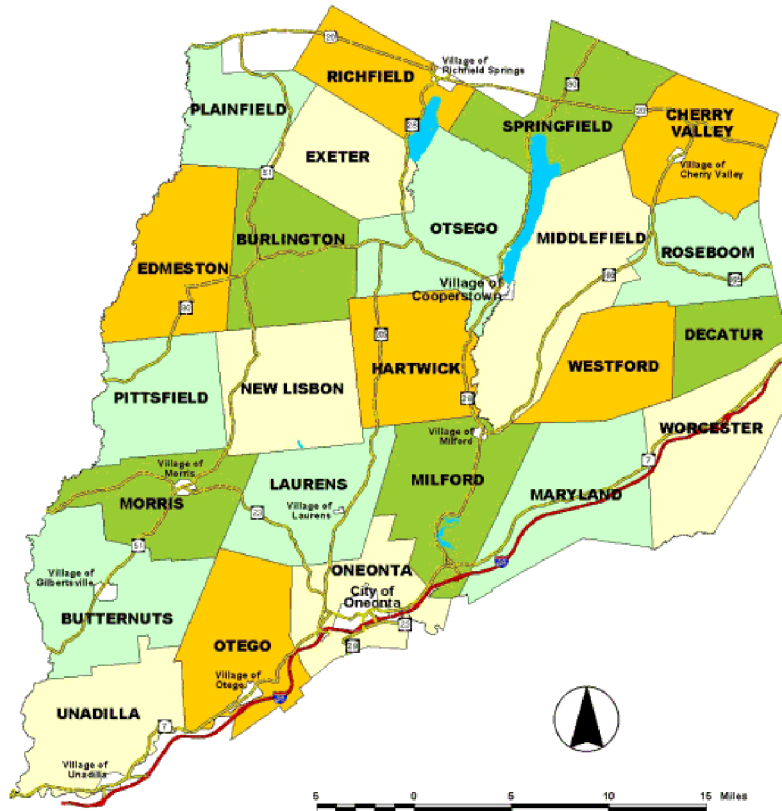


Craft Masonry in Otsego - Schoharie Counties, New York

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Otsego County

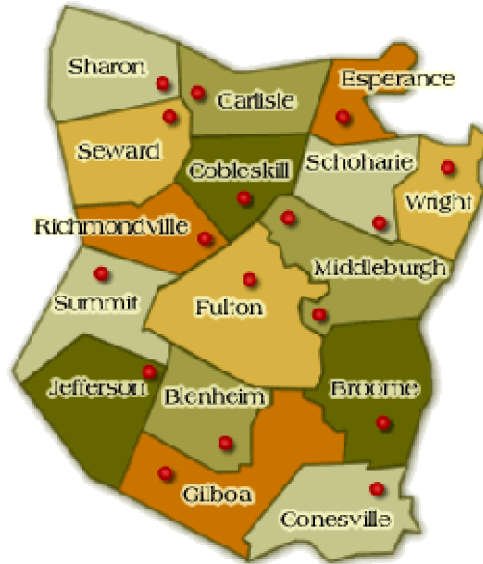
Otsego County was one of three counties split off from Montgomery (the other two being Herkimer, and Tioga County). Otsego county was officially established on February 16, 1791, with Cooperstown as its county seat, even though the village of Cherry Valley was at the time much larger. The original county consisted of three large townships: Cherry Valley in the northeast, Otsego in the northwest, and Harpersfield in the south. Otsego and Cherry Valley together roughly covered the area of modern Otsego County, while Harpersfield covered the area south of the current county, as far as the Delaware River.

By 1793, four towns had been added to the county by division of the existing towns: The Otsego township had been divided into the towns of: Burlington in the west, Otsego in the northeast, Richfield in the north, and Unadilla in the south. Harpersfield had been divided into the towns of: Franklin in the west and Harpersfield in the east.

The area of Otsego County was reduced by a number of subsequent splits. In 1795, a piece of Otsego County was joined with a portion taken from Albany County to create **Schoharie County**. In 1797, a piece of Otsego County was joined with a portion taken from Ulster County to create Delaware County.

40/41	Otsego	Cooperstown	14 Aug 1795	stricken from rolls in 1839; revived as No. 138, 17 Jun 1848
114	Charity	Worcester	30 Sep 1804	surrendered 5 Jun 1835; succeeded by Schenevus Valley No. 592 in 1865
135	Rising Sun	Springfield Center	05 Mar 1806	suspended work ca 1825.
138	Otsego	Cooperstown	17 Jun 1848	prev. No. 40, 14 Aug 1795; became No. 41 , 4 Jun 1819; 'stricken from rolls' in 1839
139	Trinity	Cherry Valley	19 Jun 1806	surrendered

162	Richfield	Richfield / Schuyler's Lake	Jun 1850	Prev. Richfield No. 182, 18 Apr 1809; forfeit 5 Jun 1834; revived as No. 162, Jun 1850; renamed Schuyler Lake No. 162, 5 Jun 1862; warrant stolen in 1864; reissued 10 Jun 1864
162	Schuyler Lake	Schuyler Lake	10 Jun 1864	Prev. Richfield No. 182, 18 Apr 1809; forfeit 5 Jun 1834; revived as No. 162, Jun 1850; renamed Schuyler Lake No. 162, 5 Jun 1862; warrant stolen in 1864; reissued 10 Jun 1864
165 179	Farmers' Freedom	Burlington Unadilla	02 Dec 1807 01 Mar 1809	forfeit ca 1832; succeeded by Farmers No. 553, 1864 forfeit 3 Jun 1835; succeeded by Freedom No. 324, 15 Jun 1854
182	Richfield	Richfield	18 Apr 1809	Forfeit 5 Jun 1834; revived as No. 162, Jun 1850; renamed Schuylers Lake No. 162, 5 Jun 1862; warrant stolen in 1864; reissued 10 Jun 1864
191 216 238	Meridian Sun Franklin Milford	New Lisbon Westville Milford	24 May 1810 ca 1851 19 Dec 1814	Forfeit Jun 1833 Forfeit 1832; succeeded by Oneonta No. 466, Jun 1859; Milford No. 238 met in McDonald's Mills which later became Oneonta, NY.
276	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	06 Feb 1817	Prev. No. 334, suspended 1814/15; revived as No. 276 6 Feb 1817; forfeit 1834; revived as No. 334, 28 Jun 1854
282 324	Otego Union Freedom	Otego Unadilla	07 Mar 1853 16 Jun 1854	successor of Freedom No. 179, 1 Mar 1809; forfeit 3 Jun 1835
334	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	19 Jun 1806	suspended ca 1814 or 1815; revived as Cherry Valley No. 276, 6 Feb 1817; forfeit 1834
334	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	28 Jun 1854	Prev. No. 334, 19 Jun 1806; susp. 1814/15; revived as No. 276, 6 Feb 1817; forfeit 1834
347 363 391c 395c	Laurens Evergreen Widow's Son Wisdom	Laurens Springfield Centre Middlefield Maryland	09 Jun 1822 04 Jun 1824 04 Jun 1824	forfeit 1832; succeeded by Laurens No. 548 in 1864 Otsego-Schoharie Dist forfeit 1833; succeeded by Schenevus Valley No. 592, 1865
459 462 466	Seven Stars Eagle Oneonta	Butternuts Milford Oneonta	10 Jun 1826 09 Jun 1826 Jun 1859	Forfeit 5 Jun 1835 Forfeit 8 Jun 1832 succeeded from Milford No. 238, 19 Dec 1814; forfeit 1832; Milford No. 238 met in McDonald's Mills which became Oneonta, NY
478	Plainfield Harmony	Plainfield	ca Jun 1826	Forfeit 5 Jun 1835
482 496 515	Richfield Springs LaFayette Butternuts	Richfield Springs Laurens (Otego) Gilbertsville	20 Jun 1860 06 Jun 1827 21 Jun 1861	last return to GL Jun 1830 see also Meridian Sun No. 191, New Lisbon, 10 May 1810; forfeit Jun 1833
548	Laurens	Laurens	1864	successor of Laurens No. 347, 9 Jun 1822; forfeit 1832
553	Farmers'	Edmeston	1865	Prev. No. 165, 2 Dec 1807; forfeit ca 1832; Met at West Burlington until Nov 1895
592	Schenevus Valley	Schenevus	1866	Preceded by Charity No. 114, 1 Jun 1803; returned charter 5 Jun 1835; also Wisdom No. 395, 4 Jun 1824; forfeit 1833
605	Tieunderrah	Morris	ca 1866	
630	Gilboa	Gilboa	21 Jun 1867	Prev. Gilboa No. 210, 2 Dec 1812; in 1847 a charter was issued to Prattsville No. 119 which removed to Gilboa in 1848 & was renamed Gilboa No. 119; in 1853 it moved back to Prattsville, Greene Co., taking the name of Oasis No. 119. Fire 4 May 1890



Schoharie County

41	Schoharie Union	Schoharie	14 Aug 1795	Surrendered ca 1805; succeeded by Hicks No. 305, 4 Jun 1818; inactive ca 1828; succeeded by Schoharie Valley No. 491, 23 Jun 1860
70	Sharon Felicity	Sharon	13 Mar 1798	
119	Gilboa	Gilboa	06 Jun 1850	First named Prattsville; name changed to Gilboa, 6 Jun 1850; changed to Oasis, 9 Jun 1853; succeeded by Gilboa No. 630, 21 Jun 1867
210	Gilboa	Blenheim	02 Dec 1812	extinct; succeeded by Gilboa No. 119 in 1850 (see also Prattsville No. 199, 1847 & Oasis No. 119); succeeded by Gilboa No. 630, 21 Jun 1867
217	Morality	Cobleskill	23 May 1813	
305	Hicks	Schoharie	04 Jun 1818	inactive ca 1828; Prev. Schoharie Union No. 41, 14 Aug 1795; inactive ca 1805; succeeded by Schoharie Valley No. 491, 23 Jun 1860
394	Richmondville	Richmondville	24 Jun 1856	Prev. met at Summit, NY; moved to Warnerville then to Cobleskill in 1861, becoming Cobleskill No. 394 in Jun 1862
394	Cobleskill	Cobleskill	Jun 1862	Prev. Richmondville No. 394, 24 Jun 1856
410c	Esleek	Summit	01 Jun 1825	
491	Schoharie Valley	Schoharie	23 Jun 1860	Prev. Schoharie Union No. 41, 14 Aug 1795; inactive ca 1805; succeeded by Hicks Lodge, 4 Jun 1818; inactive ca 1828
502	Middleburgh	Middleburgh	8 Jun 1827	Forfeit 1835; removed to Livingstonville, 30 Jun 1830
554	Working	Jefferson	1865	
624	Sharon Springs	Sharon Springs		
663	Middleburgh	Middleburgh		

Charity Lodge No. 114, Worcester, New York

Chartered 30 Sep 1804

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Seth Chase, a tanner by trade. He was colonel of a regiment, supervisor of the town at different times, member of the legislature in 1819 and 1820, and judge of the courts. The Free and Accepted Masons had a lodge in his house. The meeting of its members was discontinued after the Morgan affair. The colonel was Master, followed by Dr. Joseph Carpenter, Leonard Caryl, and others. The judge was a man of substance, strict integrity, and was highly esteemed. His son, Colonel Wm. H. Chase, occupies the old homestead.

Dr. Joseph Carpenter

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HANNAH OLMSTED. b. at E. Hartford, CT, 14 Apr 1784; d. at Warren, Illinois, 25 Nov 1860; m. 1816, **Dr. Joseph Carpenter**; b. 27 May 1783; d. 19 Feb 1855; son of Nathaniel Carpenter, of Leyden, MA. He graduated at Brattleboro, VT, and settled at Maryland, Otsego Co., NY. Was a member of the New York State Legislature in 1835.

Children:

i. FRANKLIN B., Fairview, NJ; b. 19 Feb 1818. He was a member of the New York Legislature in 1844-45. Removed to Hoboken, NJ in 1850. Was Mayor of that City, and served two years in the New Jersey Gen. Assembly. Went to Europe for his health in 1862, and d. in Paris, France. He was a lumber merchant.

ii. NATHANIEL.

iii. JULIA E. b. 13 Oct 1824; m. 1850, John D. Platt, of Waterloo, Iowa. He was a merchant, County Judge, Member of the Illinois Legislature and State Board of Equalization, President of Commercial National Bank of Waterloo, Iowa.

5. JOSIAH Chase 1747/48-1813 b. Sutton, MA; d. Cherry Valley, NY; m1. Sarah Allen, d: Sutton, MA; m2.. HANNAH Goddard 1749 -1801 b: Grafton, MA; d. Worcester.

6. **Seth Chase** 1781-1856 b. Sutton, MA; d. Worcester, Otsego, NY; m1. Anna Davenport – 1857; m2. Clarissa Waterman, 1781-1828.

<http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/shf/HistoryofSheriffsOffice.htm>

Seth Chase, Sheriff 5 Jun 1820-1821, was b. 1 Apr 1781, Sutton, MA, the son of Josiah Chase (1747-1813) and Hannah Goddard (1749-1801), and moved to Worcester, Otsego, NY, with his parents and most of his 10 brothers and sisters about 1790. He settled in East Worcester, where he worked as a tanner.

In 1814 he became Town Clerk of Worcester, a position he also held from 1816-1818. He became involved in local Republic Party politics, and in 1818 was elected from Otsego County to the 1819 State Assembly. In that year there was a split in the Otsego Republican Party, and controversy as to whether Chase or David Tripp should be nominated to run in the 1819 election; Chase won and was re-elected to the 1820 Assembly. On 5 Jun 1820, however, he was named Sheriff of Otsego County, unseating the incumbent Pascal Franchot, and served until 1821 when the new State Constitution provided for elected Sheriffs. Chase remained active in politics, however, serving as Worcester Town Supervisor from 1825-27 and again in 1831.

Seth Chase was an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons, whose Worcester Lodge* was located at his house, and he publicly opposed the anti-masonic movement in 1830, though the Worcester Lodge had temporarily to cease activities.

* Most likely Charity Lodge No. 114, chartered 30 Sep 1804, whose charter was surrendered 5 Jun 1835.

In 1803 Seth married Clarissa Waterman (1781-1828), by whom he had five children. Following he death he married, ca 1832, Anna Davenport (ca 1786-1857). He and both his wives are buried in the Congregational Cemetery of East Worcester.

