cherokee Lodge, Rome, Ga., 26 April 1867
19. St. John's Day invitation from Marcus Lodge, Fredericktown, Mo., 15 May 1867
20. Letter from Cherokee Lodge, Rome, Ga., 2 June 1867
21. Letter to B. Sheppard from James A. Shields, Potosi, Mo., 20 June 1867
22. Letter from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 28 September 1867
23. Printed appeal for aid for building of orphanage in Boboken, N.J., September
24. Printed notice concerning bylaws, resolution, from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 19 October 1867
25. Printed appeal for aid from Bovina, Miss., January 1868
26. Letter from Granville Lodge, Monroe County, Mo., seeking aid, 12 February 1868
27. "Regular Communication" from Gadsden, (Ala.) Lodge, 28 March 1868
28. Printed appeal for new lodge from Talladega, Ala., 6 July 1868
29. Printed report from Committee on the Revision of the District Deputy system, 16 October 1868
30. Booklet, bylaws of Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association, 25 February 1869
31. Letter from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, [186?]
32. Printed communication and resolutions from Masonic Mutual Benevolent Assoc., 1 January 1870
33. Letter from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 11 January 1870
34. Letter to Shepherd from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 15 March 1870
35. Letter from Adam Stewart, New York, N.Y., *in re* "Mr. Bliss," 24 Marcy 1870
36. Letter to E. D. Ake from G. B. Clark, Potosi, Mo., 12 May 1870
37. Letter from Potosi Lodge *in re* St. John's Day, 19 May 1870
38. Letter from Grand Master *in re* cornerstone, 11 June 1870
39. "Special Notice" from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 1870 [?]
40. Printed "Plan for raising a fund" for a "National Masonic Educational Institution for Orphans," 24 March 1871
41. Letter from W. L. Willard, Shelbyville, Mo., 20 April 1871
42. Printed letter, resolutions from J. H. McLean, Pres., Masonic Hall Association, 10 July 1871
43. Letter from W. L. Willard, Shelbyville, Mo., 16 October 1871
44. Grand Secretary's tabular statement, 1872 (2 pages)
45. Letter from Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer, *in re* Lodge of Instruction, 27 January 1872
46. Printed letter from G. F. Gouley, Grand Secretary, 1 April 1872
47. Letter from W. L. Willard, Shelbyville, Mo., 24 May 1872
48. Letter from John McHenry, Secretary, Hall Iron Mountain (Mo.) Lodge, 28 May 1872
49. Report of B. Shepherd, D D G M, to Most W G M of Mo., 9 October 1872
50. Printed letter, resolutions, from Samuel H. Owens, Grand Master, *in re* compulsory loan to Grand Lodge, 21 October 1872
51. Receipt (for loan to Grand Lodge), 21 November 1872
52. Notice concerning Orphans' Home, Kansas City, Mo., December 1872
53. Brochure, United Masonic Benefit Association of Mo., 13 February 1873
54. Booklet, constitution and bylaws, United Masonic Benefit Association of Mo., 15 February 1873
55. Copy of order of incorporation, Star of the West Lodge, 14 April 1873
56. Letter from Secretary of State's office *in re* bylaws, 16 July 1873

57. Official certificate of incorporation, Star of the West Lodge, 8 August 1873
58. Copy of order of incorporation, Star of the West Lodge, 12 August 1873
59. Letter from J. Carroll Brent, Sec'y, Washington National Monument Assoc., 1 December 1875
60. Letter from N. C. Harrison, Jackson, Mo., 28 February 1876
61. Letter from Middle Grove (Mo.) Lodge in re refit after fire, 10 December 1877
62. Appeal for rebuilding funds, Calhoun (Mo.) Lodge, 10 [?] February 1878
63. Printed appeal for aid for injured, bereaved member, Macon, Mo., 18 March 1878
64. Letter from A. M. Baker, Secretary, Hall of DeSoto (Mo.) Lodge, 9 May 1878
65. Letter from Thomas Ready, Grand Master, 7 August 1878
66. Postcard from Grand Secretary John D. Vincil *in re* yellow fever, 30 August 1878
67. Invitation from Excelsior Lodge, Jackson, Mo., 19 July 1879
68. Printed notice, invitation to laying of cornerstone, Jackson, Mo., 7 August 1879
69. Summons to W. F. Mitchell for nonpayment of dues, 3 December 1879
70. Summons to Matthew Scanlon for nonpayment of dues, 3 December 1879
71. Summons to A. M. Eserle for nonpayment of dues, 3 December 1879
72. Summons to Lawrence Ryan for nonpayment of dues, 3 December 1879
73. Summons to R. Leggett for nonpayment of dues, 3 December 1879
74. Printed appeal for subscriptions, N. C. Masonic Temple Association, ca. 1870s

