

Roswell Masonic Lodge collection  
1852-2008  
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**Biographical or Historical Note**

The history of freemasonry is somewhat of a mystery. Many contend that the culture of freemasonry originated with highly-skilled stonemasons of England and Scotland during the Middle Ages. These stonemasons formed lodges to take care of sick and injured workers as well as widows and orphans. Eventually, non-working individuals desired to join this group of craftsmen, and these members were called “accepted” masons as opposed to working masons. The first Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was established in 1717 in London. In America, the first Grand Lodge was established in Boston in 1733. Like many cities throughout the United States, Roswell also has a presence of freemasonry, and its oldest lodge dates back to 1852.

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**Scope and Content**

This collection contains various items relating to Roswell's Masonic Lodges. The collection contains two booklets of by-laws, one from the Freemasons Roswell Lodge No. 165 and one from the Freemasons Roswell Chapter No. 74, Royal Arch Masons. Additional documents include an invoice with a Masonic Lodge envelope and various transcriptions of a membership book.

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**Organization Note**

Items are organized by masonic lodge number and chapter.

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**Selected Search Terms**

Freemasons Roswell Lodge No. 165, F. & A.M. (Roswell, Ga.)

Freemasons Roswell Chapter No. 74, Royal Arch Masons (Roswell, Ga.)

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**Related Materials**

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**Administrative Information****Citation**

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