

Baums and Freemasonry
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Roster of Syracuse Lodge No. 102

Name	Application	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Withdrew	Affiliated to Lodge
Baum, Artemus	08/21/1851	09/18/1851	10/02/1851	10/16/1851	11/16/1851	02/19/1852	Ft. Brewerton, Petitioner
Baum, Isaac D.	08/21/1851	09/18/1851	10/02/1851	10/16/1851	11/16/1851	02/19/1852	Ft. Brewerton, Petitioner
Baum, John	Honorary	09/04/1851					Ft. Brewerton, Petitioner

Selected Biographical or Historical Data

Isaac Baum - b. 1808, Montgomery Co., NY; m. Mary/Miriam Dockstader, 1831; b. 6 Dec 1814, near Indian Castle, Herkimer Co., NY. Isaac was the first Master of Centerville Lodge No. 648, 1867

Note: Isaac married Mary/Miriam Dockstader. Her nephew, **James Dockstader** was member no. 261 of Syracuse Lodge No. 501 (GL No. 112549, Initiated 18 Mar 1868, Passed 22 Apr 1868, Raised 29 Apr 1868. He was a carpenter:

Birth: 17 JUL 1843 in Hammond, St. Lawrence County, NY

Death: 18 JUN 1912 in 1507 Midland Ave., Syracuse, NY of chronic hepatitis and endocarditis

Military Service: 6 AUG 1862 Private, Co. D., 110 Regt., NY Volunteers; 28 AUG 1865 Discharged, Special Order #16

Medical Information: Light Complexion, Brown Hair, Gray Eyes, suffers from: One Rupture, Varicose Veins & Rheumatism, Sore Eyes, Left Hand Minus Two Fingers [<http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=dockstader&id=i06454>]

Father: [Henry G. Dockstader](#) b: 22 OCT 1817 in Near Indian Castle, Herkimer County, NY

Mother: [Eliza Joyce](#) b: 29 JAN 1811 in Herkimer County, NY

Marriage 1 [Izilda Adelaide Vowers](#) b: ABT. 1850; no children listed.

Brother of: Daniel Baum, who married Abigail and were the parents of **Artemus Baum**, b. 1 Aug. 1824; d. 1 July 1887, buried in the Cicero Cemetery. Artemus married Betsy Snow who was b. ca Feb 1828; died 10 May 1867, age 39-3-17. Artemus married Betsy Snow and all of their children died. Betsy died giving birth to the last child, who lived one month. Artemus was so grieved/upset that he never even named the child. Artemus died twenty years after Betsy, never remarried and the oldest daughter Josephine, died three years after the death of her mother. It seems as though they all stopped taking care of themselves and languished, so to speak. Artemus rented out rooms for a living, one of which was to Centerville Lodge No. 648 for their first meetings and from 1867 to 1870 thereafter. The yearly rent for that building was \$17.50. He died at age 53 years. He was among the Brothers who asked for a dispensation to form Centerville Lodge, which dispensation was granted in Feb 1867 and a Charter on 18 Jul 1867.

John P. Baum - brother of Isaac and Daniel above. b. 12 May 1797; d. 20 Jun 1854; m. Magdalene 'Lany' Elwood 13 Feb 1818, Jonville [Johnville?], Montgomery Co., NY. He was the grandfather of **Lyman Frank Baum**, author of the "Wizard of Oz" books.

From 1870 to 1872 the met in a room on the second floor of the schoolhouse, which was located on South Main Street, near the present Baptist Church. In 1872 the Lodge became property owners in a rather curious transaction. **Isaac Baum** agreed to construct the basement and first floor of a building at the southeast corner of Main and Church Streets. The Masons constructed the second floor and roof at a total cost of \$1047.00 of which \$247.00 was for labor. This agreement lasted until 1910, when the Lodge bought the lower part of the building. In 1911 the voted to sell the entire building (which still stands) and construct the their new Temple, which was erected in 1912 and dedicated 9 Oct 1914.