Folder 3 (Lodge Papers—General, 1880-1961)

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01. Printed notice to Masonic Fraternity of U.S. from Red Wing (Minn.) Lodge, 10 January 1880
02. Printed communication *in re* fire at Alexandria (Mo.) Lodge, 11 July 1881
03. Letter to Shepherd from D. H. Miller, Bismarck, Mo., *in re* cornerstone laying, 27 September 1881
04. Letter to lodge from D. H. Miller, Bismarck, Mo., 27 September 1881
05. Postcard to B. Shepherd from D. H. Miller, Bismarck, Mo., 28 September 1881
06. Letter from D. H. Miller, Bismarck, Mo., 29 September 1881
07. Letter from John D. Vincil, GS, 26 September 1883
08. Letter from A. W. Keith, DDGM, Bonne Terre, Mo., 24 November 1883
09. Letter from Franz Dinger and Samuel T. Gay *in re* cemetery, 2 January 1884
10. Printed appeal for H. G. Reynolds, Blue Rapids, Kans., 24 October 1884
11. Letter from W. R. Edgar *in re* Henry C. Miller, 28 January 1885
12. Letter from George E. Walker, DDGM, Bonne Terre, Mo., 20 April 1855
13. Invitation to installation and picnic, Poplar Bluff (Mo.) Lodge, 9 June 1886
14. Invitation to July 4th event from Arcadia citizens, 16 May 1887
15. Printed letter from John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, 1 September 1887
16. Letter from John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary, 7 March 1888
17. Printed letter from S. McSpaden, Secretary, Tyro Lodge, Caledonia, Mo. 3 August 1888
18. Invitation to picnic from J. A. Parker, Secretary, Iron Mountain Lodge, 5 September 1888
19. Booklet, Annual Report of United Masonic Benefit Assoc. of Mo., 9 October 1888
20. Letter *in re* consolidation of Iron Mountain and Star of the West lodges, 1 October 1894 (2 pages)
21. "Invoice" (inventory) of Iron Mountain Lodge, n.d. (2 pages, accompanies above item)
22. Addresses of Iron Mountain Lodge members, n.d. (cover and 3 pages, accompanies #20)
23. Printed speech of Hon. Champ Clark, 16 March 1916
24. Letter concerning reinstatement of member, 7 September 1917
25. Membership list, Star of the West Lodge, 1918
26. Letter from J. E. Whitworth, 23 April 1920
27. Letter from W. H. Clements, Lesterville (Mo.) Lodge, 13 May 1920
28. Carbon of letter from Secretary (unsigned) *in re* cornerstone laying, 1 September 1923
29. Letter from Worshipful Master *in re* cornerstone laying, 5 September 1923
30. Notice *in re* cornerstone laying, 14 September 1923
31. Printed letter from Frank R. Jesse, GS, *in re* war service, 16 November 1923
32. Committee report on war service records, 29 January 1924 (with 2 pages of notes)
33. Unsigned carbon from secretary accepting gift to library, 9 March 1928
34. Letter *in re* insurance from William Edgar, 4 August 1928
35. Letter from Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary, *in re* printing, 30 November 1928