Leonard Caryl

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An early settler was Isaac Caryl, who was born in Hopkinton, MA, 17 Apr 1771. His ancestors were from England, and when quite young his father, Jonathan Caryl, moved with his family to Chester, Windsor, VT. On 20 May 1792, Isaac Caryl was married by Elder Aaron Leland to Susan Snell, of Chester; by her he had five sons and two daughters. John, the oldest, was born at Chester, 1 Oct 1792; Isaac, Jr., 8 Nov 1794; Susan, Dec. ^8, 1796; **Leonard, 20 Mar 1799**; Emily, 20 Apr 1801; Moses, 17 Aug 1803; Joel, 9 Apr 1806. Susan, the mother of these children, died at Chester, 26 Feb 1807, and a monument was erected to her memory by her sons. Her ancestry it is believed were also English.

Isaac Caryl, Sr., married his second wife, Mary Barnes, born 14 Mar 1774. Married by Rev. Aaron Leland, aforesaid, in 1808, and moved to Sharon, Schoharie, NY; thence to Worcester about 1810, and bought the farm now occupied by William H. Ely, where he erected a distillery and carried on a large farm. His father was in the Revolutionary war with Washington until it closed; was then honorably discharged. Isaac Caryl, Sr., was highly esteemed by all who knew him. A few years before his death he moved to West Richmondville, a small village taking his name, called Carylville, where he died 17 Sep 1843, aged seventy-two years.

Leonard Caryl, b. 20 Mar 1799, the third son of Isaac Caryl and Susan Snell, obtained by his own industry a good academic education at Chester, Windsor, VT, and at the age of seventeen entered the store of Caryl & Fullerton, at Stockbridge, in said Windsor Co., VT, as clerk, and remained as such until he became of age, when he entered into a co-partnership with Dr. Timothy P. Fay, under the firm name of Fay & Caryl, buying goods in Boston, Mass. Doing a lucrative business for three or four years, he bought his partner's interest, and soon after closed business and removed to Worcester, in 1825. The year previous, in Oct 1824, he married Mary, the youngest daughter of the Hon. Silas Crippen. She was born at Worcester, 29 Jul 1800.

Leonard Caryl after his removal from Vermont to Worcester built a new store and commenced mercantile business near the residence of his father-in-law in 1825. In 1826 he purchased a store, two dwelling-houses, and other buildings in the centre of the town, where he did an extensive business, not confined to Worcester only, but included the adjoining towns.

In 1841 he built the large brick building at East Worcester for a store and dwelling, at present occupied by his son-in-law, William H. Ely, the most expensive and elegant building in Worcester. The same year he was elected to the legislature by a majority of more than 1400, and in the town of 140, when the political parties were nearly balanced in town.

The year following he was elected supervisor. In 1837 he erected the hotel opposite his store, the same now occupied by George Charles as a private residence. As early as 1835, he advocated the feasibility of a railroad through the Schenevus valley as a necessary outlet for the coal of Pennsylvania, as well as the accommodation of the traveling public. At a railroad meeting of three counties at the courthouse in Schoharie county he made the principal address; again at Oneonta and at different points on the route year after year, besides spending much time in Albany during the sessions of the legislature, advocating and looking after the interest of his favorite project. And it is but justice to claim for him the pioneership of this enterprise. The company took 18^{acres} of his land for the track; he subscribed for fifty shares.

It was originally designed by the friends of the road that it should be owned by citizens on the line of the route and controlled by them; unfortunately, that plan failed.

Mr. Caryl had four daughters and one son. The eldest died when about four years of age. The second, Mary Jane, married Lasell J. Hayden, of Middlefield, who was a partner of Mr. Caryl at East Worcester for a number of years, under the firm name of Caryl & Hayden, when a dissolution took place, and Hayden removed to the city of New York and became a partner in the firm of Hurlburt, Vanvalkenburgh & Co., in the dry-goods jobbing business, until the war broke out, when the firm was dissolved. His wife died Oct. 12, 1862, leaving two sons, Lasell J. Hayden and Louis C. Hayden.

Otsego Lodge No. 138, Cooperstown, New York

See also Appendices I and II, for a further history of this Lodge

WARRANT: The original warrant, in possession of the Lodge, is dated August 14, 1795. The warrant under which it is now working is dated June 17, 1848.

The name has never been changed. **When first chartered it was numbered 40, it became number 41 June 4, 1819.** When the new warrant was granted 17 Jun 1848, it received its present number 138.

In April 1795 a number of freemasons residing in Otsego County associated themselves together for the purpose of organizing a Lodge at Cooperstown. A petition signed by ELIHU PHINNEY, ROWLAND COTTON, JAMES FITCH, B. GILBERT, R. BARTLETT and R. EDWARDS was presented to M. W. ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, Grand Master, asking for a charter. R. W. PETER W. YATES, a resident of Albany, NY, who for thirty-seven years was Master of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, and was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge five years, interested himself in their behalf and on August 14, 1795, a warrant was granted; in the succeeding month of September the officers were duly installed at Albany, NY.

The officers named in the charter were:

ELIHU PHINNEY, Master.
ROWLAND COTTON, Senior Warden.
JAMES FITCH, Junior Warden.

The first meeting after the charter had been granted was held March 1, 1796, in the house of the Master, when the following officers were appointed and installed:

B. GILBERT, Treasurer.
R. BARTLETT, Secretary.
R. EDWARDS, Senior Deacon.
L. EDSON, Junior Deacon.
S. INGALLS, Steward
LEVI COLLAR, Steward.
E. EATON, Tiler.

At first the Lodge met on the first Tuesday of each month at 3 o'clock, P. M.

In January, 1808, the time was changed to "Tuesday preceding the full moon, at 3 o'clock, P. M."

Under date of October 4, 1796, is the following entry in the minutes: "It was voted that BRO. WORSHIPFUL ELIHU PHINNEY provide a Bible for the use of the Lodge, that amount to be seventeen dollars." This Bible was printed in 1791 and is still used by the Lodge. On March 7, 1797, it was resolved "to build a Masonic Hall the ensuing season, not to exceed the expense of £300."

Each member of the Lodge who contributed toward the building fund was to be "allowed seven per cent interest until refunded."

A lot was procured on the corner of Front and West Streets (now Lake and Pioneer).

A contract for the erection of the building was made May 2, 1797, the frame was raised June 24th, and dedication services were held in the completed building December 28, 1797.

A resolution was adopted "That no women be allowed to dine with masons on this occasion," this was afterward rescinded and it was resolved "That the wives of masons be invited to the festival."

On the top of the corner-stone of the building was a copper plate; upon the face is inscribed:

ANNO LUCIS MDCCXCVII DIE JUNII XXIV
HAEC AULA ERECTA FUIT A MEMBRIS
OTSEGO SOCIETY OF LATIMORUM SOCIETATUS E. P. M.
ET DEDICATI USUI FILIORUM LUCIS.

NON NOBIS SOLUM NATI SOMUS
SED PARTIM PATRIAE PARTIM AMICIS.

In November, 1827, measures were taken to incorporate the Lodge under an "Act of the Legislature of 1825," which vested it with authority to own and hold real estate.

When the Anti-Masonic crusade began to exert an influence upon the community it soon affected the Lodge and it was deemed advisable to cease holding regular meetings but in order to save its real estate and hold the charter it was resolved to hold meetings

at irregular intervals, thus from 1828 to 1846 only one or two meetings were held in each year. In March, 1832, the sale of the real estate was considered, but the members of the Lodge wisely resolved to guard and preserve its property. They however authorized the Treasurer to contribute all funds in his hands toward the erection of a Universalist Meeting House in the village; the sum contributed was \$50.00.

The Lodge succeeded in holding its real estate and occupied the building until 1865, when, its growth having made larger accommodations necessary, it moved to the Phinney Block on Pioneer Street and the old Hall was abandoned for Lodge purposes.

In 1886 the Phinney Block was purchased by the Lodge and the old Hall which had been the scene of so many interesting events was sold.

In a letter written by WOR. ELIAB P. BYRAM in September, 1892, is the following relating to the Lodge and its old Hall: "It may and it may not be known to you that it was thro' my instrumentality the Lodge was relieved from the Morgan incubus and resuscitated into new life and put on the way to its present prosperity, for which I sacrificed both time and money.

"The old Lodge room never was carpeted, and the only seats were coarse benches, one row against the wall on both sides, and about two feet from them were other benches on both sides of the room, with a shelf on the back side near the top, from which we took our refreshments, which in early days were never omitted, and all we had to do was to turn in our seats and face the lunch, and help ourselves. I broached the subject of resurrecting the Lodge to several of my friends with whom I had pleasant associations, among them DR. F. G. THRALL, DR. WM. H. MCNAMEE, WM. K. BINGHAM, EDWIN PIER, two brothers THAYER, who were merchants from Poughkeepsie, one of them a Mason, and some I cannot recall. I then proposed to the old members of the Lodge to give us initiation, to which they gladly consented, and we were soon made Masons, and added a carpet and new furniture throughout.

"Before I joined the Lodge they only met once a year, for the old Masons to re-elect themselves officers, so as not to forfeit the charter."

Although it had succeeded in maintaining its existence it had failed to make proper returns to the Grand Lodge, consequently at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June, 1847, it was "*Resolved*. that R'. W.'. Bro. E. S. Barnum, Senior Grand Warden, be authorized and requested to demand and receive the warrant and property of the late Otsego Lodge, No. 41, at Cooperstown."

This officer visited the Lodge and upon ascertaining the condition of affairs and fearing that if the Lodge complied with the resolution demanding its charter it would forfeit all claim to its real estate, an arrangement was made to discontinue holding meetings for a time and a committee was appointed to confer with the Grand Master and endeavor to revive the old warrant or secure a new one. The following excerpt from the minutes of the Grand Lodge, under date of June 8, 1848, gives the result of this effort to revive the Lodge:

"*Resolved*. That a new warrant be granted to Otsego Lodge, No. 41, in continuance of the old warrant on payment of the constitutional fee. That ARIEL THAYER be named therein as Master, JAMES L. Fox, Senior Warden and ELIAB P. BYRAM, Junior Warden. And under the peculiar circumstances of the case said Lodge is also allowed to retain its old warrant with an endorsement on its face that a new warrant has been issued in continuation thereof. *Resolved*. That the doings of said Lodge since the forfeiture of its charter be and they are healed."

The conditions contained in the foregoing having been complied with, a new warrant was issued on June 17, 1848; the Lodge resumed labor and on August 8, 1848, the officers were installed by JAMES HYDE. At this time it received the number 138. From this time forward the Lodge has prospered and enjoyed a healthy growth.

In 1877 it purchased a plot in Lakewood Cemetery, Cooperstown, for burial purposes. It has always responded generously to calls of a charitable nature. On October 17, 1871, it contributed toward the relief of the sufferers from the great fire in Chicago, also in April, 1900, it quickly responded to the relief of the stricken city of San Francisco. Cal.

It has frequently celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist by holding exercises of a public character.

It participated at the laying of the corner-stone of the County Court House at Cooperstown, the Masonic Hall at Schenevus, NY, the State Armory at Oneonta, NY, and the Home at Utica.

On April 24, 1889, it held "Jubilee" services.

It held a Centennial Celebration on the evening of August 14, 1895, in Fireman's Hall. This event attracted a large gathering. The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, the reading of a historical sketch of the "Lodge by W. ALBERT T. VAN HORNE and several addresses by prominent speakers. An address was delivered by M'. W.'. JOHN STEWART, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. In concluding his address he said:

"It is with more than usual interest that I come from a distant part of the State, to speak a word of encouragement to you and bid you God speed in the commencement of another century of Masonic work. May it be even more profitable than the first. May prosperity be yours, remaining true to the Great Fraternity whose foundation is Truth: whose tenets are 'Friendship. Morality and Brotherly Love,' and whose capstone is inscribed 'Holiness to the Lord.' "

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Nathaniel P. Willis, District Deputy Grand Master.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Erastus Flavel Beadle
Colonel Richard Cary

Stephen C. Clark, Sr.
John Henry Cook

Gerald B. Ellsworth
General Jacob Morris

Howard W. Potts
General Erastus Root

MASTERS.

