

COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF MIDDLESBROUGH
(Councillor A. ELSTROP, J.P.)

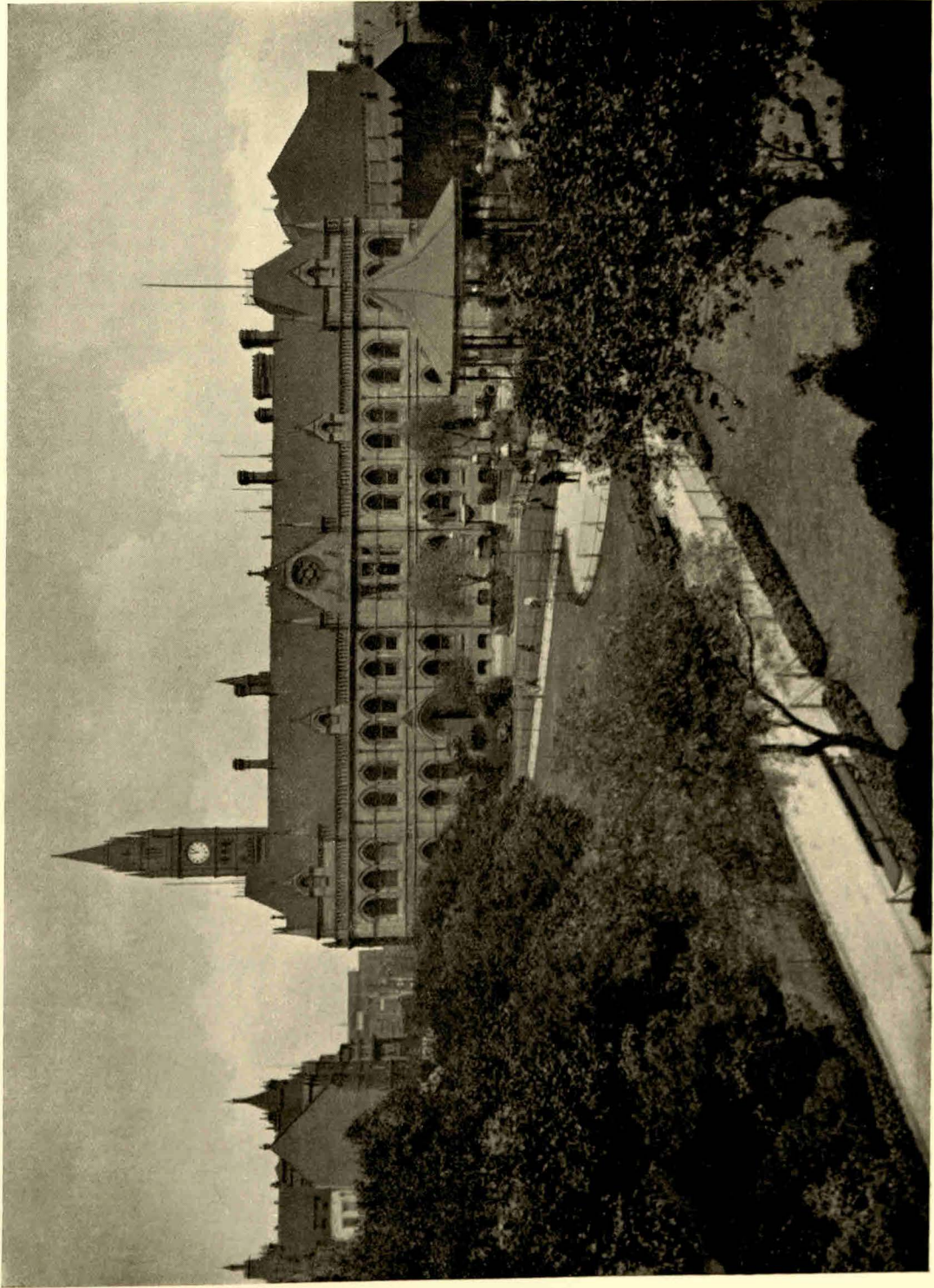
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933.

PRESENTATION
OF THE
Honorary Freedom of the Borough
TO
PRESTON KITCHEN, Esq., O.B.E.
Town Clerk of Middlesbrough.

Wednesday, 23rd September, 1936,
3 p.m.

A. E. GILFILLAN,
Deputy Town Clerk.

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TOWN HALL from Victoria Square.

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN COUNCIL.

The Worshipful The Mayor

(COUNCILLOR A. ELSTROP, J.P.)

The Deputy Mayor

(COUNCILLOR T. K. BRIGGS, J.P.)

Aldermen:

G. ALEXANDER.

W. J. BRUCE, O.B.E., J.P.

FRED. W. CAREY, J.P.

