

# Finding Freemasons

A digitisation project between the Library and Museum and Ancestry will make searching for masons from the past much easier

The world's largest online family history resource, Ancestry has transcribed over two million records of Freemasons in the English and Irish Constitutions using the membership registers of the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The names have created a searchable online database of Freemasons from the 1750s to the early 1920s. The database and images from the Grand Lodge registers are being made available via Ancestry's website. This will provide information about individual lodge affiliation, as well as address and occupation details.

It has often been difficult to track down the names of individual Freemasons if there were no details of their lodge. Grand Lodge's main communication was with lodge secretaries and there was no reason for the organisation itself to create an alphabetical index of members. It will now be much easier for family historians, researchers and those writing their lodge histories to access this information.

**Ancestry provides a pay-per-view or subscription service and free access will also be available in the Library and Museum. Further details are available on the Library and Museum's website and at [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)**

*Pythagoras Lodge*

No. 654, continued

DATE OF INITIATION	FAMILY NAME	SUBNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PROFESSION	CHARGE	M. I. & D.
1854 Mar 13	Moore		John Bentley	27	5, Old Spinnakerwater	Capt. Surgeon	1855	Nov 1871
Mar 20	Green		Arthur		58, Regent	Major		
do	Woods		Henry		21, do	Capt.		
May 10	McCarthy		William	25	Merchant Street	Master	1855	1895
do	Waller		William	26	do	do	do	do
do	Waller		James	26	do	do	do	do
June 22	Woods		George Devotion	33	21, Regent	Surgeon	do	do
do	Smith	St.	John	21	do	Serjeant	do	do
Sept 10	Handcock		Robert	25	58, Regent	Serjeant	do	do
Nov 23	Charlton		Charles		do	Merchant	do	do
do	Waller		Richard		do	Prof. of Music	do	do
do	Murphy		Thomas		Edinburgh	Procurator	do	do
do	Waller		William	16	Merchant Street	Capt.	1855	do
do	Muller		William	26	do	do	do	do
Oct 19	Warders		Henry Robt		Royal Artillery	Serjeant	do	do
do	Jordan		William Baker	34	Regent	Capt.	do	do
do	Jordan		James		do	Quartermaster	do	do
do	Waller		George	38	Merchant Street	Master	1855	Aug 1871
do	Waller		Charles		do	Merchant	do	do
Dec 6	Baker		Henry		do	Quartermaster	do	do
do	Mackellar		George		do	Surgeon	do	do
Dec 27	Gains		Henry		11, Old St. Martin's	Chk.	do	do
do	Smith		John		58, Regent	Major	do	do
do	Waller		Richard	21	do	Surgeon	1855	do
do	Callam		John	20	21, St. L. S.	do	do	do
do	Stollen		Augustus		58, Regent	Surgeon	do	do
1855 Jan 10	Lawrence		Richard	22	58, do	Serjeant	1855	do
do	Blacket		W. S. Baker	27	do	Captain	do	do
do	Waller		William	25	58, do	do	do	do
do	Waller		Benjamin	30	Key Hill	do	1855	do
do	Waller		Benjamin	20	do	Serjeant	do	do
do	Waller		William	32	20, Regent	do	do	do
do	Waller		James	30	58, do	Serjeant	do	do
do	Waller		Benjamin	22	48, do	Serjeant	1855	do
do	Waller		James	30	Edinburgh	Capt.	do	do
do	Waller		James	34	Edinburgh	Master	1855	do
do	Waller		John	27	58, Regent	Capt.	do	do
do	Waller		Edmund	31	Edinburgh	Procurator	do	do
do	Waller		Robert	25	Edinburgh	Procurator	do	do
do	Waller		George	24	Edinburgh	Procurator	do	do
do	Waller		Robert	24	Edinburgh	Serjeant	do	do
do	Waller		William	30	Merchant Street	Master	do	do
do	Waller		John	28	do	do	do	do
do	Waller		J. P. V.	38	Key Hill	Capt.	1855	do
do	Waller		Charles	24	Edinburgh	Procurator	do	do



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A page from a lodge membership register; Queen Alexandra Lodge, No. 2932, installation banquet in 1903; William Shurmur's masonic career can now be traced online

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