1796. Elihu Phinney.
1797. Elihu Phinney.
1798. Elihu Phinney.
1799. Richard Edwards.

1800. Richard Edwards.
1801. Elihu Phinney.
1802. Joshua Dewey.
1803. Joshua Dewey.

1804. Joshua Dewey.
1805. E. H. Metcalf.
1806. E. H. Metcalf.
1807. E. H. Metcalf.

1808. William Sprague.
 1809. William Sprague.
 1810. William Sprague.
 1811. Benjamin Wright.
 1812. Chester Griswold.
 1813. William Sprague.
 1814. Roger Haskell.
 1815. Samuel Starkweather.
 1816. Samuel Starkweather.
 1817. William Nichols.
 1818. William Nichols.
 1819. Ambrose L. Jordan.
 1820. Hervey Luce.
 1821. E. B. Crandall.
 1822. E. B. Crandall.
 1823. Hervey Luce.
 1824. E. B. Crandall.
 1825. Ariel Thayer.
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 1849. James Hyde.
 1850. James L. Fox.
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 1853. Eliab P. Byram.
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 1856. Ariel Thayer.
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 1860. Dolos L. Birge.
 1861. Eliab P. Byram.
 1862. Eliab P. Byram.
 1863. Rufus O. Doubleday.
 1864. Charles W. Tomlinson.
 1865. Charles W. Tomlinson.
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 1867. James A. Lynes.
 1868. James A. Lynes.
 1869. Frederick A. Goffe.
 1870. Frederick A. Goffe.
 1871. Nelson Beach.
 1872. Seth J. Temple.
 1873. Seth J. Temple.
 1874. Frederick A. Goffe.
 1875. Frederick A. Goffe.
 1876. Lyman H. Hills.
 1877. Frederick A. Goffe.
 1878. Washington G. Smith.
 1879. James Bowes.
 1880. James Bowes.
 1881. Henry L. Hinman.
 1882. Henry L. Hinman.
 1883. Addison Gardner.
 1884. Addison Gardner.
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 1887. Albert T. Van Horne.
 1888. Albert T. Van Horne.
 1889. Addison Gardner.
 1890. Andrew Davidson.
 1891. Addison Gardner.
 1892. Addison Gardner.
 1893. George A. Hines.
 1894. William Cobbett.
 1895. William Cobbett.
 1896. Albert T. Van Horne.
 1897. Nathaniel P. Willis.
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 1899. Frank Hale.
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 1901. Frank B. Shipman.
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 1903. Moses E. Lippitt.
 1904. Merton Barnes.
 1905. George H. Carley.
 1906. George W. Morris.
 1907. Ernest L. Pitcher.
 1908. Clarence W. Davidson
 1909. J. Ceylon Peaslee
 1910. Clarence W. Davidson
 1911. Frank M. Hotaling
 1912. Frank M. Hotaling
 1913. Everett A. Rounds
 1914. Earnest M. Clapsaddle
 1915. Willard C. Fowler
 1916. Edward D. Lindsay
 1917. Ralph W. Ellsworth
 1918. Adrian A. Pierson
 1919. Adrian A. Pierson
 1920. John L. Marshall
 1921. John L. Marshall
 1922. Rowan D. Spraker, Sr.
 1923. Harris L. Cooke
 1924. H. Harrington Yule
 1925. Alfred R. Cobbett
 1926. Harry J. Ballard
 1927. G. Reed Sill
 1928. Frank C. Carpenter
 1929. Fletcher A. Blanchard
 1930. Clyde S. Becker
 1931. Ernest R. Lippitt
 1932. Andrew J. Gilchrist
 1933. Alton G. Dunn, Sr.
 1934. Bruce L. Hall
 1935. Carl H. Johnson
 1936. J. Harry Cook
 1937. Lester G. Bursey
 1938. Arthur J. Goddard
 1939. Ralph W. Perry
 1940. Chester W. Ingalls
 1941. Robert M. Atwell
 1942. Bernard D. Carr
 1943. Howard P. Michaels
 1944. Rowan D. Spraker, Jr.
 1945. Gordon S. Winnie
 1946. Carl M. Green
 1947. Francis E. Clark
 1948. Howard W. Potts
 1949. George G. Tillsbaugh
 1950. Oron W. Gage
 1951. Harris G. Clark, Sr.
 1952. Perry R. Hotaling
 1953. Clifford L. Snyder
 1954. Harold H. Hollis
 1955. William N. Bliss
 1956. Charles D. Ellsworth
 1957. Harold J. Saxton
 1958. Alton G. Dunn, Jr.
 1959. George H. Harrison
 1960. Pershing R. Dickinson
 1961. Norman R. Peabody
 1962. Charles C. Root
 1963. Frank J. McKelvey
 1964. Clyde K. Ballard
 1965. Arthur Jenkins, Jr.
 1966. Kenneth M. Augur
 1967. Robert J. Clark
 1968. Clark F. Miller
 1969. Pershing R. Dickinson
 1970. Robert C. Butler
 1971. Malcolm N. Brooks
 1972. James E. Jackson
 1973. Robert L. Ballard
 1974. Harold J. Saxton
 1975. Louis J. Bobnick
 1976. Robert C. Butler
 1977. Harold L. Dodge
 1978. Harry N. McManus
 1979. John F. Lettis
 1980. Ronald F. Jex
 1981. Howard R. Sloan
 1982. Alfred J. Bleich
 1983. John A. Snyder
 1984. Charles Hadcock
 1985. Harold F. Scheider
 1986. Helmut P. Bussmann
 1987. Frank J. Kranitz
 1988. Gerald B. Ellsworth
 1989. William S. Griffith
 1990. William T. Collins
 1991. William T. Collins
 1992. Frank J. Kranitz
 1993. Brian F. Carso, Sr.
 1994. Harris G. Clark, Jr.
 1995. Harris G. Clark, Jr.
 1996. Peter A. Deysenroth
 1997. William F. Cernik
 1998. Dominick J. Reisen
 1999. Richard A. Vang
 2000. Brian F. Carso, Jr.
 2001. Mark W. MacLeod
 2002. Mark W. MacLeod
 2003. Erik M. Strohl
 2004. Christopher J. Barown
 2005. Christopher J. Barown
 2006. Alton G. Dunn III
 2007. Alton G. Dunn III

A more complete 1896 history may be seen at <http://www.archive.org/details/cu31924030289270> .

Another version, "History of Otsego Lodge No. 138, F&AM – Cooperstown, New York," by W.'. Richard A. Vang (2007) may be purchased from www.SquareCirclePress.com for \$16.95.

See also FREEMASONRY IN COOPERSTOWN, by Frederick A. Goffe at Appendix II of this present compilation or at http://www.archive.org/stream/cu31924074488366/cu31924074488366_djvu.txt

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erastus_Flavel_Beadle



Initiated 1847; Passed and Raised ca 1893 (nearly 50 years later)

Erastus Flavel Beadle (9 Sep 1821- 18 Dec 1894) was a pioneer in publishing pulp fiction. He was born in [Pierstown] Oswego Co., NY, the son of Flavel Beadle and Polly Fuller. He had a sibling: Irwin Pedro Beadle (1826-1882). They were the grandsons of Benjamin Beadle, a Revolutionary War soldier. After a temporary move to Michigan, the Beadle family returned to New York, and lived in Chautauqua Co., NY. Erastus worked for a miller named Hayes, where he began his printing career when cutting wooden letters to label bags of grain. In 1838, he was apprenticed to **H & E Phinney**, a publishing firm in Cooperstown, NY. There he learned typesetting, stereotyping, binding, and engraving. He married Mary Ann Pennington in 1846, and in 1847 when the Cooperstown printing house burned the couple moved to Buffalo, NY, where Erastus worked as a stereotyper. In 1849 Irwin went to Buffalo too, and found a job as a bookbinder. The next year, the brothers set up their own stereotype foundry. Irwin left the company in 1856. Erastus retired to Cooperstown, NY, in 1889, where he died on 18 Dec 1894.

Ref: "Ham, eggs, and corn cake: a Nebraska Territory diary," by Erastus Flavel Beadle

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His diary (150 pages) may be downloaded from: http://www.davidbristow.com/beadle_nebraska.pdf

<http://www.davidbristow.com/beadle1.html#intro>

Erastus Beadle was born in 1821 in Pierstown, just north of Cooperstown, NY. As an adult, he moved to Buffalo and went into the publishing business. By 1856, his company was publishing two magazines, *The Home* and *Youth's Casket*. *The Home* was a women's magazine, "a companion and guide for the wife, the sister, the mother and the daughter." The *Youth's Casket*, despite the name, did not sound morbid to its original audience: at that time, "casket" referred to a small chest or case, not to a coffin.

Despite the apparent success of his publishing ventures, Beadle was dissatisfied. In the fall of 1856, he traveled to Omaha to explore the business opportunities there. No detailed record of this journey exists, but apparently Beadle was impressed. Returning home for the winter, he set out again in early March, 1857. His plan was to establish himself with the Saratoga Town Company, then send for his wife (whom he calls "Mate") and two children (Irwin and Sophia) as quickly as possible. Even if things went perfectly, Beadle knew when he departed that he was facing a separation of several months.

In the end, it was Beadle's loneliness that sent him home that fall. When he departed, he still believed in the future of Saratoga, but could neither afford to neither send for his family nor bear the thought of spending the winter apart from them.

Eventually, the West made Beadle a wealthy man, but not in the way he had imagined. In 1860, Beadle--now living in New York City--began publishing a series of cheap, sensationalistic novels by various authors. They were known as "Beadle's Dime Novels," and became, in their day, an American institution. Most of the stories were Westerns, and featured a romantic, melodramatic view of the West--so different from the realism of Beadle's diary. (A few Beadle's Dime Novels, such as [as Adventures of Buffalo Bill from Boyhood to Manhood](#) or [California Joe, the Mysterious Plainsman](#), are available online.)

When Erastus Beadle is remembered at all, it is generally as the publisher of books like *California Joe*. But as a writer, Beadle has left us a written legacy that shows us a bit of the *real* Old West, and for that he deserves our thanks.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elihu_Phinney

Elihu Phinney (1756–1813) was the first printer in Cooperstown, NY. In the early 1790s he lived in Canaan, Columbia Co., NY, where he published the *Columbian Mercury*, and Canaan Repository of Rural Knowledge. Phinney was invited to Cooperstown by Judge William Cooper, the wealthy land developer who had established the Otsego County, NY, village. There in 1795, Phinney opened a printing and publishing business. In his weekly newspaper, *The Otsego Herald; or, Western Advertiser*, Phinney wrote that he, "in the winter of 1793, penetrated a wilderness, and broke a track, through a deep snow, with six teams, in the 'depth' of winter, and was received with a cordiality, bordering on homage."

It is said that James Fenimore Cooper, Judge Cooper's son and future novelist, frequented Phinney's print shop and there, for his own enjoyment, learned the art of setting type. In fact, James Fenimore Cooper's daughter Caroline married Phinney's grandson, Henry Frederick Phinney, in 1849.

Early on, through his publications, Phinney provided political support for the Federalist Judge Cooper, but by the end of the first decade of the 19th century, Phinney had begun to support the Clintonian Republicans who by then had become a majority in the county. Besides endorsing Cooper's political opponents, Phinney went so far as to sponsor a petition to change the name of Cooperstown to "Otsego Village."

Phinney's company contributed to Cooperstown's status as a major publishing center through the first half of the 19th century. His sons, Henry and Elihu Phinney Jr., took over the business in 1813, upon their father's death and became known for the 138 Bible editions that they publishing between 1822 and 1848, when their company, H. & E. Phinney, moved to Buffalo.

A copy of H. & E. Phinney's 1828 "Authorized" (i.e., King James) edition of the Bible, containing Old and New Testaments, as well as the Apocrypha was used by Mormon founder Joseph Smith as a basis for his "translation" of the Bible written between 1830 and 1833. Besides operating a book shop in Cooperstown, the Phinneys sold books (both their own and those of other American publishers) from large wagons and Erie Canal "bookboats", which helped them expand into Western New York.

From 1833 to 1840, Elihu Phinney, Jr. held office as the supervisor of the Town of Otsego (in which the Village of Cooperstown is located). Henry Phinney later held the office 1850. Elihu Phinney's name may now be associated as much with the game of baseball as it is with the publishing business. It was claimed that Abner Doubleday, the supposed inventor of baseball, regularly played the game on Phinney's farm. This led to the purchase of the cow pasture for use as a baseball park now called Doubleday Field, which is the site of the annual Baseball Hall of Fame Game.

Elihu married Mary Noyes, b. 22 Jul 1754 Groton CT, d. 23 Aug 1841 Cooperstown NY; daughter of William Noyes b. 18 Mar 1715; d. Nov 1809 Canaan NY; m. [Sybil Whiting](#) 18 Dec 1739, b. Jul 1722 d. 27 Apr 1790.

Children, born in New Canaan, NY:

- i. Henry Phinney b. 20 Oct 1782; d. 14 Sep 1850
- ii. Katharine Phinney, b. 31 Aug 1783; d. 17 Oct 1859 Cooperstown; m. Elijah Hyde Metcalf 25 Jun 1803
- iii. Elihu Phinney Jr b. 01 Jul 1785; m. Nancy Whiting Tiffany 16 Nov 1815 Clifton Springs NY, b. 1792 d. 13 Feb 1849 Cooperstown NY
- iv. George Gordon Phinney, b. 13 Jun 1787; d. 7 Jan 1828
- v. Sophia Phinney, b. 15 Jun 1789; d. 11 Apr 1866 Summit WI; m. Cornelius Slingerland King ca 1817, b. ca 1785 d. aft 1822
- vi. Polly Phinney, b. 30 Apr 1792; d. 10 Feb 1793

For picture of first recorded game . . . at Phinney's cow pasture in Cooperstown . . . see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqBEpd3Klso>

Rising Sun Lodge No. 135, Springfield Centre, New York

now obsolete, was organized at West Springfield. Its charter was granted 4 Mar 1806, and the first meeting was held on the 19th of the following August, at which the following officers were chosen : Alexander Sprague, WM; Anson Green, SW; Jos. McGee, JW; Nathaniel Kimball, Sec. ; Samuel Crafts, Treas. ; Daniel Hewes, SD; Aaron Bigelow, JD; John Tennant, Jr., Steward; Daniel Gilchrist, Steward; Spencer Cone, Tyler. This charter was granted by General Jacob Morton, Grand Master; Cadwallader Colden, SGW; Martin Hoffman, Esq., DGM; Hon. Philip S. Van Rensselaer, Esq., JGW. This lodge continued in existence until some time in the year 1825, when it suspended, and its charter and jewels are now in the possession of Evergreen lodge [1877].

Trinity Lodge No. 139 and Cherry Valley Lodge No. 276, Cherry Valley, New York

<http://www.webroots.org/library/usahist/ny/hocvny01.html>

In 1806, Trinity Lodge, No. 139, F&AM, was organized and continued in operation until 1814, when it suspended until 1817. It was finally disbanded in 1828, and was not resurrected again until 1854, since which time it has been in successful operation. A Royal Arch Chapter was instituted in 1818. Its Charter was allowed to lapse in 1828. The Lodge was very active, in 1824, in rendering assistance to the Greeks in their struggle for freedom. A considerable amount of clothing and munition was collected and forwarded to Greece. Most of the men prominent in the history of the town, in the early part of the Century, were members of the Lodge and Chapter, including **Joseph White, Delos White, Elijah Holt, Lester Holt**, Abraham Roseboom, Alvin Stewart, Levi Beardsley, Jonathan Hall, Peter Magher, William Campbell, John Forester, George Clyde, Edwin Judd and Jabez D. Hammond. Some of these men were prominent in Masonic circles, notably John Forester, by whom most of early Lodges in this section of the State were instituted.

Gen. Elijah Holt, then of Buffalo, died in 1826, aged sixty-four years, and is buried in Cherry Valley, as is his brother, **Major Lester Holt**, who at seventy-five years, died there.

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On June 19, 1806, a warrant was granted to a lodge to be located in this village, under the name of Trinity Lodge. No. 139, F&AM. Among the members of that lodge, and for some time its Master, was Dr. Joseph White, a distinguished physician in this section of the country. He was the first man initiated in Otsego lodge, at Cooperstown, in 1795. He was State senator from 1796 to 1799, and first judge of Otsego County from 1800 to 1823. Associated with him were Elijah and Lester Holt, and Abraham Roseboom, men of worth and honor. This lodge continued working until about 1814 or 1815, when it surrendered its charter for want of a convenient place in which to hold its meetings.

Two or three years after the extinction of this lodge, another warrant, instituting Cherry Valley lodge. No. 276, F&AM, was issued, bearing date Feb. 6, 1817, and naming as officers Peter Mayher, W. M.; Levi Beardsley, S. W. ; Stephen Mather, J. W.

Soon after this a chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted under the name of Cherry Valley chapter, No. 74. There was also a flourishing encampment of Knights Templar located here. To this lodge belonged many of the most prominent citizens of the place. Among these. Dr. Delos White, a son of Dr. Joseph White, above mentioned. He was an eminent physician, and for many years at the head of his profession in central New York ; Alvin Stewart, an eminent lawyer, and a candidate for governor of the State in 1842; William Campbell, surveyor-general of the State, 1835-38, and regent of the university from 1833 to 1845; Levi Beardsley, State senator, 1830 to 1838; Joseph Clyde, member of the constitutional convention of 1821, and member of assembly in 1828; George Clyde, a magistrate in this town for twenty-two years in succession; James Brackett, surrogate of Otsego County, 1841-45. This lodge also numbered among its members many others of private worth and local repute.

