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COUNTY BOROUGH



OF MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF MIDDLESBROUGH
(Councillor R. Ridley Kitching, J.P.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1933.

PRESENTATION
OF THE
Honorary Freedom of the Borough
TO
Alderman J. WESLEY BROWN, J.P.

Thursday, 21st September, 1944.
3 p.m.

PRESTON KITCHEN,
Town Clerk.



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Municipal Buildings.

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN COUNCIL.

The Worshipful the Mayor

(COUNCILLOR R. RIDLEY KITCHING, J.P.)

The Deputy Mayor

(ALDERMAN MRS. H. M. GUTHRIE, J.P.)

Aldermen:

J. WESLEY BROWN, J.P.

G. A. CAREY.

SIR WILLIAM CROSTHWAITE, J.P.

A. ELSTROP, J.P.

A. MARSHALL.

T. MEEHAN, O.B.E., J.P.

S. A. SADLER, J.P.

E. SPENCE, O.B.E., J.P.

W. TURFORD, J.P.

A. WEATHERHEAD, M.B.E.

Councillors:

L. G. ALLEN.

J. S. BOLTON.

J. G. BOOTHBY.

R. CARTER.

J. A. COCKROFT.

A. H. COCKS.

A. COOPER.

H. CORDUEX.

T. CURRAN.

THE REVD. MONSIGNOR CANON N. DUNNE.

W. ECKERT.

H. FRENCH, M.B.E.

J. GILMORE, J.P.

R. V. C. GRAY.

E. HARFORD.

W. MILLER.

A. C. MITCHELL.

T. W. MORRIS.

J. NUGENT.

F. C. PETTE, J.P.

W. E. PRICE.

B. RAMSEY.

J. REUBENS.

A. L. ROE.

J. SWALES.

J. TAYLOR.

L. TAYLOR.

A. THOMPSON.

E. TURNER.

J. G. WADDINGTON.

J. W. WELCH, J.P.

E. WHATLEY, M.B.E.

County Borough



of Middlesbrough.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

on the

Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to
Alderman J. WESLEY BROWN, J.P.

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1944, 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 R. Ridley Kitching, J.P.), preceded by the Mace, and followed by the Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution (Councillor Arthur Thompson, 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 Town Clerk who will read the Notice convening the Special Meeting of the Council.
4. The Town Clerk will then report the receipt of any communications.
5. The Mayor will then call upon Councillor Arthur Thompson to propose and Alderman Stanley Sadler, J.P., to second a Resolution in accordance with the decision of the Council passed on the 6th day of July, 1944, to admit Alderman J. Wesley Brown, J.P., 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 (Alfred Pearson Peaker, Esquire) to administer the Oath to Alderman J. Wesley Brown.
9. The Stipendiary Magistrate will then administer the Oath, which is as follows :—

YOU SHALL SWEAR to be true to our Sovereign Lord GEORGE THE SIXTH 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 Alderman J. Wesley Brown has taken the Oath the Mayor will invite him to sign the Freeman's Roll and the Town Clerk will witness the same.
11. After the signing of the Freeman's Roll the Mayor will ask the new Freeman (Alderman J. Wesley Brown) 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, which will be presented at a later date as owing to present War-Time restrictions it is unobtainable at present, 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. Alderman J. Wesley Brown, J.P. 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.

PRESTON KITCHEN,

Middlesbrough.

Town Clerk.

September, 1944.

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 Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1944, at 3 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Councillor R. Ridley Kitching, J.P.)
in the Chair.

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

"That ALDERMAN JOHN WESLEY BROWN, J.P., 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 in recognition of the eminent services which have been ungrudgingly rendered by him during his lengthy public career in many capacities, and in particular the outstanding service he has, without stint, rendered to the Town Council of Middlesbrough as:—

Member of the Town Council since 1919;

Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough (East Division) 1922-1923;

Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Middlesbrough Corporation for 25 years;

Chairman of the Education Committee of the County Borough of Middlesbrough for 14 years;

Mayor of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, 1932-3;

and as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Members of the Town Council and by his fellow citizens.

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 ALDERMAN J. WESLEY BROWN, J.P. for his untiring services in the interests of the Borough.

That a CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION as an HONORARY FREEMAN be presented to ALDERMAN JOHN WESLEY BROWN, J.P., in a suitable Casket."