G. A. CAREY.

A. MARSHALL.

LIEUT.-COL. SIR THOMAS POOLE, V.D., J.P.

M. RODDY.

S. A. SADLER, J.P.

E. SPENCE, J.P.

W. TURFORD, J.P.

A. WEATHERHEAD, M.B.E.

Councillors:

L. G. ALLEN.

J. M. BERRIMAN.

J. S. BOLTON.

J. WESLEY BROWN.

G. CARTER.

A. H. COCKS.

A. COOPER.

H. CORDUEX.

W. H. CROSTHWAITE.

T. CURRAN.

W. ECKERT.

H. FRENCH.

R. V. C. GRAY.

H. M. GUTHRIE, J.P.

J. H. JARVIS.

H. RIDLEY KITCHING.

H. D. LEVICK, J.P.

T. MEEHAN, J.P.

W. MILLER.

T. W. MORRIS.

J. NUGENT.

W. E. PRICE.

B. RAMSEY.

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RT. REV. MONSIGNOR

CANON R. F. SULLIVAN.

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J. G. WADDINGTON.

J. W. WELCH.

J. W. WRIGHT, J.P..



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Municipal Buildings.

County Borough



of Middlesbrough.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

on the Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to
PRESTON KITCHEN, Esq., O.B.E.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1936, at 3 p.m.

1. The Members of the Town Council (after Robing), and Guests will be seated in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, prior to 3 p.m.
2. The Mayor (Councillor Arthur Elstrop, J.P.) preceded by the Mace and followed by the Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution (Councillor Thomas Meehan, J.P. and Alderman Stanley Sadler, J.P.) will proceed to enter the Council Chamber and escort the Honorary Freeman-elect to the Council Chamber, the Honorary Freeman-elect taking his seat on the immediate right of the Mayor.
3. The Mayor will then call upon the Deputy Town Clerk who will read the Notice convening the Special Meeting of the Council.
4. The Deputy Town Clerk will then report the receipt of any communications.
5. The Mayor will then call upon Councillor Thomas Meehan, J.P. to propose and Alderman Stanley Sadler, J.P. to second a Resolution in accordance with the decision of the Council passed on the 12th day of May, 1936, to admit Mr. Preston Kitchen, O.B.E., the Town Clerk of Middlesbrough, an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.
6. After the Resolution has been proposed and seconded it will be spoken to by other Members of the Council.
7. The Mayor will then announce that, although the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the Town Council, members of the general public may be permitted to speak to the Resolution before it is put to the meeting.

8. The Mayor will then put the Resolution to the Meeting and after the same has been declared carried will call upon the Stipendiary Magistrate (Henry Smethurst Mundahl, Esquire) to administer the Oath to Mr. Preston Kitchen.

9. The Stipendiary Magistrate will then administer the Oath, which is as follows :-

YOU SHALL SWEAR to be true to our Sovereign Lord EDWARD THE EIGHTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, His heirs and successors Kings and Queens of Great Britain, as a free and franchised man of this County Borough.

YOU SHALL preserve the peace and tranquility of the said County Borough so far as in you lieth and if you know of any unlawful conventicles or assemblies against the State thereof you will forthwith disclose the same to the Mayor of the said County Borough for the time being whom you will aid by your best counsel and advice.

ALSO you shall as much as in your power lieth contribute and do every act and thing for the good government and safety of the said County Borough and the inhabitants thereof and you will defend the customs and privileges of this County Borough in every just and lawful cause. SO HELP YOU GOD.

10. After Mr. Preston Kitchen has taken the Oath the Mayor will invite him to sign the Freeman's Roll and the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk will sign the Roll.
11. After the signing of the Freeman's Roll the Mayor will ask the new Freeman (Mr. Preston Kitchen, O.B.E.) to receive at his hands, the Honorary Freedom of the County Borough of Middlesbrough together with a sealed and illuminated copy of the Resolution inscribed on vellum and a Casket containing the same and will congratulate him on behalf of the Corporation and people of the Borough on becoming an Honorary Freeman of the County Borough of Middlesbrough.
12. Mr. Preston Kitchen will reply.
13. At the conclusion of the formal proceedings, the Mayor preceded by the Mace, accompanied by the new Honorary Freeman and the other Freeman of the Borough, will adjourn to the Town Hall where an opportunity will be given to extend congratulations to the new Honorary Freeman.
14. Invitation is extended to Members of the Council and Guests to adjourn to the Town Hall for refreshments.

Middlesbrough.

27th August, 1936.

A. E. GILFILLAN,
Deputy Town Clerk.

The following is a description of the Casket.



The silver plate on the plinth is surmounted with the Coat of Arms of the Borough enamelled in correct heraldic colours and bears the following inscription :—

County Borough



of Middlesbrough.