Masonry lay dormant from 1828 to 1854, when the present lodge was organized. The date of the dispensation instituting Cherry Valley lodge No. 334, F&AM, is lost, and the minutes of the first meeting are not to be found. The names of the petitioners inserted in it, as given from the memory of members, are Jonathan Hall, WM; David Woodburn, SW; Benjamin Davis, JW; Jabez D. Hammond, Amasa Belknap, Hiram Flint, Edwin Judd, William Paddock, William T. Thompson, Elijah Thompson, Barnard Duffin.

George C. Clyde was the first person initiated, Feb. 20, 1854. The date of the warrant is June 28, 1854, and the names of officers inserted are Jonathan Hall, WM; David Woodburn, SW; Benjamin Davis, JW. The first election was held Dec. 18, 1854, when the following officers were elected: Jonathan Hall, WM; Geo. C. Clyde, SW; Wm. H. Baldwin, JW; Hiram Flint, Treasurer; David Woodburn, Secretary; Edwin Judd, SD; Byron W. Gray, J. D.

The following is a list of Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries since its organization:

Masters. —

Jonathan Hall, Edwin Judd,	Lyman W. Bates, James Young,	John L. Sawyer, DeWitt C. Bates,	John E. Hetherington, Hiram Weller.
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Senior Wardens. —

George C. Clyde, Edwin Judd, Amasa Belknap, Wm. H. Baldwin,	James Young, John L. Sawyer, DeWitt O. Bates, A. H. Sherman,	James D. Clyde, John E. Hetherington, John W. Davis, Fen. J. Willson,	James Braik.
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Junior Wardens. —

Wm. H. Baldwin, Hiram Flint, Benjamin Davis, Lyman W. Bates,	S. W. Beardsley, Joseph W. Davis, A. H. Sherman, George Merritt,	John E. Hetherington, Thomas Brien, Wm. H. Kobbind, Geo. Clark,	Isaac La Homadue, Frank Houghtaling, Hiram Weller, Walter Furmin;
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Secretaries. —

David Woodburn, George C. Clyde, Samuel G. Wilkin, William Hall,	F. J. Willson, Lyman W. Bates, John E. Hetherington, C. D. Breese,	E. S. Waldron, James Hetherington, Walter Furmin, E. G. Thompson,	H. H. Browne.
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The present officers are; Hiram Weller, WM; James Braik, SW; Walter Furmin, JW; James Waldrad, Treasurer; H. H. Browne, Secretary; Jacob T. Peaslee, SD; John Wright, JD; W. F. Tooke, Chaplain; H. H. Browne, Organist; Alec. Oliver, SMC; Norman Hone, JMC; J. D. Clyde, Marshal; J. K. Diell, Tyler; H. W. Best, George Merritt, J. L. Sawyer, Trustees. It has a membership of 98.

This lodge is in a flourishing condition, and its meetings are well attended.

One of the warrant members of this lodge was the Hon. Jabez D. Hammond, LL.D., author of the "Political History of the State of New York," member of congress from the Otsego district, in 1815-17, State senator, 1818-22, and first judge of Otsego County, 1838 to 1843. He also held other important positions under both the State and Federal governments. He died in October, 1855.

Benjamin Davis was a prominent member of this lodge. He was for many years a magistrate, and a member of assembly from the first district of Otsego County, in 1848. He died March 25, 1860.

George C. Clyde was for many years secretary of this lodge. He was clerk of Otsego County, 1835-37; judge of Columbia county four years; and a member of the constitutional convention of 184G. He died Dec. 21, 18G8.

Jonathan Hall was for many years Master of the old lodge and a Past-Master of the present lodge. About 1827 or 1828, he organized an independent company of militia, called the "Cherry Valley Volunteers." He was its captain for several years; a stanch business man and a good citizen.

One of the lieutenants of the company and afterwards its captain, was Edwin Judd, a man greatly beloved and universally respected by all who knew him, and a man of a considerable local repute. He was Master of this lodge for many years, and was one of its most influential members. He was at one time a magistrate, for many years a trustee of the village, and several times president of the board. A strong temperance man, and one of the county commissioners of excise under the law of 1857. He died Nov. 28, 1873.

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Elijah Holt b. Windham 9 Jun 1762; m. 1st, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Ebenezer Williams, and sister of Hon. Elisha Williams of Pomfret, CT; m. 2d, Mary Adams. She was b. Apr. 2, 1768, and d. Jan. 16, 1796. Removed to Cherry Valley, NY, then to Buffalo, NY, and died at the former place 27 Sep 1826, where he was on a visit. 11 ch.

Lester Holt, brother of Elijah, was b. Windham 21 Jul 1766; removed with his father to Cherry Valley, NY, where he m. Catherine, daughter of Col. Samuel Clyde, a staunch patriot and officer in the revolutionary war.

When the village of Cherry Valley was burned by the Indians, on 11 Nov 1778, the mother of Catherine saw the Indians coming about 9 a. m. (her husband had started for the village an hour before); seizing her babe, she and her children took refuge under a log, not far from their home, where they lay until the next morning without daring to stir. The house was burned at sundown.

During the night snow fell three or four inches. On the morning of the 12th Col. Clyde, accompanied by 16 soldiers, went in search of them. Before they reached the fort they were discovered by the Indians, and it was only by the greatest exertion that they reached it. Mrs. Holt often said that the next day the sight of the dead was a spectacle which time could not efface. Lester Holt died of apoplexy on 11 Jan 1841, aged 75. 3 children.

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ny/county/otsego/book/cherry/frefire.htm>

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OLIVE HOLT b. Windham 15 Oct 1768, removed with her parents to Cherry Valley, NY; m. 1787 Dr. Joseph White, b. 26 Sep 1763; d. 3 Jun 1832. He m. 2d, her sister Deborah. Olive d. of consumption 20 Sep 1792, aged 24. 1 ch. Delos.

DEBORAH HOLT b. Windham 01 Feb 1775; removed to Cherry Valley with her parents; m. Dr. Joseph White as his 2d wife. He m. 1st, her sister Olive. Deborah d. 23 Aug 1827. 4 ch.

This lodge continued working until about 1814 or 1815, when it surrendered its charter for want of a convenient place in which to hold its meetings.

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This sketch of Dr. Joseph White is from the American Medical Biography, or Memoirs of Eminent Physicians, by Stephen W. Williams, M.D., published at Greenfield, MA in 1845. In the preliminary paragraph of this sketch he says that he is indebted for the material to Dr. Menzo White, of Cherry Valley, who was Dr. Joseph White's surviving son.

Dr. Joseph White, the fifth president of the State Medical Society, the best known medical practitioner in Central New York in his time, was born at Chatham, CT, on 26 Sep 1763. At an early age he had the misfortune to lose his father, who is said to have been an intelligent man and a surveyor. He was left an only child, with a widowed mother, with scanty pecuniary means, to breast his way alone in the world. A stripling during the revolutionary war, he embarked on board of a public armed ship, and was in one or two naval engagements; but of this part of his life he was not in the habit of saying much. He remarked that the roar of the cannon affected his hearing so intensely that he was nearly or quite deaf for several days after one of the battles.

From the necessity of the case, his early education was defective, irregular and miscellaneous. Yet from his habits of perseverance, and the distinction which he subsequently attained in his profession, it is inferred that it was continually in progress, and that his acquisitions of knowledge were steady, if not rapid.

He early exhibited his fondness and preference for the medical profession, and studied under a Dr. Fuller, and a distinguished surgeon by the name of Percival, of both of whom, through life, he continued to speak kindly. His industry was such, that, before he was twenty-one, years of age, he was admitted to the practice, it is said, of the first State Medical Society established in Connecticut, at the close of the revolutionary war. His pecuniary means were so limited that, like many other distinguished professional men in our country, he kept school for a period to enable him to prosecute and complete his preparatory studies.

Soon after receiving his license to practice he came to the State of New York, tarried a short time in Catskill, and afterwards staid about a year at Bowman's Creek, in Canajoharie, Montgomery county; and as early as 1787 came to Cherry Valley, where he spent the rest of his active and useful life.

Cherry Valley, the settlement of which commenced before the revolutionary war, was then the extreme western verge of civilization in this State, and those born or commencing business at the present period of our power, comfort and affluence, can hardly realize the hardships, discouragements and privations to which the most fortunate of the pioneers were necessarily subjected. Books, the scholar's best food, surgical instruments, then in our cities far from the perfection which they have now attained, any of the many helps to a physician which the discoveries and improvements of the last half century have made common, were scarce, difficult to be obtained, even by the wealthy, and often forbidden to the enterprising and ambitious. But the genius and experience of Dr. White, then an ardent aspirant for usefulness and distinction, made every help known and attainable to his purpose. He took, at once, an elevated and enviable stand among his brethren of the profession, and through a long life continued to maintain it. The defects of his early education were more known to himself than to others, and he was continually supplying them by untiring industry and a vigilance that experienced no slumbering. Though his life was one of action, he stole time, when others were sleeping, to become familiar, through the medium of books, with the discoveries and improvements in the healing art, as promulgated by the best practitioners, both in this country and in Europe.

While he loved his profession with the ardor which those destined to adorn either of the learned professions must feel and cherish, he was also a patriot, and was alive to the welfare and prosperity of the republic that had risen into existence before him. In 1796 he was chosen senator for the western district of New York. In 1793 he was selected as a member of the council of appointment when that patriot without reproach, John Jay, was Governor; and in 1800, during his administration, was appointed first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Otsego County, of which court he had previously been a side, or assistant, judge. This station he continued creditably and usefully to fill for more than twenty years, and till the amendments to

the State constitution took effect in the year 1822. Through that long period of political change and party excitement he discharged his duties as judge with scrupulous integrity and fearless impartiality. He was a federalist of the Washington school, and gloried in the name when its pure politics had ceased to be fashionable. He has often told the writer of this article, that when Mr. Jay met his council, when he was a member, he would say, "Well, gentlemen, we must do right, and do it in such a way that it will appear right, too," a maxim invaluable to all clothed in power and authority.

But his fame must not rest on the basis of his attainments and services as a medical practitioner; and he would not be spoken of in this work aside from them. His industry, his economy, which he practiced till the hour of his death, and his extensive professional business, soon placed him above want; and in 1793 he purchased a large and beautiful farm, which remained his residence for the remainder of his life, and is now occupied by Jacob Livingston, Esq., who married his only daughter.

His perceptions were quick, but before he acted in his professional character, he carefully examined and noted all the symptoms, and his judgment was not formed, nor acted upon, until he made use of all the lights in his power. Hence his usefulness, the value of his opinions, and the confidence which his practice inspired. He filled a large place in his profession, and his calls and rides extended from Albany to Buffalo, about three hundred and fifty miles asunder, and no one acquainted with his character will pretend that this widespread fame rested on anything like quackery or empiricism.

His surgical operations were numerous, and very generally successful. In lithotomy he had early and extensive practice. Many cases of this kind, the efforts to cure which seemed desperate, he undertook and performed, and the patient survived to bless and venerate his name after he was gone. A record of some of these would be interesting, and probably beneficial to the profession, were materials left to state them accurately and make the record perfect. But such is not the fact. He was deemed a neat, as well as scientific, operator, and excelled in judgment of the time and necessity for every painful operation. Although always firm he was never rash.

In 1817 Dr. White was chosen President of the Medical College at Fairfield, and professor of surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the western district of New York, located at that place. During that and several successive years, he lectured on surgery at that institution. His lectures attracted a respectable number of students thither, and in conjunction with learned and skilful coadjutors, among whom were Doctors Beck, and McNaughton of Albany, he rendered the institution popular and useful.

Without pretensions to oratory, he spoke clearly and often forcibly. He also wrote well without studying, understanding or caring for the niceties of composition. Of him it may be justly said that he did much and thought profoundly, without speaking for distinction or writing for fame. He obtained the highest honors of the profession, and was for a period, President of the State Medical Society.

At his death on 2 Jun 1832, in the 70th year of his age, he left two sons, pursuing his profession, and both in extensive and diversified practice. His departure, therefore, seemed to leave less of a void in the profession than might have been anticipated. How popular he was as physician and surgeon may be best known by a common observation in the wide circle of his practice, that the name of White, alone, without any study or skill will do much towards obtaining an extensive and lucrative employment in the healing art.

His mode of traveling was on horseback. Few men could endure so great a measure of fatigue from this method of traveling. For the robust, however, it is the most eligible and healthy, and altogether preferable to the gig or sleigh, which leads to habits of indolence and effeminacy. He at one time rode from Albany to his place of residence in Cherry Valley, 53 miles, without stopping. At another time he rode from Buffalo to Batavia, forty miles, before taking his breakfast.

His son, **Dr. DELOS WHITE** was b. at Cherry Valley 20 Oct 1782; d. 18 Mar 1835, aged 45; m. Eliza O. Little; 7 ch.

Dr. Delos White, although his life was cut short before he had reached the age when men usually attain their greatest prominence, enjoyed a reputation for ability, in surgery especially, little inferior to that of his famous parent. Beardsley says of him: "Dr. Delos White, had for several years before the death of his father, acquired a reputation in his profession of nearly equal celebrity. He too had been at the head of one of the departments (anatomy) in the medical college, already mentioned, and on the decease of his senior was looked upon as almost the only man who could fill the place of his deceased but distinguished ancestor, whom he survived but a few years, having died in 1835." An old Ledger, of Delos White's, shows an extent of practice both as regards territory and remuneration, which would seem almost incredible to a country practitioner in these days.

Dr. Menzo White, whose active practice began prior to 1830 and extended into the present half of the Century, enjoyed a reputation with the medical fraternity, of Central New York, nearly equal to that of his distinguished father. His practice extended over a radius of a hundred miles and was only confined by his inability to attend to his calls from beyond these limits. He always had from six to ten medical students in his office; young men who had graduated from colleges or other institutions and came to him to take a post-graduate course. Practicing physicians from all parts of Central New York came to watch him perform surgical operations. It was no uncommon sight to see him start out to perform an operation, at some distant point, accompanied by six or eight students and as many doctors all on horseback. His office days were always known in the village by the concourse of people that gathered to consult him.

Joseph's grandson wrote of him:

"My grandfather, came here in 1787, when he was 21 years old, and he said he had a horse, a valise, and fifty dollars in his pocket. The records say he was a descendant of Peregrine White. His father was a surveyor under the crown, and died when my grandfather was a little boy. My grandfather ran away from home when only eight years old and shipped on a man of war at Boston. He went nearly around the world, he said, and was a powder monkey in an engagement and a man was shot down beside him. He was a very handsome man, six feet in his stockings and very active and powerful. He usually wore a dark green coat, long stockings and breeches; when riding he wore Wellington boots. Among the patients that he had here were two sons

of the celebrated Timothy Pickering. Both of them stayed with him a long time. My grandfather died when I was only nine years old. He used to go sometimes a day or two without eating and then eat a great deal. He went off below Cooperstown, and to several other places to see patients. At one place a woman asked him if he would not have something to eat. He said yes for "he was very hungry." She gave him some ham, which was hard and tough. It distressed him greatly. He reached the house of Mr. Cushman, in Monticello, but lived only a few days. He said he had inflammation of the diaphragm and could live but so long a time, and he died as he predicted."

