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Minutes and other records of the Gresham Lodge,
No 869, of Freemasons, 1861-1986, deposited in
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Introduction

The Gresham Lodge, which was named after Sir Thomas Gresham, who was Grand Master in 1567, was consecrated on 19th June 1861 at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross. There was a serious decline in the attendance of the Officers in 1869. From 1889, however, a new feeling existed among the members and the Lodge began to fulfil its duties once more. In 1875 the Lodge moved to Cheshunt Great House. The Lodge Benevolent Fund was established in June 1891 and was supported by a box being passed round at each banquet. By 1904 membership of the Lodge had increased to fifty. In 1906 the Lodge bought The Great House when it came up for sale and a daughter Lodge, the Gaddesden Lodge No 3398 was established.

The Great House was requisitioned for war-time purposes and the Lodge was never to meet there again. The condition of the Great House meant that it was too costly to modernise, and it was sold. The Lodge then met at the Halsey Masonic Hall, Cheshunt. The Lodge held its Centenary Meeting in the Masonic Hall in Great Queen Street, London.

The Ladies' Nights were established in the early days.

[For further information see *Gresham Lodge No 869, 125 years 1861-1986*]

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[Signature books contain the signatures of those who were present at each meeting]		
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D/EX794/13	Declaration book	Aug 1861-Jul 1888
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D/EX794/480	Lodge income and expenditure accounts	Apr 1961-Apr 1966
D/EX794/481	Balance sheets with some correspondence [Original bundle]	1903 - 1945
D/EX794/482	Balance sheets [original bundle]	1970 - 1980
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D/EX794/484	Papers and photographs concerning charity grants made by the Lodge [Original bundle]	1929 - 1940
D/EX794/485	Inventory of the contents of a locker in the Provincial Grand Officer's room at Halsey Masonic Hall	1959

D/EX794/486	Correspondence concerning the daily running of the Lodge [Original bundle]	1903 - 1943
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D/EX794/491	Letters of resignation from the Lodge and testimonials of those moving to other Lodges	1977
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D/EX795/518	Robert E Harrisson, <i>Gresham Lodge No 869, 125 Years, 1861-1986</i>	1986
/EX794/519	Walter E Compertz, <i>Gresham Lodge No 869 Review of the Past Twenty One Years</i>	1903
<u>Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire</u>		
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<u>Royal Arch, Province of Hertfordshire</u>		
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<u>King Harold Lodge of Instruction No 1327</u>		
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	<u>Hertfordshire Masters' Lodge No 4090</u>	
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	<u>Incorporated Society of Musicians Lodge No 2281</u>	
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	<u>Henry of Adverre Lodge No 7235</u>	
D/EX794/527	Certificate to say that J E D Wilson is a member of the Lodge	1976
	<u>Gaddesden Lodge No 3398</u>	
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	<u>Duke of Edinburgh Lodge No 1259</u>	
D/EX794/530	<i>A Short History of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No 1259, 1869-1969</i>	1969
	<u>Chingford Lodge, No 2859</u>	
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	<u>United Grand Lodge of England</u>	
D/EX794/532	Papers concerning The Bagnall Report and The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys [Original bundle]	1974 - 1975
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