36. Letter from West Duluth (Minn.) Lodge IOOF), 1 February 1929
37. Letter from Byrne E. Bigger, GM, *in re* membership, 1 March 1929
38. Letter from Byrne E. Bigger, GM, 16 April 1929
39. Letter from C. A. Boyce, Kansas City, Mo., *in re* Order of DeMolay, 29 April 1931 (2 pages)
40. Letter from Arthur Mather, GS, *in re* funds, 28 July 1931
41. Letter from George E. Kohlmeyer, Jennings, Mo., 15 October 1931
42. Letter from S. Battell, K.C., Mo., to J. Whitworth *in re* DeMolay chapter closing, 5 February 1932
43. Letter from Arthur Mather, GS, *in re* Washington Bicentennial medallion, 6 February 1932 (with illustrative insert)
44. Letter from Arthur Mather, GS, acknowledging medallion order, 6 June 1932
45. Postcard fro Secretary, Bloomfield (Mo.) Lodge, 23 October 1932
46. Letter from J. J. Newman, DDGM, Bonne Terre, Mo., *in re* Beer, 7 April 1933
47. Letter from J. Clyde Akers, Farmington, Mo., 12 June 1933
48. Letter from Ada B. Fletcher, Ironton, Mo., *in re* Eastern Star, 30 June 1933
49. Letter from J. Clyde Akers, DDGM, Farmington, Mo., 9 October 1933
50. Letter from J. Clyde Akers, Farmington, Mo., 16 October 1933
51. Invitation from Elvins Lodge, 2 November 1933
52. Letter from J. Clyde Akers *in re* elections, 13 January 1934 (with enclosure)
53. Letter from J. Clyde Akers, DDGM, Farmington, Mo., 24 February 1934
54. Letter from W. B. Massey, Bonne Terre, Mo., invitation to bridge/pinochle, 7 February 1934
55. Program for presentation of jewels, Marcus Lodge, Fredericktown, Mo., 21 June 1935
56. Program for Masonic Celebration, Wayne Lodge, Piedmont, Mo., 14-15 October 1935
57. Letter from M. L. Brown, Secretary, Somerset Lodge, Powersville, Mo. *in re* fire, 12 February 1936
58. Printed letter from James W. Skelly, GM, *in re* delinquent members, 9 March 1936
59. Invitation to Diamond Jubilee, Saline Lodge, St. Marys, Mo., 11 May 1937
60. Printed letter from Arthur Mather, GS, *in re* ten-dollar fee, 8 October 1937
61. Letter from Excelsior Stove & Mfg. Co., 23 October 1937
62. Estimate from Excelsior Stove Company, Quincy, Ill., 25 October 1937
63. Estimate for warm-air heating, Raymond Buckey, 26 October 1937
64. Printed letter from Harold L. Reader, GM, to "All Lodges" *in re* "our Masonic Program for the coming year," 27 December 1937
65. Boy Scouts of America, Mineral Area Council, "investment bond," 16 March 1938
66. Specifications for papering, 17 January 1939
67. Letter from Fred J. Statler, Dexter, Mo., *in re* nonpayment, 16 May 1939
68. Fraternal visit (guest list?) of Good Hope Lodge, 11 November 1939
69. Invitation to Special Communication, Sullivan (Mo.) Lodge, 20 May 1940
70. Printed letter from Arthur Mather, GS, *in re* fraudulent inquiry, 13 January 1941
71. Letter from Noel P. Gist, Columbia, Mo., 21 January 1941 (with return postcard)
72. Notice of visitors, Marcus Lodge, Fredericktown, Mo., 6 February 1942
73. Letter from Clara Herriott, Denver, Colo., *in re* chairs, 14 October 1942
74. Letter from J. M. Hawkins accompany above letter from Herriott, 27 October 1942
75. Newsletter for centennial anniversary, Lebanon Lodge, Steelville, Mo., 1945
76. Letter from George C. Porter, Ironton, Mo., *in re* used door-closer, 26 May 1947
77. Letter from Ernest H. Dagger, Webster Groves, Mo., *in re* fraternal visit, 15 March 1948
78. Lease agreement with Ironton Furniture Store, 1 October 1948 (3 pages)
79. Letter from Harry Boswell, Farmington, Mo., to Frank Comfort *in re* building repairs, 21 December 1948, with enclosed "PROPOSAL" and cover
79. Program for 125th anniversary of Tyro Lodge, Caledonia, Mo., 8 April 1950
80. Loyalty oath, 23 November 1950
81. List of Master Masons in 82nd Congress, 16 February 1951 (4 pages)
82. Program for 100th anniversary celebrations, 5 May 1951
83. Notice of visitors, Jeffersonville Lodge, 2 June 1955
84. Invitation to centennial celebration of Johachim Lodge, Hillsboro, Mo., 26 May 1956
85. Letter from Walter J. Spitzmiller, Ironton, Mo., 22 October 1956
86. Letter from Ben M. Bull, M.D., *in re* heating bill, 19 November 1956
87. Invitation for fraternal visit, Mosaic Lodge, Belleview, Mo., 25 April 1959
88. Letter from Robert W. Harper, Sec'y, St. Mark's Lodge, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 11 September 1959