Two, or three years after the extinction of this lodge, another warrant, instituting Cherry Valley lodge No. 276, F&AM, was issued, bearing date Feb. 6, 1817, and naming as officers Peter Mayher, W. M., Levi Beardsley, S. W.; Stephen Mather, J. W.

Soon after this a chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted under the name of Cherry Valley Chapter No. 74. There was also a flourishing encampment of Knights Templar located here. To this lodge belonged many of the most prominent citizens of the place. Among these, Dr. Delos White, a son of Dr. Joseph White, above mentioned. He was an eminent physician, and for many years at the head of his profession in central New York; Alvin Stewart, an eminent lawyer, and a candidate for governor of the State in 1842; William Campbell, surveyor-general of the State, 1835-38, and regent of the university from 1833 to 1845; Levi Beardsley, State senator, 1830 to 1838; Joseph Clyde, member of the constitutional convention of 1821, and member of assembly in 1828; George Clyde, a magistrate in this town for twenty-two years in succession; James Brackett, surrogate of Otsego County, 1841-1845. This lodge also numbered among its members many others of private worth and local repute.

Masonry lay dormant from 1828 to 1854, when the present lodge was organized. The date of the dispensation instituting Cherry Valley lodge, No. 334, F. and A. M., is lost, and the minutes of the first meeting are not to be found. The names of the petitioners inserted in it, as given from the memory of members, are Jonathon Hall, W. M.; David Woodburn, S. W.; Benjamin Davis, J. W.; Jabex D. Hammond, Amasa Belknap, Hiram Flint, Edwin Judd, William Paddock, William T. Thompson, Elijah Thompson, Barnard Duffin.

George C. Clyde was the first person initiated Feb. 20, 1854. The date of the warrant is June 28, 1854, and the names of officers inserted are Jonathon Hall, W. M.; David Woodburn, S. W.; Benjamin David, J. W.

The first election was held Dec. 18, 1854, when the following officers were elected: Jonathon Hall, W. M.; Geo. C. Clyde, S. W.; Wm. H. Baldwin, J. W.; Hiram Flint, Treasurer; David Woodburn, Secretary; Edwin Judd, S. D.; Byron W. Gray, J. D. The following is a list of Master, Wardens, and Secretaries since its organization:

Masters.--Jonathon Hall, Edwin Judd, Lyman W. Bates, James Young, John L. Sawyer, DeWitt C. Bates, E. Hetherington, Hiram Weller.

Senior Wardens.--George C. Clyde, Edwin Judd, Amasa Belknap, Wm. H. Baldwin, James Young, John L. Sawyer, DeWitt C. Bates, A. R. Sherman, James D. Clyde, John E. Hetherington, John W. Davis, Fen. J. Wilson, James Braik.

Junior Wardens.--Wm. H. Baldwin, Hiram Flint, Benjamin David, Lyman W. Bates, S. W. Beardsley, Joseph W. Davis, A. R. Sherman, George Merritt, John E. Hetherington, Thomas Brien, Wm. R. Robbins, Geo. Clark, Isaac La Homadue, Frank Houghtaling, Hiram Weller, Walter Furmin.

Secretaries.--David Woodburn, George C. Clyde, Samuel G. Wilkie, William Hall, F. J. Wilson, Lyman W. Bates, John E. Hetherington, C. D. Breese, E. S. Waldron, James Hetherington, Walter Furmin, E. G. Thompson, H. H. Browne.

The present officers are: Hiram Well, W. M.; James Braik, S. W.; Walter Furmin, J. W.; James Waldradt, Treasurer; H. H. Browne, Secretary; Jacob T. Peaslee, S. D.; John Wright, J. D.; W. F. Tooke, Chaplain; H. H. Browne, Organist; Alec. Oliver, S. M. of C.; Norman Hone, J. M. of C.; J. D. Clyde, Marshall; J. K. Diell, Tyler; H. W. Best, George Merritt, J. L. Sawyer, Trustees. It has a membership of 98. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, and its meetings are well attended.

One of the warrant members of this lodge was the Hon. Jabex D. Hammond, L. L. D., author of the "Political History of the State of New York," member of congress from the Otsego district, in 1815-17, State senator, 1818-22, and first judge of Otsego County, 1838 to 1843. He also held other important positions under both the State and Federal governments. He died in October, 1855.

Benjamin Davis was a prominent member of this lodge. He was for many years a magistrate, and a member of assembly, from the first district of Otsego County, in 1848. He died March 25, 1860.

George C. Clyde was for many years secretary of this lodge. He was clerk of Otsego County, 1835-37; judge of Columbia county four years; and a member of the constitutional convention of 1846. He died Dec. 21, 1868.

Jonathon Hall was for many years Master of the old lodge and a Past-Master of the present lodge. About 1827 or 1828, he organized an independent company of militia, called the "Cherry Valley Volunteers." He was its captain for several years; a staunch business man and a good citizen.

One of the lieutenants of the company and afterwards its captain was Edwin Judd, a man greatly beloved and universally respected by all who knew him, and a man of a considerable local repute. He was Master of this lodge for many years, and was one of its most influential members. He was at one time a magistrate, for many years a trustee of the village, and several times president of the board. A strong temperance man, and one of the county commissioners of excise under the law of 1857. He died Nov. 28, 1873.

Schuylers Lake Lodge No. 162, Schuylers Lake New York

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 10, 1864. The name and number have both been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records missing from March, 1818, to February 25, 1857.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

James Hyde, County Judge.
Lowell S. Henry, Assemblyman.
John J. Rider, Assemblyman.

Charles W. Tallett, Assemblyman.
L. D. Brown, Assemblyman.
William Rose, Supervisor.

S. P. Barker, Supervisor.
Judson Durfey, Supervisor.
Burton W. Lidell, Supervisor.

MASTERS OF RICHFIELD LODGE, No. 182.

1808. James Hyde.
1809. James Hyde.
1810. James Hyde.
1811. James Hyde.

1812. James Hyde.
1813. Ezborn Pringle.
1814. Cyrus Robinson.
1815. Cyrus Robinson.

1816. Cyrus Robinson.
1817. Thomas Howes.
1818. Jonathan Bartlett.

MASTERS OF RICHFIELD LODGE, No. 162.

1850. Charles Tuttle.
1851. James Hyde.
1852. James Hyde.
1853. James Hyde.

1854. James Hyde.
1855. James Hyde.
1856. Floyd C. Shepherd.
1857. Geo. W. Atkinson.

1858. Geo. W. Atkinson.
1859. Geo. W. Atkinson.
1860. Geo. W. Atkinson.
1861. Geo. W. Atkinson.

MASTERS OF SCHUYLERS LAKE LODGE, No. 162.

1862. George W. Atkinson.
1863. George W. Atkinson.
1864. John Chappell.
1865. Burton W. Lidell.
1866. Burton W. Lidell.
1867. Burton W. Lidell.
1868. Burton W. Lidell.
1869. Burton W. Lidell.
1870. Burton W. Lidell.
1871. Burton W. Lidell.
1872. Norman R. Baker.
1873. Norman R. Baker.
1874. Norman R. Baker.
1875. Norman R. Baker.
1876. William Rose.
1877. Burton W. Lidell.

1878. Lowell S. Henry.
1879. Jasper D. Fitch.
1880. Lowell S. Henry.
1881. Lowell S. Henry.
1882. Lowell S. Henry.
1883. Lowell S. Henry.
1884. William Rose.
1885. William Rose.
1886. William Rose.
1887. William Rose.
1888. George D. Lathrop.
1889. George D. Lathrop.
1890. George D. Lathrop.
1891. Henry O. Eason.
1892. Henry O. Eason.
1893. William Rose.

1894. William Rose.
1895. William Rose.
1896. William Rose.
1897. William Rose.
1898. Lucius F. Eygabroat.
1899. Lucius F. Eygabroat.
1900. Burton W. Lidell.
1901. Jesse Ellsworth.
1902. Jesse Ellsworth.
1903. William F. Newell.
1904. William F. Newell.
1905. George M. Counrod.
1906. Sylvester Ellsworth.
1907. George M. Flansburg.
1908. George M. Flansburg.

Richfield Lodge No. 162, Richfield, New York

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On April 15, 1808, a convention of Free and Accepted Masons was held in Richfield, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of forming a lodge of Masons to be held in said town. The convention, after considering the subject, adopted a resolution to petition the grand lodge for a dispensation, and recommended James Hyde for Master; E. Pringle, Senior Warden; and James Markham, Junior Warden. A dispensation was granted, and Elijah H. Metcalf, deputy Grand Master, installed the following-named persons as officers on 15 Sep 1808: James Ilydo [sic], Master; E. Pringlo, Senior Warden; James Markham, Junior Warden; Jacob Brewster; Secretary; John Dunsmore, Treasurer; Cyrus Robinson,, Senior Deacon; Jabez B. Hyde, Junior Deacon; Roswell Starland Daniel Randall, Stewards; John Miller, Tyler.

In April, 1857, a dispensation was granted by the grand lodge for the **removal of Richfield lodge to Schuyler's Lake**, where the first meeting was held May 6, 1857. The present officers are: B. W. Lidell, WM; L. S. Henry, SW; J. W. Fitch, JW; L. O. Veber, Secretary; G. D. Lathrop, Treasurer; W. I. Philipps, S. D.; R. D. Smith, J. D.; R Anderson, Tyler.

The lodge is now in a prosperous condition, and has a membership of seventy-two.

Otego Lodge No. 282, Otego, New York.

OTEGO UNION LODGE, NO. 282, OTEGO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated March 7, 1853.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact

The petition for the Lodge is missing and there are no records to be found relating to its organization.

On October 15, 1852, a dispensation was issued by M. W. NELSON RANDALL, Grand Master, to the following applicants:

Daniel Knapp.	Cornelius Brink.
Curtis H. Greene.	Henry Hunt.
Job Milks.	Oliver Burdick.
Earl M. Fish.	

The dispensation named as officers:

CORNELIUS BRINK, Master.
DANIEL KNAPP, Senior Warden.
CURTIS H. GREENE, Junior Warden.

The petition was **recommended by Phoebus Lodge No. 82.**

The first meeting under dispensation was held October 23d; W. O. COY, Master of Phoebus Lodge, presided and initiated Peter Brink, Freeman W. Edson and Levi Coburn. The first code of by-laws was adopted February 17, 1853.

The Lodge was constituted and the officers installed— by W. O. COY on March 26, 1853.

The meeting place of the Lodge has been changed several times; in January, 1910, it purchased the building in which it now has its quarters ; an interesting fact in this connection is that the Lodge was organized in this building.

On April 24, 1889, the Lodge held "Jubilee" services and adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the address of Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence be engrossed upon the records of Otego Union Lodge.

"Resolved, That to our Grand Master we tender our heartfelt thanks for his unwearied zeal, his tireless labor and the grand result of his work in freeing the craft from the wearisome burden of its great debt.

"Resolved, That to our Grand Master under the blessing of Divine Providence, is due the hope of the craft that we may be permitted during our own lives to realize our long cherished dream of an actual asylum for the indigent, the widow and the orphan.

"Resolved, That in the Masonic Temple at New York City a tablet should be erected in the Grand East with the inscription: 'To Frank R. Lawrence—Our Emancipator'; and we do hereby recommend to the coming session of the Grand Lodge our suggestion for its consideration and earnestly urge its adoption."

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner stone of the State Armory at Oneonta, N. Y., June 25, 1885; laying of the corner stone of the County Clerk's Office at Cooperstown, NY, July 28, 1900; laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Unadilla June 25, 1904; laying of the corner stone of the Public Library at Richfield Springs, NY, June 25, 1910. It was also represented at the laying of the corner stone of the Home at Utica, NY, May 21, 1891.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

B. J. Scofield, Surrogate, Otego County.
W. H. Parker, Loan Commissioner.

T. W. Snyder, Sheriff.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Fennemore [sic] Delos Shumway, District Deputy Grand Master.
Fred L. Coggeshall, District Deputy Grand Master.

H. Greeley Brown, District Deputy Grand Master.

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Fennemore Delos Shumway, aka Delos, b. 17 Feb 1844, son of John Wesley Shumway and Sally Ann Shear. In the 1870 US Census he is residing with his new bride of one year, Lucy Henry in Springfield, Otsego, NY. Delos is teaching and he and Lucy live in the same household as his mother-in-law, Cynthia Henry. Mrs. Henry has three other children living at home: Lowel Henry, Mary Henry and Flora Henry. Lowel Henry was a lawyer. They were all born in New York State.

Resident of Otsego NY where he was Principal of the Union School. In "The History of Otsego County", Delos was listed as a lawyer in Otego, NY in the year 1877. His house is listed under his widow, on the 1903 Atlas on River Street, Otego, Otsego, NY. He was also the Principal of the Union School, which was within easy walking distance of his home. He died 2 Jan 1896, 51 years 11 months; buried at Schuyler Lake Cemetery, Schuyler Lake, Exeter, Otsego, NY.

MASTERS.

1852. Cornelius Brink.
1853. Cornelius Brink.
1854. Cornelius Brink.
1855. Cornelius Brink.
1856. Freeman W. Edson.
1857. William E. Arnold.
1858. William E. Arnold.
1859. William E. Arnold.
1860. George W. Cook.
1861. George W. Cook.
1862. George W. Cook.
1863. George W. Cook.
1864. George W. Cook.
1865. Stephen W. Hendrix.
1866. Joel S. Loveland.
1867. Levi Coburn.
1868. Alfred D. Smith.
1869. Alfred D. Smith.
1870. George W. Cook.
1871. Joel S. Loveland.
1872. Joel S. Loveland.

1873. Dwight S. Strong.
1874. Stephen W. Hendrix.
1875. Dwight S. Strong.
1876. William H. Cunningham.
1877. William H. Cunningham.
1878. William H. Parker.
1879. Harmon L. Hurlburt.
1880. Harmon L. Hurlburt.
1881. Harmon L. Hurlburt.
1882. F. Delos Shumway.
1883. F. Delos Shumway.
1884. F. Delos Shumway.
1885. F. Delos Shumway.
1886. F. Delos Shumway.
1887. Henry O. Packard.
1888. F. Delos Shumway.
1889. F. Delos Shumway.
1890. F. Delos Shumway.
1891. F. Delos Shumway.
1892. F. Delos Shumway.
1893. Wesley J. Gilbert.

