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Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds
(Vale of Levern Lodge)



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<i>Fonds Date(s)</i>	1886 - 1953
<i>Extent and medium</i>	16 volumes, .55 l.m..
<i>Name of creator</i>	Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds (Vale of Lavern Lodge)
<i>Administrative/ biographical history</i>	<p>The Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds was founded at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1826. The philosophy of the organisation grew from being a sickness and burial society into a secret society with its own ceremonies and mysteries, drawing their mythology from biblical inspiration, emphasising the pastoral aspects of mutuality.</p> <p>A Glasgow District was established in 1882, and The Vale of Lavern Lodge (no. 2096) was founded under it in 1886 at the Good Templars Hall, Robertson St., Barrhead.</p> <p>The society was made increasingly redundant with the development of the welfare state after the Second World War, although the Barrhead Branch continued with a more social role for some time thereafter, and, nationally, the renamed Shepherds' Friendly Society was still functioning into the 21st century.</p>
<i>Archival history</i>	This archive was acquired by Eastwood District Libraries or East Renfrewshire Council's Community and Leisure Department some time prior to 2006. It was latterly stored in the Neilston Leisure Centre, loose on a shelf and in a box marked "ARCHIVE 5". No further information on the archival history of this material is available.
<i>Immediate source of acquisition</i>	The material was transferred to the Archives along with other records as part of accession 2006/02 by Amanda Robb, Local Studies Librarian, on 20th September 2006.
<i>Scope and content</i>	The archive comprises minute books, an account book and published forms of words for ceremonial occasions.
<i>Appraisal, destruction _ scheduling information</i>	All items have been appraised as worthy of permanent archival retention.
<i>Accruals</i>	No further accruals are expected
<i>System of Arrangement</i>	<p>the archive has been arranged in the following series:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 minute books 2 account book 3 publications
<i>Conditions governing access</i>	There are no restrictions on access
<i>Finding Aids</i>	An item level list has been prepared and is searchable on the archives database.
<i>Allied materials</i>	none

Archivist's note Description prepared by Craig Geddes, Council Records Manager.

Rules or conventions This description was based on the General International Standard for Archival Description and East Renfrewshire Council's Manual of Listing and Archival Description.

Dates(s) of descriptions 30th May - 11th July 2007

Reference	Description	Date(s)	No. of pieces
03 1/01	Minute Book	1886 - 1891	1
03 1/02	Minute Book	1891 - 1904	1
03 1/03	Minute Book	1904 - 1911	1
03 1/04	Minute Book	1911 - 1917	1
03 1/05	Minute Book	1917 - 1921	1
03 1/06	Minute Book	1921 - 1925	1
03 1/07	Minute Book	1925 - 1929	1
03 1/08	Minute Book	1929 - 1934	1
03 1/09	Minute Book	1934 - 1937	1
03 1/10	Minute Book	1937 - 1941	1
03 1/11	Minute Book	1941 - 1947	1
03 1/12	Minute Book	1947 - 1955	1
03 1/13	Minute Book	1955 - 1962	1
03 2	Account Book	1937 - 1953	1
03 3/1	Bound copy of the Deputy Master's Charge. Published 1902, annotated with a list of names and dates. [digital image of crest available]	1902 - 1936	1
03 3/2	Bound volume of "First Part Lectures of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds", pub. 1938. With a "Key to the Passwords", and form of words for ceremonies. [digital image of crest available]	1938	1