PRESENTED

to

PRESTON KITCHEN, ESQUIRE, O.B.E.

(Town Clerk of Middlesbrough)

at a Special Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, 23rd September, 1936,
together with the HONORARY FREEDOM of the Borough TO CELEBRATE HIS
SILVER JUBILEE AS TOWN CLERK, 30th June, 1936.

ARTHUR ELSTROP,
Mayor.

A. E. GILFILLAN,
Deputy Town Clerk.

This magnificent oval bowl is reproduced from an antique Wine Cistern made for the Duke of Portland and still in the possession of the present Duke. The original is the work of the celebrated Gabriel Sleath and bears the London Hall-Mark for the year 1710. It was constructed of Britannia Silver, commonly called Queen Anne Silver—this being the only standard allowed at that period—and the above bowl has been faithfully reproduced in the same superior quality metal. The lower half of the body of the bowl is raised by hand from a flat sheet of silver, the upper part being fashioned in a similar way. The gadroon decoration round the foot and the fluting on the body are again raised by hand, whilst the gadroon mount round the rim and both the Acanthus leaf mounts are applied work. The handles consist of two finely modelled female figures cast in the solid metal and the detail hand-chased. The full width of the bowl is 24 inches

The bowl has been supplied by Messrs. R. Richardson, Silversmiths, Middlesbrough.

The following is a copy of the Certificate of Admission.

COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH.

AT A MEETING of the Council for the County Borough of Middlesbrough lawfully convened in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, and held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1936 at 3 p.m., there being present at such Meeting not less than two-thirds of the Members of the said Council.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Councillor A. Elstrop, J.P.)
in the Chair.

CONFERMENT OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH.—RESOLVED AND ORDERED unanimously on the Motion of Councillor THOMAS MEEHAN, J.P., Seconded by Alderman S. A. SADLER, J.P.,

“ That PRESTON KITCHEN, ESQUIRE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, being a person who has rendered eminent services to the County Borough of Middlesbrough within the meaning and in pursuance of the provisions of Section 259 of the Local Government Act, 1933, BE ADMITTED as AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH, the most honourable distinction which it is their privilege to bestow, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Members of the Council and by his fellow citizens and in appreciation and acknowledgment of the eminent, faithful and devoted services rendered by him to the Borough during the period of 25 years as Town Clerk, the Silver Jubilee of which appointment he celebrated on the 30th June, 1936. He has also held many other offices connected with Local Government. During his prolonged and honourable term of official service he has always been distinguished by his unflagging zeal and industry, by his unfailing courtesy and patience, and by his unremitting kindness and assistance to Members of the Council and other bodies, both collectively and individually.

With unremitting care he has attended to the welfare and government of the Borough in which he has taken an active part in promoting its prosperity; he has generously given of his time and ability for the good of the community. His devotion to the public interests, his wise and valuable counsel, his integrity of character and his constant endeavour to maintain a high standard of civic life have gained for him the unvarying respect of the inhabitants of the Borough.

The Members of the Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, desire to express their gratitude to Mr. Preston Kitchen for his untiring services in the interests of the Borough.

That a Certificate of Admission as an Honorary Freeman be presented to PRESTON KITCHEN, ESQUIRE, O.B.E., in a suitable Casket.”

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that PRESTON KITCHEN, ESQUIRE, O.B.E., has this day been DULY SWORN AND ADMITTED as AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH pursuant to the above Resolution.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Middlesbrough this 23rd day of September, 1936, in the presence of:—

ARTHUR ELSTROP,
Mayor.

A. E. GILFILLAN,
Deputy Town Clerk.





LIST OF PERSONS ON WHOM THE
Honorary Freedom of the
County Borough of Middlesbrough.

has been conferred by the Town Council pursuant to
Act of Parliament.

1. 1886—March 9th
William Fallows (died 1889).
2. 1890—January 14th
Sir Raylton Dixon (died 1901).
3. 1892—July 26th
Issac Wilson (died 1899).
4. 1894—March 14th
William Bulmer (died 1901).
5. 1894—November 2nd
Sir Lowthian Bell, Bart. (died 1904).
6. 1894—November 2nd
Sir Hugh Bell, Bart. (died 1931).
7. 1897—July 13th
Sir Samuel A. Sadler (died 1911).
8. 1904—October 11th
Sir Arthur John Dorman, K.B.E. (died 1931).
9. 1910—March 8th
Richard Archibald (died 1924).
10. 1919—November 7th
Sir Joseph Calvert (died 1931).
11. 1924—November 6th
Thomas Dormand Stewart.
12. 1925—April 3rd
William Joseph Bruce.
13. 1932—April 13th
Sir Thomas Gibson Poole.
14. 1934—March 26th
Miss Edith J. Carter.
(Now Mrs. E. Carter Owen.)

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