1894. Wesley J. Gilbert.
1895. Wesley J. Gilbert.
1896. Samuel R. Lewis.
1897. Samuel R. Lewis.
1898. Fred L. Coggeshall.
1899. Fred L. Coggeshall.
1900. Charles H. Broadfoot.
1901. Paul R. Jennings.
1902. Paul R. Jennings.
1903. George M. Beers.
1904. William M. Copley.
1905. Arthur W. Henness.
1906. H. Greeley Brown.
1907. H. Greeley Brown.
1908. Reed J. Ferris.
1909. Charles Bouck.
1910. Charles Bouck.
1911. Ray E. Van Cise.
1912. Wood D. Van Derwerken.

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Otego Union Lodge F&AM organized on 23 Oct 1852. The first officers appointed pro tern were:

Cornelius Brink,	Curtis Green,	I. W. Stranahan,	John Butts
Astra Light,	Eli Green,	Shradreck Steel,	Nathan Green.

Then the members of Phoebus Lodge, New Berlin, under the direction of Otis Coy, Master, conducted the work and conferred degrees. Officers elected in Dec 1852, were: Cornelius Brink, A. Light, Curtis Green, Harvey Hunt, P. Brink, E. Light, P. St. John and Job Wills. On 19 Jan 1853, officers went to Phoebus Lodge [No. 82] where degrees were conferred. On 26 Mar 1853, Otego Lodge received its charter from the Grand Lodge of New York State. Otis Coy from Phoebus Lodge, being duly authorized, installed the officers. The next few years saw new members being initiated and problems of a new organization being solved. An interesting notation made November, 1859, was that W. H. Adams was authorized to furnish fluid, fill and trim lamps, make the fires and keep the hall in order and to present his bill.

In July, 1867, a committee reported a resolution that Brother S. Follett will fix up lodge rooms and rent for a term of ten years at \$100.00 a year. But in 1868 the Lodge voted to pay Follett \$50.00 for four months rent so it must have been increased.

One big social event was the Second Annual Ball sponsored by the Otego Lodge held at the Susquehanna House in Otego January 23, 1891. All Masons wore their aprons and gloves. The cost per couple was \$2.

From 1898 and through the early nineteen hundreds saw the membership rapidly increase. With the cooperation of the lady Eastern Stars, many social and money making ventures were sponsored.

In 1884, the Masonic block, corner of Main and River Streets, was deeded from Samuel and Louisa Follett to Leroy Bowe. Bowe died in 1901 and the property went to his daughter, Addie Stilson. The Masons rented from her until 1909, when they purchased the building for \$400. In 1924 the mortgage was burned, celebrated with a ceremony and banquet. In 1929 fire damaged a part of the building. Extensive repairs and remodeling were necessary, at which time rooms were fitted for a kitchen and dining room.

Members of the Lodge who have been honored by Grand Lodge appointments were: F. D. Shumway, 1885-1887; F. L. Coggshell, 1901-1902; H. Greeley Brown, 1911-1912; D. L. Palmer, 1929-1930; Leo Nutter, 1958-1959; Paul Vandermark, 1973-1974; Samuel Lewis, Charles Bouck and Paul Rosenstein.



Business block at the corner of River and Main streets is occupied by the Warren Wilbur general store, and the Masonic and Eastern Star lodge rooms on the second and third floors..

Cornelius Brink died in Otego 26 Aug 1850 and is buried at the Flax Island Cemetery in Otego. His headstone says he was 63? years 27 days and has a Masonic emblem, alongside of his wife, Tammy, who d. 24 Feb 1867, age 43y11m .

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This Lodge was organized Oct. 23, 1852, with the following-named persons as first officers: Cornelius Brink, Master; A. Light, SW; Curtis H. Green, JW; Harvey Hunt, Sec; C. Thompson, Treas; and Oliver Burdick, SD.

The present officers (1877) are as follows; W. H. Cunningham, Master; A. H. Trask, SW; H. J. Hurlburt, JW; John Stilson, Treas; Hiram Baldwin, Sec; H. O. Packard, SD; James Myers, JD; J. W. Snyder, Tyler. Present membership, 42.

Otego Chapter No. 377, Order of the Eastern Star

A company of people assembled in the Masonic hall in Otego on the afternoon of March 28, 1906, for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. It must have been a thrilling moment when thirty-four charter members grouped around the altar and were given the obligation. Chosen as first officers were: Grace VanCice, Lula Ferris, Mrs. William Copley, Carolyn Copley,

Celestia Lewis, Martha Hawkins, Carrie Wilbur, Bessie Littel, Mabel Bailey, Arthur Bundy, Marian Vanderwerken, Evalina Squires, Nellie Burnside, Ida Arnold, Ethel Brown, Mary Cooke and Rose Smith.

The officers of Martha Chapter, Oneonta, took the stations and exemplified the work, going through all the ceremonies for the benefit of the new chapter. Several visiting officers spoke, after which the Oneonta members were entertained at a banquet at the Fisk Hotel.

In November, 1906, Mr. Gerling, Mrs. Vanderwalker and Mrs. Georgia Jay, a District Deputy Grand Matron, visited Otego Chapter. After the constitution was accepted and the chapter duly constituted, they installed the officers. H. Greeley Brown was initiated in the organization that same year on September 25 when the District Officers made their official visit. Many others soon joined and for several years degree work was done every two or three meetings. Many of the Masons joined and helped this new chapter progress.

Social events were many, including dances at the Fuller Opera House, box socials, sleigh rides and suppers. Homemade ice cream from Arthur Bailey's ice cream parlor was one of the regular treats. The first Masonic rooms had no dining room, so tables were set up in the Lodge rooms after meetings. Silver, dishes, tablecloths and food were brought by the members.

Even in the horse and buggy days members visited other chapters, usually going by train and often coming home on the 2 a. m. train. Sometimes guests were entertained over night in homes. Many have heard Mabel Bailey tell about going to Edmeston for a special meeting, only to find they were a day early. So members took them in, entertained them and they stayed over for a meeting the next night.

During election of officers in the Chapter December 13, 1929, fire broke out in the Masonic building, but all escaped without harm. The building was badly damaged and meetings were held for a time in Odd Fellows Hall. The Masons repaired the building, making many improvements. George Dieball planned and installed unique lights in the Lodge room. Members returned to the Masonic block in February 1930, meeting in the dining room until the lodge room was finished. This was a time for buying new equipment for the kitchen. When the Masons burned the mortgage on the building in 1949, the Eastern Stars were invited to share in the celebration.

The Chapter has been honored with eight Grand officers. They were:

Ely Goldsmith, District Grand Lecturer, 1923; Georgia Conner, District Deputy Grand Matron, 1928; Anne Herring, District Deputy Grand Matron, 1939; George Dieball, District Grand Lecturer, 1942; Pearle Leonard, District Deputy Grand Matron, 1950; Leo Nutter, District Grand Lecturer, 1954; Erma Green, District Deputy Grand Matron, 1967.

During these years a strong fraternal bond has grown as members worked together to serve others. A Home and Infirmary at Oriskany for care of needy members, help in emergency situations and aid to men and women in the service have been some of the projects supported.

Freedom Lodge No. 324, Unadilla, New York

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A lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was first established in Unadilla in the year 1809. The charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of this State, of which Hon. De Witt Clinton was Grand Master. It was dated 1 Mar 1809, and names Stephen Benton to be Master, Abijah H. Beach to be Senior Warden, and Sherman Page to be Junior Warden. The lodge was organized as "Freedom Lodge No. 179." The communications were held in an upper room of the house of Stephen Benton, which stood on the site now occupied by the residence of Major C. D. Fellows [1877]. Here they were held until the building was destroyed by fire. In this fire a portion of the lodge records were destroyed, and the earliest date now in possession of the lodge is 19 Jan 1815, when a meeting was held and the following officers elected, viz. : Abel Morse, M.; Roswell Wright, SW; Dr. Nijah Cone, J. W. ; Daniel C. Hayes, Treas; Sherman Page, Sec; Gilbert Cone, SD; Elias Mead, JD; John Shepard, Steward ; William Wilmot, Tyler. During the anti-Masonic period the lodge ceased its labors. It was reorganized as Freedom Lodge No. 324, in the month of January, 1854, with A. B. Watson as Master; R. G. Mead, SW; and A. D. Williams, JW The charter was granted 8 Aug 1854.

The following persons have served as Master:

S. Benton, 1809;	A. B. Watson,	J. J. Rogers,	C. C. Siver,
Abel Morse,	T. McCall,	L. S. Nye,	T. C. Monroe,
Isaac Hayes,	A. D. Williams,	D. P. Loomis,	David Finch,
A. H. Beach,	R. G. Mead,	C. Slado,	O. F. W. Crane,
H. A. Beach,	M. B. Luthur,	G. B. Scofield,	A. H. Meeker,
Henry Ogden,	W. J. Thompson,	F. G. Bolles,	G. B. Fellows.

Freedom Lodge No. 179, Chartered 1 Mar 1809; forfeit 3 Jun 1835; succeeded by Freedom No. 324, 15 Jun 1854

FREEDOM LODGE. NO. 324.

Unadilla, Otsego County.

Meets on Tuesday, on or preceding the full moon, and the Second Tuesday thereafter.

1855 Officers:

A. D. Williams, Worshipful Master,
R. G. Mead, Senior Warden,
M. B. Luther, Junior Warden,
A. B. Watson, Treasurer,

John Gray, Secretary,
O. F. W. Crane, Senior Deacon,
W. J. Thompson, Junior Deacon,
Joshua Hustaling, Steward, and Tyler

PAST MASTERS (of Freedom Lodge No. 179).

Joel Bragg,	William Belie,	Arnold B. Watson,
Abiel D. Williams,	Rufus G. Mead,	C. S. Rogers.

MEMBERS.

Wm. Belts,	Thomas Fish.	Martin B. Luther	Elisha W. Thompson,
Joel Bragg,	John Gray,	Rufus G. Mead,	Wm. J. Thompson,
Loring Brown,	C. W. Hayes,	C. S. Rogers,	Arnold B. Watson,
O. F. W. Crane,	Joshua Hustaling,	E. Sherman,	Abiel D. Williams.
P. Edel,	David P. Loomis,	Isaac Sterling,	

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Following are given brief personal sketches of Masters of Freedom Lodge, No. 324, in order as they were elected and served:

ARNOLD Beach WATSON. Charter member and first Master of Freedom Lodge, No. 324; member Unadilla Chapter; born in Albany county, NY, in 1798, died at Unadilla, 8 Aug 1879; banker; man of ability; great personality; active in business and church affairs; exerted a marked influence in the community.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=nEUVAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA113&dq=%22ARNOLD+B.+WATSON%22&cd=1#v=onepage&q=%22ARNOLD%20B.%20WATSON%22&f=false> page 113.

Arnold B. Watson was a native of Albany County, and came to the village in 1821 to take charge of a classical school in the upper story of the building that long stood on the site of R. K. Teller's residence. He was then twenty-three years old. Two and a half years later he entered Roswell Wright's store and in a short time was a partner, the firm becoming Wright and Watson. Later it was Wright, Watson and Company, **Abiel D. Williams** having joined the firm.

Mr. Wright died in 1832 and Mr. Watson went into business on his own account in the brick store which had been erected across the street in 1832, **on the site of the Masonic Hall**. The Masonic Hall was then ten years old. It had been built by Lord and Bottom and was now removed eastward to the site of the present beautiful residence afterwards built by Mr. Watson. Here Mr. Watson continued to do business for many years, and here he established the Unadilla Bank, which for more than twenty years was perhaps the most widely known bank in this part of the valley. Clark I. Hayes became his partner, and by this firm the extensive operations of Noble and Hayes were revived and long continued.

Mr. Watson's activities outside his firm extended in many directions. He became active in the organization and building of the Albany and Susquehanna railroad and his name was one of those proposed for president. Of St. Matthew's Church he was senior warden and treasurer for thirty years. To him more than to any other one person was the village indebted for the old Academy. He not only had the largest amount of stock but in every possible way promoted its welfare afterwards, his interest never ceasing until his death.

Mr. Watson had twenty-two shares of the Academy stock; A. D. Williams had sixteen; L. B. Woodruff, twelve; Erastus Kingsley, thirteen; Mrs. Charles C. Noble, eight; C. I. Hayes, eight; the estate of Isaac Hayes, twelve; Mrs. Isaac Hayes, seven; Joel Bragg, five; and W. J. Thompson, two. An effort was made to secure for the Academy the land known as the Harper lot, which faced Main Street opposite the present Sands and Arnold residences. Subscriptions were solicited, but disputes arose, ending in the purchase of the present site from Joel Bragg, land which was then an orchard.

The absence of downtown names from the list of stockholders would indicate that downtown men had been disappointed in the selection of the site, the stock being entirely taken by men living uptown. The building was erected by Mr. Thompson in 1851. It continued in use until 1894, when the present fine structure of brick was erected and the old building sold and taken down, the Academy site and its endowment fund being united with the new school.

Mr. Watson, in 1832, built for his residence the brick structure which now forms part of Bishop's Hotel. Erastus Kingsley afterwards acquired this property and enlarged it for hotel purposes. Later on Mr. Watson erected the residence which still stands east of the brick store. Mr. Thompson built it for him. This involved the **second removal of the Masonic Hall**, which was taken to its present site where with its enlargements it stands as the summer home of Lester T. Hubbell. Mr. Thompson found a model for Mr. Watson's new house near Utica, or at least some suggestions for it; but otherwise he was the architect as well as the builder of that noble village residence.

Mr. Watson's first wife was Susan Emily Hayes, daughter of Isaac Hayes. Their children were Henry M., now of Buffalo; Julia N., who died in her youth; Sarah A., who was married to the Rev. E. Folsom Baker; Susan H., the wife of Frederick T. Sherman of Brooklyn, and William H. of Buffalo. In 1865 Mr. Watson married Isaac Hayes's daughter Augusta, who survived him until 20 Dec 1891, when at the age of 73 she died in the house her father had built in 1804. In this house she had been born. In St. Matthew's Church she was baptized; she remained all her life a member of it and in its churchyard she lies buried.

Mrs. Watson's brother, Clark I. Hayes, at the age of seventy, followed her to this last resting place a little more than a year afterwards. Mr. Hayes during his business career was universally popular throughout a large territory. Mr. Rogers, whose acquaintance with him was intimate, has described him as "a gentleman by instinct, courteous, pleasant, affable." Amid many changes of fortune he maintained through life a placid, hospitable and manly relation towards society and those who compose it. Born as he had been to rural affluence and reared in refined surroundings, he personally seemed never altered by trials which might have been sufficient to break the spirit of men trained in sterner schools. Under his influence, probably more than that of any other man in the community, was due the elevation of the standard of farm stock in this part of the valley.

