

**Sturgis Library Archives  
Town and Local History Collection**

Records of the Barnstable Masons  
1885-1908  
MS. 104

**Extent:** 1 box

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of 1 hardcover ledger containing the handwritten minutes and notes of the original order of Masons of Barnstable Massachusetts.

**Historical Information:** The first meeting of the petitioners for a dispensation to form a Council of the Secret Beneficiary Order of the Royal Arcanum was held on November 2, 1885 at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Barnstable. A.P. Willard was elected President, Fred C. Swift Secretary, and Alfred Crocker Collector Pro Tem. There were 21 charter members. The last minutes were recorded January 1, 1908. Meetings were held at the Masonic Hall from 1885 through 1886, and then at Union Hall. Meeting minutes include names of officers, members, and expenditures.

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**Acquisition:** Gift, 2011.

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**Contents:**

- 1 hardcover ledger