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Box 1

Book 1 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1920-1925, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Also included are messages from the Grand Chapter, group audits and secretary reports. There were several male members from the Free Masons that sat in on the meetings and were even members of the Eastern Star. Elections for Worthy Matron appear to be held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations of Meetings: Y.M.C.A. Hall—Nov 12th 1920 ; Slaymaker Building—Dec 1st—Feb 17th 1922; Red Mills Council Building—March 4th 1922—March 23rd 1923; Conestoga Council House—April 4th 1923—Oct 17th 1923; Odd Fellows Hall—Nov 7th 1923—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Clarissa Foster—Nov 12th 1920—March 23rd 1922; Mary Eaby—April 5th 1922—Feb 7th 1923; Elizabeth Herr—Feb 21st 1923—March 19th 1924; Nellie Habecker—April 2nd 1924—March 25th 1925; Louise Betram—April 1st 1925—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Sarah Swords—Nov 12th 1920—March 18th 1921; Elizabeth Taylor—April 1st 1921—April 1st 1925; Carolyn Armstrong—April 15th 1925—end of volume

Book 2 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1925-1928, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year; speeches from new Matrons were recorded in ledger. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations of Meetings: Odd Fellows Hall—Oct 7th 1925—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Louise Betram—Oct 7th 1925—March 17th 1926; Anna Wagner—April 17th 1926—March 16th 1927; Clara Murray—April 6th 1927—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Carolyn Armstrong—Oct 7th 1925—March 17th 1926; Rena Warfel—April 7th 1926---end of volume

Book 3 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1928-1930, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Included was a letter from the Grand Chapter stating that a new Eastern Star House had opened in Germantown, Philadelphia. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations of Meetings: Odd Fellows Hall Feb 15th 1928—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Clara Murray—Feb 15th 1928—March 21st 1928; Margaret Lehman—April 4th 1928—March 20th 1929; Bertha Willis—April 3rd 1929—March 19th 1930; Elizabeth Hursh—April 2nd 1930—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Rena Warfel—Feb 15th 1928—April 2nd 1930; Carolyn Armstrong April 16th—end of volume

Book 4 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1930-1932, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. There is mention of what appears to be several Eastern Star houses forced to close in New York State, possibly due to the Depression. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—June 4th 1930—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Elizabeth Hursh—June 4th 1930—March 18th 1932; [Eleanor] Newcomer—April 1st 1931—March 16th 1932; Anne Stehman—April 6th 1932—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Carolyn Armstrong—June 4th 1930—June 18th 1930; Rena Warfel—Sept 3rd 1930—March 18th 1931; Carolyn Armstrong—April 1st 1931—end of volume

Book 5 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1932-1935, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Sept 7th 1932—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Anne Stehman—Sept 7th 1932—March 15th 1933; Clara Schwitzer—April 5th 1933—March 21st 1934; Fanny Longnecker—April 4th 1934—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Carolyn Armstrong—Sept 7th 1932—end of volume

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Book 6 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1935-1938, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—March 6th 1935—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Fanny Longnecker—March 6th 1935—March 20th 1935; Euphenia Fassnacht—April 3rd—March 18th 1936; Lucille Bertram—April 1st 1936—March 17th 1937; Minnie Good—April 7th 1937—March 16th 1938; Mabel Salm—April 6th 1938—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Carolyn Armstrong—March 6th 1935—March 16th 1938; Fanny Longnecker—April 6th 1938—end of volume

Book 7 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1938-1940, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Oct 5th 1938—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Mabel Salm—Oct 5th 1938---March 15th 1939; Agnes Fenstermacher—April 5th 1939—March 20th 1940; Carolyn Armstrong—April 3rd 1940—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Fanny Longnecker—Oct 5th 1938—end of volume

Book 8 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1941-1944, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Communications from the Grand Matron encouraging donating to the Red Cross and buying defense bonds are noted in many meetings post December 1941. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Feb 19th 1941—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Carolyn Armstrong—Feb 19th 1941—March 19th 1941; Esther Walther—April 2nd 1942—March 18th 1942; Rena Warfel—April 1st 1942—March 17th 1943; Irene Shertzer—April 7th 1943—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Fanny Longnecker—Feb 19th 1941—end of volume