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Arnold Beach Watson, the subject of the following memoir, was born in the town of Rensselaerville, Albany, NY, 12 Aug 1798. His father's name was Josiah Watson. He was a respectable, independent farmer, and at times held important offices in the town. His mother's maiden name was Mary Beach, who died when Arnold was only two and a half years old, leaving him as her only surviving child. The sympathies and attachment of the father for his orphan son were very great, and continued through life. He was proud of his moral bearing and scholastic attainments. He was placed at school at an early age, and there was never a year of his life from the time he was five years old until June 1, 1824, but what he was either attending or teaching school. In school he often took the highest prize awarded to merit or proficiency in his class.

When Arnold was four and a half years old his father married his second wife, who was to him a kind and watchful mother. At eleven years of age he became an anxious inquirer after religious truth, and a hopeful convert to the teachings of the Bible. At the age of fourteen he was baptized, and soon after was confirmed by Bishop Hobart, of the Episcopal church, — neither of his parents at that time being professing members of any church. At fourteen years of age his father, at the urgent solicitation of the trustees of a very large district school in his native town, consented to let him take charge of the summer school which he, a mere boy, taught through a term of six months, with an average attendance of about seventy scholars, to the satisfaction of all. His father, at an early day, placed him in a select school, taught by a talented clergyman, where he was associated with young men much older than himself, who were pursuing the advanced classics. His classical studios were closed at the Greenville academy, in Greene Co., NY, and a very complimentary certificate tendered him by its principal. He taught with entire satisfaction a large school in Oakville, Greene Co., NY, and while there received an application to take charge of an academical school in Unadilla, Otsego County. The news of his leaving was received with universal regret in Oakville. **The Masonic lodge of that village held a special session and conferred upon him, without charge, the three first degrees of that order as an evidence of their regard. This was an agreeable surprise to the subject of our sketch.** Not long after his advent in Unadilla he was elected Master of the Masonic lodge in that place, and continuously re-elected for fifteen years. He was also elected High Priest of the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, holding the office for nearly fifteen years. The grand royal arch chapter of the State of New York deputized him as an instituting and installing officer of that body for his vicinity.

Since the fall of 1821 Unadilla has been his residence. After teaching the academy two and a half years, a prominent merchant of Unadilla village, whose health was then quite delicate, solicited him to become a partner in his business. He accordingly dismissed his school and (June 1, 1824) entered upon his business career. The co-partnership, which continued six years, was only terminated by the death of his partner, Mr. Wright, who esteemed him so highly that he presented him, just before his death, with a valuable gold seal, and by his will made Mr. Watson the executor of his estate. In fulfilling the wishes of his late friend and partner, and in closing up the estate, he received a valuable testimonial to his faithful services from the lawyer representing the widow and minor heirs.

In the fall of 18-10, without solicitation, he was elected a member of the State legislature, where he served not only upon several important committees, but while in "committee of the whole" was called to the speaker's chair to preside over the deliberations of the house.

For forty years he was interested in mercantile pursuits. In 1844 he established the Unadilla bank, as an individual bank, with a capital of \$50,000; this bank he owned and operated himself for twenty years, and during that time no bank in the State stood higher. In 1852 he became interested and actively engaged in the construction of the Albany and Susquehanna railroad. One of the original movers in the enterprise, Mr. Watson, at the first meeting, held in 1852, was elected a director, and it is but just to say that to no member of that body is more credit due for the successful completion of the road. He was offered, but declined, the presidency of the company in consequence of his own business, which required the greater portion of his attention. He was, however, chairman of the committee to locate depots and assess, the amounts for which each town on the line of the proposed road should issue bonds to secure the building of the same.

No man has done more to build up and advance the interests of his village than Mr. Watson. In his church for thirty years he was its senior warden and treasurer, and a liberal contributor to the purchase of the cemetery, parsonage, etc. The Unadilla academy passed through a long financial struggle, endeavoring to raise the means for building, etc., but without success, until Mr. Watson came to its relief; he raised the money in one day to buy the lot, build the house, and furnish the same with library, laboratory apparatus, and bell. This institution is now one of the most flourishing in this section of country. There are few persons who, from early childhood, have spent so active and industrious a life as the subject of this sketch. In his family relations he has been peculiarly blessed, and his children have given unmistakable evidence of thorough education as well as religious and moral training.

ABIAL [Abiel] D. WILLIAMS. Charter member; Master Dec 1854; member Unadilla Chapter; native of Westford, Otsego county; died at Unadilla in 1871; merchant; elected Supervisor in 1855; active and honorable in business.

RUFUS G. MEAD. Charter member; Master Dec 1855; an early Unadilla settler; machinist; went to California in '49; always a prominent resident; died at Unadilla in 1860. He married Elizabeth Finch, d/o of David Finch and Ruth Mallery, of Litchfield and Cornwall, CT, who removed to Unadilla in 1814.

MARTIN B. LUTHER. Master Dec. 1856, '57, '60, '62, '82; first High Priest of Chapter; elected 1864, '72, '76; born in Clarendon, VT, 12 May 1803; died at his home below village 4 Jun 1890; farmer; an ardent Mason; thoughtful, deep, sound, resourceful; man of more than ordinary intellectual attainments.

<http://theusgenweb.org/ny/otsego/bios/martinblutherbio.htm>

Martin B. Luther, son of Elisha and Love (Coit) Luther, was born in Clarendon, VT, 12 May 1803, the youngest of five children. When he was 21 years of age, he came with his parents to this county, and settled in District no. 15, town of Unadilla, on the farm where they and he lived and died. Mrs. Love Luther died when 56 years of age, and Elisha Luther in Jun 1846, at the age of 91, he having been born 13 Dec 1755. They were both natives of Connecticut, and were married in New London, that State. For some years, first in Connecticut and later in Vermont, he followed his trades of a tanner and currier and shoemaker, also serving as

an artificer through the Revolutionary War. After the death of his first wife, named above, he married Mrs. Lucy (Kelley) Randall, who survived him many years, and died in 1871, at the age of 85. She was born 29 May 1786.

The father of Elisha Luther was Ellis Luther. He was born in Rhode Island in 1711, and died in Vermont in 1798. He was a son of Edward Luther, who died in Rhode Island, and was supposed to be the son of one of the three brothers who came from Wales to America, though the family originally emigrated to England from Germany, and was of the same stock as the great religious reformer, Martin Luther. An old carpenter's square owned by Edward Luther, bearing the date 1704, is now in the family of Mrs. Martin B. Luther, and is of course a valuable relic and heirloom. Also a chest that belonged to Nathaniel Coit (a sea captain, father of Mrs. Love Luther), which was broken open by Benedict Arnold's men, when his house in New London, CT, was rummaged during the Revolutionary War. Captain Coit saved his house, and perhaps his life, **by giving the Masonic sign** to a British officer.

Martin B. Luther, as has been stated, was nearly of age when his parents came into this county. Here he entered the mercantile business in Sidney, continuing it in Sangerfield, Oneida County, until failing health obliged him to return home, when he pursued his favorite occupation, surveying, devoting his leisure hours to the study of law and medical science. After the death of his father, he applied himself more to farming. He was a very prominent man, for many years an ardent Mason, a deep and sound thinker, fond of science, and a man whose influence was felt in his community. While he was in most things firm and decided, he was in all things reasonable and consistent. In politics he was a Democrat, and was somewhat of a politician. He held to no church creed, but respected the religious opinions of his fellowmen. His death took place 4 Jun 1890. He was married on the farm where he spent his last days, and in the house in which he died, to Miss Harriet K. Randall, the youngest daughter of Eliab and Lucy (Kelley) Randall. She was born in Wardsboro, VT, 25 Jun 1815, and came to Bainbridge, Chenango County, with her mother in 1822, removing to Unadilla when her mother married Elisha Luther, the father of Martin B.

After their marriage Martin B. Luther and wife settled on his farm, where Mrs. Luther still resides. This farm contains 160 acres, and is well improved, with good farm buildings. Mrs. Luther is the mother of one daughter, Mary C., who is well educated and has been a teacher in the public schools. She is an accomplished young lady, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. Martin B. Luther was for some years a Justice of the Peace, and Supervisor of his town; he was a well educated man, and a competent surveyor.

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON. Master Dec, 1858; born in Saratoga in 1805; came to Unadilla in 1808; died in Savannah, GA, Jan 1895; long an active and respected citizen; builder; erected many of good early buildings of village.

JABEZ J. ROGERS. Master Dec 1859; farmer; died 27 Jun 1886; lifelong resident; man of character; member Chapter.

LOYAL NYE. Master Dec 1861; farmer; member of Unadilla Chapter.

DAVID P. LOOMIS. Master Dec 1863, '86; born in town of Hamden, Delaware county, in 1825; died at Unadilla 13 Dec 1898; member Unadilla Chapter; devoted to Freemasonry; man of ability and prominence as a lawyer; Village President many years; Supervisor several terms; State Senator one term.

CHAUNCEY SLADE. Master 1864, '69; High Priest of Chapter 1871; born in Starrucca, PA, 19 Jun 1830; died in Binghamton 18 Jan 1873.

GILBERT B. SCOFIELD. Master Dec 1865, '66; member Unadilla Chapter; born in town of Masonville, NY, 9 Aug 1839; died 15 May 1886; man of more than ordinary ability; attaining prominence as an attorney in Nebraska.

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GILBERT B. SCOFIELD, is a native of Masonville, Delaware, NY. He was born 16 Aug 1839. His parents were natives of the Empire State, and descendants of English ancestry. Hiram Scofield, the father of the subject of this sketch, has been a resident of Delaware county for nearly fifty years. He has held several of the most important offices in the gift of the people of the county, and is today one of its most wealthy and influential citizens. Young Scofield resided at home during his minority; working on a farm, attending district school and afterwards Delaware Literary Institute, where he graduated in Sep 1859. In December of the same year he entered the law office of Hon. Robert Parker, of Delhi, NY, as a law student. Mr. Parker was one of the most prominent lawyers of the state, having served at one time as one of the Supreme Judges. In Nov 1863, Mr. Scofield was admitted to practice law in all the courts of the state and entered at once upon his professional duties in Unadilla, Otsego county, where he continued until July 1864, when he was appointed by Governor Seymour as one of the assistants of Colonel Samuel North, State Agent of the State of New York in the office at Washington, District of Columbia, where he remained until the fall of 1865. At the close of his service with Colonel North he returned to Unadilla and resumed the practice of law. During his residence at this place he served in several important local offices, such as clerk of the town, member of the school board, etc. In Oct 1866, he was married to Miss Mary Odell, daughter of Doctor E. Odell, one of the prominent physicians of the state, whose reputation in the medical fraternity extends through all its borders. On 27 Nov 1867, he landed in Nebraska City, where he made a permanent settlement and entered with renewed zeal upon the practice of his profession. He began with small means and a law library of about twenty volumes. Today he has a library that will compare favorably with any in the city, and a practice that is second to no lawyer in his district. During his residence in Nebraska he has served in several important positions. He is now City and County Attorney, a position he has filled for two years to the satisfaction of the powers that be. In May 1871, he was chosen as one of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, and did good service in framing the rejected new organic law of the state. He is chairman of the Committee on State Lands and served as a member of several other important committees. He favored the abolition of the old grand jury system; advocated minority representation and was opposed to woman suffrage. He is a live, active, working member; does his full share of thinking and occupies but little time in making buncombe speeches.

He is of medium stature; dark hair and eyes; sanguine bilious temperament; keen perceptive faculties; reasons well from cause to effect; is devoted to what he believes to be right and conscientious in his preferences. He is a warm congenial friend; attached to

home and its enjoyments; rare seasons of despondency; given to convivial or social tendencies. Has large benevolent proclivities, is pained at suffering and want; not given to destructiveness ; enjoys the pleasures of life; has a natural desire to deserve the approbation of good men by living true to his manhood and loyal to every committed trust. He is a democrat but liberal in his interpretation of political principles. He advocated the suppression of the rebellion and believed slavery to be a great national evil. Religiously he is an Episcopalian and a vestryman in the Episcopal Church in Nebraska City, and worthy of his vocation.

FRANK G. BOLLES. Master 1867, '75, '76; High Priest Unadilla Chapter Dec., 1877-78, 80-87, 91-94; also served Lodge and Chapter many years as Secretary; one of best known Masons in state and most distinguished ever of this locality; Knights Templar; D.D.G.M. this the 18th Masonic district, three terms; at death held and had served ten years Assistant Grand Lecturer of Chapter; held for many years and until death appointment as representative of Grand Chapter of Quebec, Canada, to the Grand Chapter of New York; born in Oxford 28 Sep 1833; died in Unadilla 27 Apr 1897; except four years lived in Unadilla after nineteen years of age; **2nd Lieut. Co. F, 121st NY Volunteers**; Post Master Unadilla, first Cleveland administration; active, earnest, faithful, capable Mason; genial, bright, happy personality, warm of heart, good man.

Frank G. Bolles spent the remainder of his life almost entirely in Unadilla. He was long associated with his brother and Lewis G. Cone in the hardware business, at one time as employee, at another as partner. He was prominently identified with Free Masonry in this part of the State, and was Postmaster under President Cleveland, and saw service in the Civil War. He was all his life one of the most agreeable personalities in the village, his gift of humor being marked and its manifestations incessant. He knew everybody and everybody knew him. His death did more than any other event in a long period of years to eclipse the gaiety of life in public places. Fareyou-well, friend of us all.