89. Printed letter from George W. Corson *in re* educational programs, 22 October 1959
90. Letter from P. H. Barklage, St. Charles, Mo., 6 May 1960
91. Carbon of letter from Walter Manning, Sec'y to Barklage, 14 May 1960
92. Invitation to installation program, Sullivan (Mo.) Lodge, 16 December 1960
93. Carbon of letter to Eugene Duree, Pilot Knob, Mo., in re replacement of door, 10 February 1961
94. Carbon of letter from Walter Manning, Sec'y, *in re* educational materials, 14 March 1961
95. Committee report from Knights of Honor *in re* library, n.d.
96. Membership [?] list, n.d.

Folder 4 (Lodge Papers—Bonds 1874-1886)

Item Number & Content

01. Coupon bond No. 9 for \$50, dated 10 December 1873
02. "You're the undersigned Special Committee appointed to sell Masonic Bonds of Star of the West Lodge No. 133 A.F.& A.M. begs to report as follows," ca. January 1874
03. "The Board of Trustees through the chairman make the following report upon the sale of Lodge Bonds," ca. December 1874
04. "Report of Franz Dinger Financial agent and the Trustees" for coupon bonds securing the Deed of Trust on "part of the 3 Story brick building," dated 23 April 1879
05. "List of Coupon Bonds of Star of the West Lodge No. 133 A.F. &A.M. Sold April 23rd 1886"
06. Coupon bond No. 1 for \$100, dated 23 April 1886

Folder 5 (Lodge Papers—Budget Proposals, 1952-1958)

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01. Recommendation of Budget Committee, approved 12 September 1952
02. Recommendation of Budget Committee, approved 25 Jun 1954
03. Proposed budget, adopted 22 June 1956
04. Proposed budget, adopted 28 June 1957
05. Budget adopted 27 June 1958

Folder 6 (Lodge Papers—Building and Property, 1873-1962)

Item Number & Content

01. "Articles of Agreement...between the Iron Lodge No. 107 I.O. of Odd Fellows...and the 'Star of the West' Lodge," March 1873. *In re* construction of a hall.
02. "Articles of Agreement...between the Iron Lodge No. 107 I.O.O.F. ...and the 'Star of the West' Lodge," April 1873. Substitute for item #01.
03. Resolutions concerning construction and financing of IOOF/AM&AM hall, n.d. (5 items)
04. Report of "Committee appointed to estimate the cost of Building Suitable for Masonic & Odd Fellows Lodges," n.d.
05. Report of Building Committee, n.d.
06. Contract—"Indenture" between Iron Lodge No. 107 IOOF and Carl C. Powers, 15 March 1920.
07. Sale of "ground and lower floor of the property" from IOOF to Star of the West Lodge for \$2000 "full payment," 5 April 1920.
08. General Warranty Deed—"indenture" between Iron Lodge No. 107, IOOF, and Star of the West Lodge, AF&AM, 1 June 1920.
09. Trust Deed, from Star of the West Lodge to Iron County Bank, 1 June 1920.
10. Note for \$1700, Star of the West Lodge to Iron County Bank, 1 June 1920.
11. "Indenture," between Star of the West Lodge and Iron Lodge No. 107, IOOF, for lease of third floor, 1 June 1920 (2 pages).
12. Release, Grand Lodge of Missouri, IOOF, to Star of the West Lodge, 1 October 1962.
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