
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT NO. 81

SRG 164
Series List

Records of the Star of Freedom Tent, No. 4 of the District at Bowden, and of affiliated tents, Rose of Freedom Tent No.15 of the Female Branch, and Sons of Freedom Tent No. 4 of the Juvenile Branch.

Records of tent meetings

- Minutes of meetings of Star of Freedom Tent 1
1870-1883, 1887-1934. 11 volumes.
[For period 1883-86 see Series 2. Volume I includes balance sheets from 11 February 1870 to 31 July 1884.]
PART OPEN ACCESS MICROFILM (volume 9).
- Rough minutes of meetings of Star of Freedom Tent. 2
1882-1886. 1 volume.
- Minutes of meetings of Rose of Freedom Tent. 3
1907-1928. 3 volumes.
PART OPEN ACCESS MICROFILM (volume 3)
[For period 1890-1907 see Series 1.]
- Minutes of meetings of the Sons of Freedom Tent. 4
1874-1903, 1909-1922. 5 volumes.
[Volume I includes quarterly record of contributions, Oct. 1869 – Feb. 1874, (see series 18), and annual balance sheets, 1874-84.]

Correspondence

- Letters sent, press copies. 5
1894-1909. 1 volume.
[No separately-maintained series of letters received has been established. Items of correspondence found scattered throughout the records have been filed in envelopes following the series in which they occurred.]
- Surgeons' certificates of candidates for admission to Sons of Freedom Tent. 6
1894-1902. 15cm.
[Includes some outside this date-range and some undated certificates. Date order has been imposed in Archives.]

Membership records

- Register of initiation to Star of Freedom Tent. 7
c.1904-1936. 1 volume, Outsize 1
[Personal details recorded include date and place of birth, address, and occupation.]

Register of initiation to Rose of Freedom Tent. c.1904-1928. 1 volume. Outsize 1.	<u>8</u>
Register of initiation to Sons of Freedom Tent. c.1925-1936. 1 volume. Outsize 1. [Rarely records personal details other than date of birth or address.]	<u>9</u>
Membership roll for Rose of Freedom Tent. 1893. 1 volume. Outsize 1 [Probably a rough copy of a return required by the Public Actuary after his first quinquennial valuation, (1888-1892), published as <u>S.A. Parliamentary Paper</u> , No. 25 of 1896. Alphabetical arrangement; records occupation, date of birth and initiation and also date of birth of husband.]	<u>10</u>
Register of members on surgeons' lists, Star of Freedom Tent. 1902-1908, 1933-1939. 4 volumes. Outsize 1. [Cover title "Doctors list book". Each member's choice of lodge Doctor is recorded quarterly.]	<u>11</u>
Register of members on surgeons' lists, Rose of Freedom Tent. 1902-1908, 1936-39. 3 volumes. Outsize 1.	<u>12</u>
Register of members on surgeons' lists, Sons of Freedom Tent. 1932-1939. 1 volume. Outsize 1.	<u>13</u>
Contribution records	
Cash receipts journal for Star of Freedom Tent. 1861-1876, 1884-1895, 1902-1910, 1933-1934, 1936-1946. 15 volumes. [Includes quarterly balance sheets 1861-1876, also includes Sons of Freedom contributions record 1893-1894.]	<u>14</u>
Cash receipt journal for Rose of Freedom Tent. 1902-1909, 1934-1944. 9 volumes.	<u>15</u>
Cash receipts journal for Sons of Freedom Tent. 1890-1893, 1902-1910, 1930-1942. 6 volumes. [For period 1893-1894 see series 14.]	<u>16</u>
Cash receipts journal for sub-branches of Sons of Freedom Tent. 1930-1943. 5 volumes. [Includes records of individual contributions paid to adult as well as juvenile tents at meetings of the Ovingham, Croydon and West Hindmarsh sub-branches.]	<u>17</u>