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ALDERMAN JOHN WESLEY BROWN, J.P., 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 21st day of September, 1944, in the presence of:—

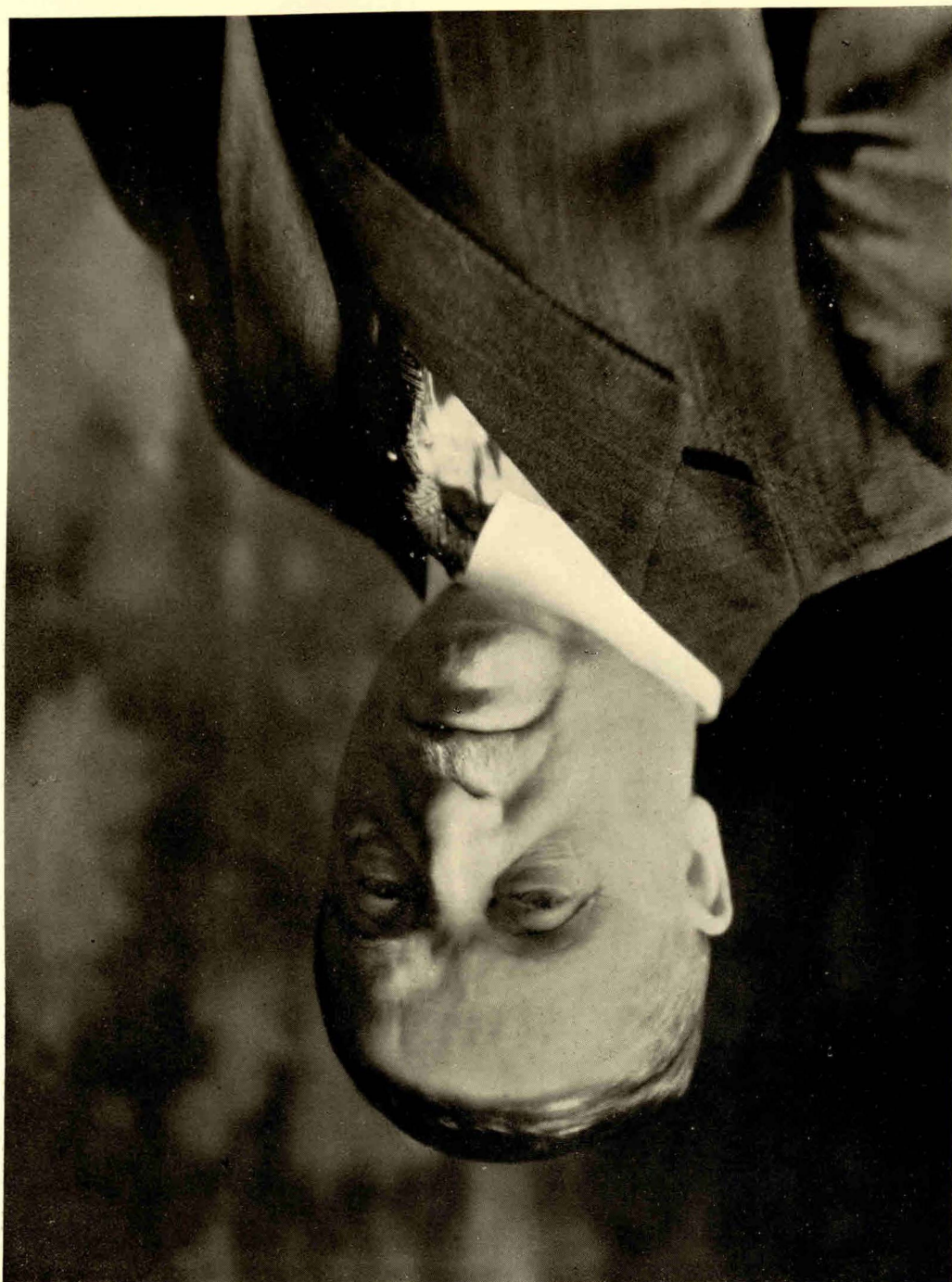
R. R. KITCHING.

Mayor.

PRESTON KITCHEN.

Town Clerk.

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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.

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| 1. | 1886—March 9th | William Fallows.
(died 1889). |
| 2. | 1890—January 14th | Sir Ralyton Dixon.
(died 1901). |
| 3. | 1892—July 26th | Isaac 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.
(died 1938). |
| 13. | 1932—April 13th | Sir Thomas Gibson Poole.
(died 1937). |
| 14. | 1934—March 26th | Miss Edith J. Carter.
(now Mrs. E. Carter Owen). |
| 15. | 1936—September 23rd | Preston Kitchen, C.B.E. |