Book 9 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1944-1947, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—March 1st 1944—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Irene Shertzer—March 1st 1944—March 15th 1944; Ira Ryan—April 5th 1944—March 21st 1945; Marie Hannah—April 4th 1944—March 20th 1946 Sarah Lippold—April 3rd 1946

List of Secretaries: Fanny Longnecker—March 1st 1944—March 15th 1944; Greta McConnick—April 5th 1944—end of volume

Book 10 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1947-1950, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron were held in March each year. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Feb 5th 1947—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Sarah Lippold—Feb 5th 1947—March 19th 1947; Kathryn Gibney—April 2nd 1947—March 17th 1948; M. Jean Herman—April 7th 1948—March 16th 1949; Florence Gerhart—April 6th 1949—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Greta McConnick—Feb 5th 1947—end of volume

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Book 11 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1950-1953, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. The Grand Matron sent out several communications encouraging donations towards the Welfare Fund and the Rehabilitation Project for veterans of World Wars I and II as well as for soldiers of the Korean War. It appears that elections for Worthy Matron were moved from mid-March to Mid-May. The Eastern Star seal is embossed at the end of each meeting minutes.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—March 1st 1950—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Florence Gerhart—March 1st 1950—March 15th 1950; Lena English—April 5th 1950—March 21st 1951; Helen Kauffman—April 4th 1951—May 20th 1952; Edna Schwalm—June 4th 1952—May 20th 1953; Marguerite Trissle—June 4th—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Gretta McConnick—March 1st 1950—end of volume

Book 12 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1953-1958, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Nov 4th 1953—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Marguerite Trissle—Nov 4th 1953—May 19th 1954; Cleo Donnelly—June 2nd 1954—May 18th 1955; Merial Womer—June 1st 1955—May 2nd 1956; Charlotte Angevine—June 6th 1956—May 15th 1957; Sara Wells—June 5th 1957—May 7th 1958

List of Secretaries: Gretta McConnick—Nov 4th 1953—Oct 5th 1955; Kathryn Gibney—Nov 2nd 1955—Jan 4th 1956; Margaret Painter—Feb 1st 1956—end of volume

Book 13 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1958-1963, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—June 4th 1958—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Janet Cox—June 4th 1958—May 6th 1959; Ruth Boelig—June 3rd 1959—May 4th 1960; Joyce Hogarth—June 1st 1960—May 3rd 1961; Edna Aument—June 7th 1961—May 2nd 1962; Elizabeth Jacoby—June 6th 1962—May 1st 1963; Margaret Meisenberger—June 5th 1963—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Margaret Painter—June 4th 1958—Oct 4th 1961; Laretta Richards—Dec 6th 1961—May 2nd 1962; Charlotte Angevine—June 6th 1962—end of volume

Book 14 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1963-1998, of meeting topics, including communications,

application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—Oct 2nd 1963—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Margaret Meisenberger—Oct 2nd 1963—May 6th 1964; Catherine Smith—June 3rd 1964—May 5th 1965; Hazel Olt—June 2nd 1965—May 4th 1966; Helen Kroech—June 1st 1966—May 3rd 1967; Thelma Martin—June 7th 1967—May 1st 1968

List of Secretaries: Charlotte Angevine—Oct 2nd 1963—end of volume

Book 15 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1968-1974, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Odd Fellows Hall—June 5th 1968—May 6th 1970

Masonic Center of Lancaster: June 3rd 1970—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Iva Shade—June 5th 1968—May 7th 1969; Evelyn Cilos—June 4th 1969—May 6th 1970; Florence Smith—June 3rd 1970—May 5th 1971

Violet Mumma—June 2nd 1971—May 3rd 1972; Shirly Snyder—June 7th 1972—May 2nd 1973; Christine Nissley—June 6th 1973—May 1st 1974; Doris Grubt—June 5th 1974—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Charlotte Angevine—June 5th 1968—May 6th 1970; Merial Womer—June 3rd 1970—May 5th 1971; Elinor McGratty—June 2nd 1971—end of volume