Syracuse Lodge No. 501

Syracuse, New York
 5 Jul 1860 - 2 May 1994

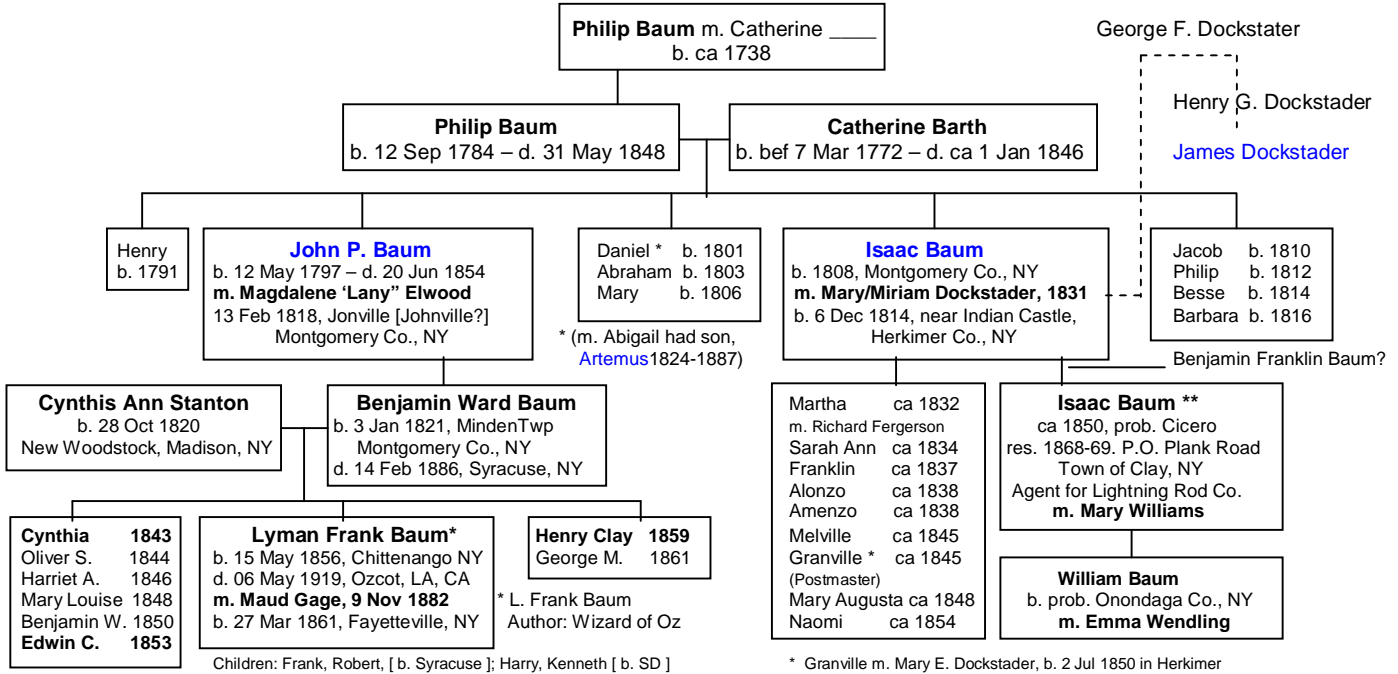
*The first Bastable Block aka 'Shakespeare Hall ca 1870-80; destroyed by fire ca 1893. Among its other tenants was the Second National Bank, established in 1862 by **Benjamin Ward Baum**, owner of the Carbon Oil Company. Baum was a successful businessman, but is mainly remembered today as the father of L. Frank Baum, author of the "Wizard of Oz."*



Summer 1867: The Lodge changed its meeting place to rooms in the Bastable Block where the State Tower Building is now located. These rooms were elaborately fitted and equipped, the cost of which was largely offset by individual subscriptions of the members in the amounts of \$3 to \$25, for a total of \$1,129.00.

The Lodge continued to prosper, and its 1873 its membership had increased until these rooms were inadequate. Larger rooms were secured on the fourth floor of the Whitlock Block at 217 South Clinton Street.

Baum Family of Centreville and Mattydale



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Names in blue were Freemasons.