Contributions ledgers of Star of Freedom Tent. 1866-1888, 1893-1895, 1900-1920. 35 volumes, [Some gaps in series 1900-1920. Sometimes labelled "Contributions book". Ledger shows state of each member's contribution account at end of quarter or half-year.] Volumes 3 – 35 at Outsize 1.	<u>18</u>
Contributions ledgers of Rose of Freedom Tent. 1893 -1895, 1898 -1920. 18 volumes. Outsize 1. [Some gaps 1915 -1920]	<u>19</u>
Contributions ledgers of Sons of Freedom Tent. 1874-1887, 1893-1898, 1901-1903, 1905-1919. 22 vols. [For period 1869-1874 see series 4. Some gaps 1911–1919] Volume 2 at Outsize 1	<u>20</u>
General Financial Records	
Ledger of sickness benefits paid to members of Star of Freedom and affiliated Tents. 1926-1960. 1 volume. Outsize 1. [Cover title "Register of sickness". Shows for individual members receiving benefits, dates nature and duration of sickness.]	<u>21</u>
Ledger of sickness benefits paid to members of the Rose of Freedom Tent. 1901-1926. 1 volume. [For period 1926-1960 see series 21.]	<u>22</u>
Quarterly record of sickness and of benefits paid to members of the Star of Freedom Tent. 1961-1969. 1 volume.	<u>23</u>
Treasurer's journal of account. 1919-1936. 1 volume. [Cover title "Treasurers cash book". Quarterly record of payments and receipts for the three tents.]	<u>24</u>
Ledger of loans to members. 1901-1926. 1 volume. [Index with volume. Includes entries into Hall Account for 1910-1911.]	<u>25</u>
Quarterly record of transactions in the Hall Account. 1925-33. 1 volume. [Cover title "Cash book". Volume also includes payments by members into hospital fund, 1938, and pencilled notes made when volume out of official custody. c.1940-1960.]	<u>26</u>

Minor financial records. 1945-1971. 22 items. [Includes copies of receipts for contribution and mortgage interest payments.]	<u>27</u>
Returns to District	
Returns and balance sheets for Star of Freedom Tent. 1887-1970. 8 volumes. [Copies were retained by the Tent secretary of summaries of contributions and benefits etc. made, audited, and sent at regular intervals to the District Secretary. Volume 1 includes copies of returns made annually until 1892 to the Registrar General. From 1898 quarterly returns were lodged.]	<u>28</u>
Returns and balance sheets for Rose of Freedom Tent. 1897-1959. 6 volumes.	<u>29</u>
Returns and balance sheets for Sons of Freedom Tent. 1887-1960. 6 volumes.	<u>30</u>
Quarterly summary of loan and interest accounts. 1922-1955. 2 volumes. [Summaries were sent to district with quarterly returns.]	<u>31</u>
Miscellaneous records	
Animal reports and other business papers of meetings of the S.A. District. 1938-1949. 12 items. [Includes printed agenda for the 1938 meeting and skeleton Minutes for 1946.]	<u>32</u>
Miscellaneous printed papers, some with manuscript additions by members of the Star of Freedom Tent. Various dates. 15cm. Includes published song-books, books of regulations, and samples of forms used by the members of the Tent. See special list for details.	<u>33</u>
Specifications. 1930-1964. 5cm. [Comprises specifications for building work for halls and residences.]	<u>34</u>
Architectural plans. 1913-1966. 5cm. Outsize 6 [Comprises plans of halls and of private residences.]	<u>35</u>