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Book 16 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1975-1981, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Any Resolutions of Respect are stapled to the beginning of each meeting minutes. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Masonic Center of Lancaster—Jan 6th 1975—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Doris Grubt—Jan 6th 1975—May 7th 1975; Helen Bennett—June 4th 1975—May 8th 1976; Barbara Adams—June 1st 1976—May 9th 1977; Ruth Rupp—June 1st 1977—May 3rd 1978; Shirley Ranch—June 1st 1978—May 2nd 1979; Lois Morgan—June 6th 1979—May 7th 1980; Susan Way—June 4th 1980—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Elinor McGratty—Jan 6th 1975—May 3rd 1978; Ruth Show—June 7th 1978—end of volume

Book 17 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1981-1988, of meeting topics, including communications,

application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Any Resolutions of Respect are stapled to the beginning of each meeting minutes. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Masonic Center of Lancaster—April 1st 1981—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Susan Way—April 1st 1981—May 6th 1981; Ruth Rill—June 3rd 1981—May 5th 1982; Janice Reed—June 2nd 1982—May 4th 1983; Diane Drabe—June 1st 1983—May 2nd 1984; Patricia Gillespie—June 6th 1984—May 1st 1985; Judith Raugh—June 5th 1985—May 7th 1986; Elaine Warner—June 4th 1986—May 6th 1987; Leaona Arnold—June 3rd 1987—end of volume

List of Secretaries: Ruth Show—April 1st 1981—end of volume

Book 18 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1988-1995, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Pamphlets and any Resolutions of Respect are stapled to the beginning of each meeting minutes. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Masonic Center of Lancaster—May 4th 1988—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Leaona Arnold—May 4th 1988; Ellen Peters—June 1st 1988—May 3rd 1989; May Hall—June 7th 1989—May 2nd 1990; June Graybill—June 6th 1990—May 11th 1991; Elizabeth Aulenbach—June 5th 1991—May 6th 1992; Mary Snyder—June 3rd 1992—May 5th 1993; Linda Petersheim—June 2nd 1993—May 4th 1994; Linda Miller—June 1st 1994—May 3rd 1995

List of Secretaries: Ruth Show—May 4th 1988—end of volume

Book 19 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions, from 1995-1998, of meeting topics, including communications, application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Any changes in Eastern Star law are attached as page inserts. Pamphlets and any Resolutions of Respect are stapled to the beginning of each meeting minutes. Elections for Worthy Matron are held in May each year.

Locations: Masonic Center of Lancaster—June 7th 1995—end of volume

List of Worthy Matrons: Edna Steudler—June 7th 1995—May 1st 1996; Catherine Smith—June 5th 1996—May 7th 1997; Linda Petersheim—June 4th 1997—May 6th 1998

List of Secretaries: Charlotte Angevine—June 7th 1995—end of volume

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Book 20 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 3, 1998—May 5, 1999. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Jennifer Conrad
Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 21 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 2, 1999—May 2, 2001. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matrons: Lynn Geib—June 2nd 1999—May 3rd 2000; Joyce Gustafson—June 7th 2000—May 2nd 2001

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 22 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 6, 2001—May 7, 2003. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matrons: France Frankford—June 6th 2001—May 1st 2002; Janet Duffy—June 5th 2002—May 7th 2003

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 23 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 4, 2003—May 4, 2004. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Lynn Geib

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 24 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 2, 2004—May 4, 2005. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Catherine Smith

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 25 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 1, 2005—May 3, 2006. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Violet Welk

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

Book 26 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 7, 2006—May 2, 2007. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Christine Gibble

Secretary: Charlotte Angevine

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Book 27 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 6, 2007—May 7, 2008. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Lindsay Volker

Secretaries: Charlotte Angevine—June 6th 2007; Violet Welk—September 5th 2007—end of volume

Book 28 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 4, 2008—May 6, 2009. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. Inserted among the pages is a laminated copy from the Grand Chapter stating the new Deputy Grand Matron. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Mary Ann Nagley

Secretary: Violet Welk

Book 29 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 3, 2009—May 5, 2010. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Elaine Warner Erb

Secretary: Violet Welk

Book 30 Minute book for the James Buchanan Chapter of the Eastern Star contains transcriptions from June 3, 2009—May 5, 2010. Minute book includes communications sent from the Grand Chapter as well as application considerations, initiations, any motions made, and bills and fees due. This set of meeting minutes are not bound in book form. These records are typed.

Location: Masonic Center of Lancaster

Worthy Matron: Edna Steudler

Secretary: Violet Welk