Photographs [originals Reserve 1]	<u>36</u>
Honour Rolls 1848-1951 Outsize wooden items with certificates See online record for SRG 164/37 for images of items. See special list for details of items.	<u>37</u>
Honour Roll of Members of over 40 years. Lily of Gawler Tent No. 7. Wooden scroll Outsize 1	<u>38</u>
Framed Certificate for Brother Richard Hawke 1893. Certificate framed with glass. 92 cm x 75 cm x 2 cm. Coloured lithograph certificate for Bro. Richard Hawke, Past Chief Ruler of Salem Tent No. 8, Kapunda, presented to him 7 March 1893	<u>39</u>
Photograph: 'Rechabite Jubilee Commemorative Group' 1885. 74.1 cm x 55.6 cm Composite photograph of 27 portraits of members of the Rechabite group. See separate database record for details.	<u>40</u>
Dispensation certificates issued under the Salford Unity Friendly Society 1865-1923. 1 cm (6 certificates) The dispensation certificates were issued to confirm the right to establish a new Tent (local branch) within the Rechabite organization. These relate to Gawler, Mount Pleasant, Knightsbridge and Glenunga (juvenile group).	<u>41</u>
Addresses and acknowledgements to individuals 1878-1891. 0.5 cm (3 certificates) Comprises an address to Brothers Alcock and Madge on the occasion of their visit to England (1878); [unidentified] Brother who had served as Chief Ruler of the Southern Star Tent No.1 (1891), and address to Bro. Edward Alcock (1894).	<u>42</u>
First prize certificate awarded to the Sunbeam Tent No. 91J September 1929. 76 cm x 55.5 cm. Certificate was for the 'Model Tent' in the Juvenile Competitions run 'under the auspices of the Rechabites Women's Association and Supervision of the District Officers. Tent office bearers are identified as Lionel Hodson, Hazel Baxendale, Ina Pearce, Eileen Thomas, Richard Boundy, Errol Channon, Grant Jackson, Daphne Rouse, Beatrice Walker and H.V. Tunstill.	<u>43</u>

- Roll of Honour for World War I soldiers from Glenelg 44
ca.1919. 55.5 cm x 38 cm.
Names of members of the Harmony Tent No. 65 at Glenelg who served during the war. Names are recorded on a pre-printed coloured lithograph by McCarron, Bird & Co. (Melbourne). Names are: D.B. Wright, W.T. Menz, C. StC. LeMessurier, D.W.J. Karran, H.B. Hewett, V.W.J. Skinner, W. Bolton, S.C. McLean, H.P. Leak, E.M. Worden, P.S. Holloway, A.M. Nelsson, W.C. Medlyn, H.J. Smart, A.J. Weston, H.L. Bartlett, J.L. Fewster, and R.C. Hewett.
- Architectural plans and drawings` 45
1929-1963. 2 cm (22 items)
Collection of architectural drawings for various Rechabite premises in South Australia. See special list for details.
- Certificate awarded to Brother John Couche 46
15 March 1898. 68.2 x 47.2, in mount 86.2 x 64.2.
Awarded in recognition of holding the Office of District Chief Ruler, South Australian District No. 81 for a long enough period to qualify him for the 'honours and privileges of a past District Chief Ruler of the Independent Order of Rechabites'. Signed by F.W. Brett, R. Campbell, James Manning and E. E. Alcock.
- Dispensation certificate 47
11 September 1889. 74.4 x 53.3 cm.
Certificate awarded to the 'High Officers and Board of Directors of District No. 81 to establish a new group to be known as Princess Royal Tent No. 14F. Signed by Thomas Jones Parry, Henry Sharples, John H. Casley and R. Campbell.
- Certificate awarded to Mrs M. H. L. Thorber 48
15 June 1891. 63.3 x 43.3 cm, in mount 81x 63.3 cm.
Awarded in recognition of holding the Office of Chief Ruler of the Victoria Tent No. 1 F.B. and is therefore 'entitled to all the honours and privileges of a Past Chief Ruler of the Independent Order of Rechabites'. Signed by T. Jones Parry, P. T. Hill, Mrs E. Hickman, R. Campbell, E. E. Alcock and F. Alcock.
- Certificate awarded to Brother Thomas Letts 49
25 March 1892(?). 60.5x 43.2, in mount 83.5 x 65.9.
Awarded in recognition of holding the Office of District Chief Ruler, South Australian District No. 81 for a long enough period to qualify him for the 'honours and privileges of a past District Chief Ruler of the Independent order of Rechabites'. Signed by Henry Sharples, Richardson Campbell, Edward Alcock and E. E. Alcock.

Photographs

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1909-1960. 1 cm

Three photographs: opening of the Rechabite Hall at Norwood, 1909; members of the Hope of Gawler Tent No. 7, 1922; and centenary celebrations, 1960. These are available online – do an ARCHIVAL NUMBER search on SRG 164/50.