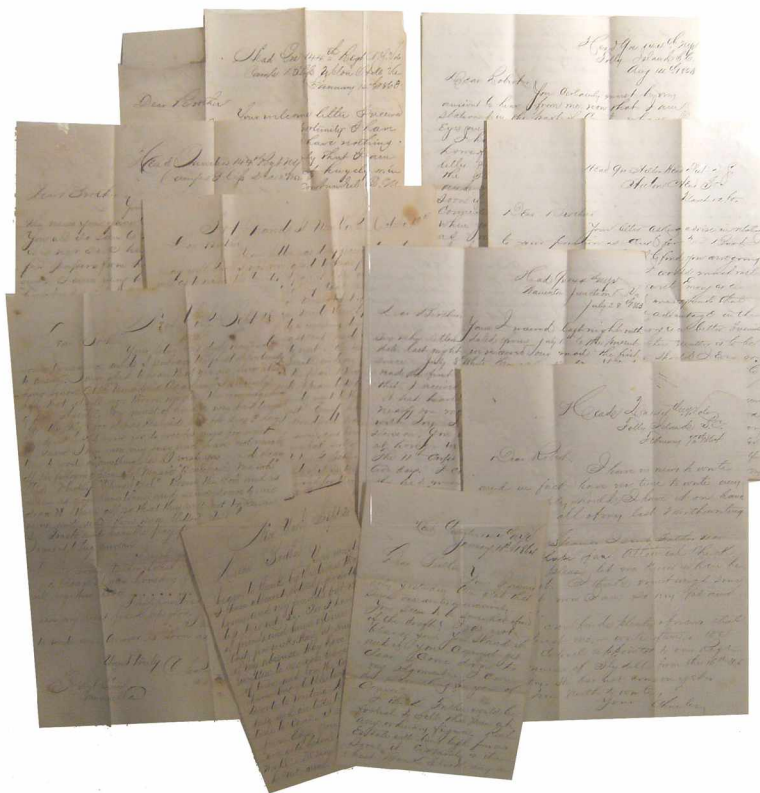
BOLLES, FRANK G.—Age, 28 years. Enrolled, 18 Aug 1862, at Mohawk, to serve three years; mustered in as 2Lt, Co. F, 23 Aug 1862; discharged, 30 Jan 1863. Commissioned 2Lt, 10 Sep 1862, with rank from 18 Aug 1862,

CHARLES C. SIVER. Master Dec 1868; born in town of Meredith, NY, 6 Mar 1839, son of David Siver; died at Unadilla, 21 Nov 1872; member Unadilla Chapter, a Knight Templar; merchant; served in Rebellion in **8th NYNG** and **144t Regt. NY Vol. Infantry**, discharged at close of war with that regiment as **Captain Co. H. C.C. Siver Post, G.A.R.**, Unadilla, was named after him.

Captain Charles C. Siver, Co. H, 144th NYSV. born in the town of Meridith, Delaware County; while quite young he went with his father's family to the town of Sidney, "passing his early boyhood days upon his father's farm, and in going to school;" enlisted for 3-month term in the 8th NYSM and served at Bull Run; returned to Sidney upon discharge "and went South again as a sutler's agent;" "was taken sick with typhoid fever in a few months and was brought home;" joined the 144th NYSV at Hancock Sep 1862 as 1st Lt. Co. F, age 23; Captain Co. H, 4/64; "was detailed as assistant adjutant of the post stationed at Hilton Head, SC, on the staff of Brig. Gen. E. E. Potter;" mustered out with company Jun 1865; "a respected citizen and a distinguished soldier of the Village of Unadilla."

http://www.bobvila.com/SmartBuys/Ten_144th_New_York_Infantry_ALsS_1862_65-p2301207.html

Ten letters from Charles C. Siver of the 144th New York Infantry, Company F, to his brother.



Letter datelined "Head Qrs 144th NYV / Folly Island S.C. / Aug the 14th 1863" describes operations against Charleston: ".I am stationed in the part of the country where all eyes are turned at present / Charleston. our Batteries are continually throwing shell out and into Forts Sumpter and Wagner. Neither responded but keep a very wise look out. Cummings Point battery respond as often as 7 times per minute We have a line of fortifications some 400 yards direct in front of Fort W and only 300 yards distant. This was all thrown up in one night when the Rebs should have been stirring to present This line of works are very strong and when they 3 three hundred pound cannon opens upon it will be obliged to surrender. It cannot do otherwise. I have my Tent just on the Sea Short of Folly Island 4 miles from Sumpter. You cannot imagine what a romantic place this is. I have plenty of Palmetto trees growing as thick as possible near my tent, and what splendid shade they make. If possible I would send you a small leaf but cannot as thick leaves are from 3 to 7 feet in length."

Letter datelined "Head Qs 144 NY Warrenton Junction VA July 28th 1863" reads in part: "Yours I received last night with six other letters dated from July 1st to the present date. All letters that I received gave me any quantity of news as I had heard nothing about the world in nearly one month. I am poisoned again with joy. If we march tomorrow I will let some one ride my horse and will go aboard the ambulance. We just received an official dispatch that Morgan with his murderous band have been captured. think the south will make a proposition for Pease soon. this is the general opinion here in the Army. Yesterday we Captured some 700 Rebs. at Chester Gap. On the 8th day of July 1863 took up line of march for Barhamsville Va. Marched that day some 24 miles through very heavy rain and mud ankle deep. boarded the Cars for Frederick Md. when we had a grand Smash up wounding some 40 men. I was sitting in the rear Seat and the car that was run into by the locomotive. I dreaded the sight of VA. Maryland is such a paradise beside it. I believe fighting will soon be over and we all can return home."

Letter datelined "Head Quarters 144 Regt NY / Camp Bliss Dec 8 1862" reads in part: "The wind blows the tent so and makes such a jossle I cannot make a straight mark. I wish I could get a good boy to wait on me Cannot get along with one."

Letter datelined "Head Qrs 144th Regt NY Vols / Camp Bliss Upton Hills Va / January 14th 1863" describes the difficulty of being a Quarter Master: "This confounded Q.M. business keeps me on the go all the time when I am not in the saddle and on the road to Washington I am writing up my accounts with the Government. And I can tell you it is no easy job to make out a balance sheet of \$400,000 dollars. Well I have just done the thing and come out ahead some 50 dollars."

Letter datelined "Head Qr Hilton Head Dist D.J. / Hilton Head S.C. / March 12 65" reads in part: "... Avoid fast young men do not for once allow them to seduce you in their society for once it is hard to break of friendships when once formed. I have had more experience in these matters than you Robert, have many times Ered and I Can see it now..."

Letter datelined "New York Sept 20" reads in part: "You must begin to think by this time that I have allmost entirely forgotton home and my friends but it is not so. For I have thought of friends and home oftiner for the last few weeks than any period of my absense..."

Letter datelined "Head Quarter 144th NY / January 10th 1864" reads in part: "Does Mary Ever enquire for me or has she entirely forgotten that there is such a person as Chas C Siver. It makes but very little difference to me. I am just as independant as ever and will ask no favors of such persons. I feel the same towards her as of old but can forget her should she wish it."

Letter datelined "Head Qrs 144th NY Vols / Folly Island S.C. / February 7th 1864" reads in part: "I think I must weigh some 200 about now I am so very fat and healthy."

Letter datelined "Grands St. New York October 18th" reads in part: "Mr Bradford seems to think Father will be elected this fall. They have got hold of it in the store and call me Senator etc but I am enough for them. I think if they are mostly Blacks and Fools there is some good democrats in the store all the smartest."

Letter datelined "New York Sept 18" reads in part: "I wish you would draw off the following peicis of Music 'Bonaparts March' 'Old Whiskey' 'Opera Reel' 'Rosin the Bow' and as many as you have time and send down to me draw it them off."

Charles C. Siver was commissioned into Company F on 27 Sep 1862. He was promoted as high as Captain of Company H before mustering out on 25 Jun 1865 at Hilton Head, SC. Letters measure 4.75" x 7.75" to 8.5" x 12" and total 20 pages. \$2000.

SIVER, CHARLES C.— Age, 23 -years. Enrolled as private, 15 Aug 1862, at Hancock, to serve three years; mustered in as first lieutenant, Co. F, 27 Sep 1862; as adjutant, 5 Mar 1863; as captain, Co. H, 18 Apr 1864; mustered out with company, 25 Jun 1865, at Hilton Head, SC. Commissioned first lieutenant, 4 Oct 1862, with rank from 4 Sep 1862, original; adjutant, 12 Mar 1863, with rank from 2 Feb 1863, vice M. Shaw resigned; captain, 18 Apr 1864, with rank from 15 Jan 1864, vice E. G. Radeker resigned.

THOMAS C. MONROE. Master Dec 1870; born in town of Cobleskill, NY, 3 Aug 1831; resided in town of Unadilla; **first Master Sidney Lodge No. 801** in 1891-93, '96; farmer; appointed Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of State of New York from May 1901 to May 1902, by Right Worshipful Charles W. Meade; member of Unadilla Chapter; Knight Templar; Veiled Prophet.

DAVID FINCH. Master Dec 1871; born Knox, Albany, NY, 3 Aug 1832; appointed Post Master of West Township, NY, in Mar 1891.

O. F. W. CRANE. Charter Member; Master Dec 1872; born in town of Kent, CT, 28 Jun 1810; d. at Unadilla 20 Mar 1891; mechanic.

ALANSON H. MEEKER. Master Dec 1873; born in town of Guilford, NY, 29 Dec 1829; resided in Unadilla; Post Master of Unadilla one term under President Harrison.

GEORGE B. FELLOWS. Master Dec 1874; High Priest Unadilla Chapter 1880; born in Unadilla 1830; editor and publisher Unadilla Times eight years; served town in various civil capabilities; two consecutive terms Supervisor; many times a delegate to Democratic conventions, attending as such the national Democratic convention in Cincinnati in 1856; member of the State National Guard; serving on the staff of Brig. Gen. Bassett, with rank of Major for seven years; for eighteen years last post connected with State Dairy Commission and Department of Agriculture at Albany.

CHARLES S. HYATT. Master Dec 1877; born in town of Dryden, NY, 5 Mar 1822; resided in Unadilla; painter; Assistant Grand Lecturer of 6th judicial district, NY, under George H. Raymond; member of Unadilla Chapter; always a staunch, earnest, capable Mason.

WILLIAM H. HESLOP. Master in Dec 1878-79; born in Gilbertsville, NY, in 1850; died in Gilbertsville 13 May 1894; merchant.

WILLIAM E DEFOREST. Master Dec., 1880, '81; born in 1830; died at Unadilla in 1891; merchant.

MARVIN W. DULEY. Master Dec 1883, '84, '88; born in town of Russia, Herkimer, NY, 7 Sep 1822; died at Unadilla 28 Jan 1901; miller; **raised in Otsego Lodge** in 1852; affiliated 22 Mar 1870.

ZENO C. BREWSTER. Master Dec 1885; born in town of Gilboa, Schoharie, NY, 23 Nov 1851; resided in Oxford, NY; member of Unadilla Chapter; Knights Templar.

WELLS B. WARFIELD. Master Dec 1887; High Priest Unadilla Chapter 1896, '97; born in town of Franklin, NY, 3 Sep 1851; resided in Unadilla; always devoted to the cause of Masonry.

ROBERT F. SULLIVAN. Master Dec. 1889, '90; High Priest of Unadilla Chapter in 1888; born in Onondaga county in 1860; died in Unadilla 29 Oct 1899; was graduated Cornell University in 1883; Principal Pompey Academy two years and of Unadilla Academy five years; twice editor and proprietor Unadilla Times; 33 degree Mason; Shrine.

ALFRED J. WADSWORTH. Master Dec 1891; born 9 Mar 1858, in Melbourne, Australia; **instituted Sidney Lodge No. 801**, in 1892; member Unadilla Chapter; later cigar manufacturer Hartford, CT.

JOHN D. LEITH. Master Dec 1892; High Priest Unadilla Chapter 1889, '90; born near city of Aberdeen, Scotland, 23 Mar 1856; came to America 17 Jun 1874; raised in **Susquehanna Lodge, Bainbridge, NY**, in May 187_; affiliated 11 Jun 1881; tailor; later resided at Cobleskill.

HERMAN D. HANFORD. Master Dec 1893-96; born 9 Jun 1863, at Unadilla; carriage painter; member of Unadilla Chapter.

TRACY H. MORSE. Master Dec 1897-98; High Priest Unadilla Chapter 1890-'91; born at Pittsfield, NY, 7 Sep 1851; made a Mason in 1876; 32 degree Mason; head of a large Unadilla tailoring business; always active and prominent in village affairs and Masonry.

CHARLES A. WINCHESTER. Master Dec 1899, 1900; born 27 Jun 1862, at Oxford, NY; resided in Unadilla; **raised in Whitneys Point Lodge**, affiliated 1897; Chapter Mason; Knights Templar.

GEORGE D. RAITT. Master Dec 1901; born in town of Afton 1 Dec 1869; publisher Unadilla Times; member Unadilla Chapter; Knights Templar.

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Following are given brief personal sketches of the High Priests of Unadilla Chapter No. 178, in order as they served [in addition to those noted above]:

HIRAM EDGERTON. High Priest in Dec. 1865-69; born in town of Coventry, NY, 12 Jan 1809; died in Franklin, NY, 1 Mar 1880; **raised in Freedom Lodge; first Master Franklin Lodge**, serving 12 years; assistant Grand Lecturer under George H. Raymond for several years.

HORACE E. BAILEY. High Priest in 1871, 73-75, '98; born in Masonville, NY, 5 Aug 1845; participated in the war of rebellion, enlisting 26 Sep 1862 in the **144th Regt. New York Infantry**, serving continuously to close of the war in July 1865; a druggist by profession; and much interested in Masonry.

GEORGE D. CHAMBERLAIN. High Priest in Dec 1895; born in town of Franklin, 20 Sep 1853; served his town in various capacities, once as supervisor; three years school commissioner 1st Dist. of Delaware county; **raised in Franklin Lodge**, 4 Jun 1879; Master of same for seven years; District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th district for two years; assistant Grand Lecturer, 1899, 1900; insurance agent.

GEORGE W. HARDY. High Priest in Dec 1901; born in town of Milford, NY, 14 Mar 1845; raised in 1881; exalted in 1883; and knighted in 1885; supervisor of Maryland, Otsego, NY; progressive, energetic, and much interested in Masonry.

See also Unadilla Masons of Freedom Lodge 324 – 1854 to 1902 - see Appendix III.

Evergreen Lodge No. 363, Springfield Centre, New York

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This lodge opened by dispensation at Warren, Herkimer county, 1 Feb 1855. Its first officers were as follows: A. L. Starkweather, WM; Rufus W. Crane, SW; Charles De Long, JW; Henry M. Beach, Sec. This lodge was subsequently moved to Springfield Centre, its present home. The present (1877) Master is S. R. Stewart.

Seven Stars Lodge No. 459, Butternuts, New York

Officers of *Seven Stars Lodge*, No. 459, in Butternuts, Otsego county, for the year 5828:

John Judson, Master; Archibald Dixson, Senior Warden; Levi Judson, Junior Warden; John Bryant, Secretary; Hezekiah Scofield, Treasurer; Samuel Starr, Senior Deacon; Daniel Bishop, Junior Deacon; Lemuel Smith and Silas Caulkins, Stewards; Benjamin Dixson, Tyler.

MARY MIRICK, dau. of (*James5, James4, James3, John2, John1*) and Esther (Cove) Mirick, born 22 Feb 1813, in Butternuts, NY. Educated in common schools, learned tailoress trade, also taught school. Married **Hezekiah Scofield**, 26 Feb 1837. He died in 1875, in Norwich, NY. She died 7 Apr 1845. After her death Hezekiah married again, Cordelia

Children:

- i. HARRIET (Schofield) d. some years since in Norwich; unmarried.
- ii. WILLIAM (Schofield) m. Nettie ---; d. a number of years ago.

Oneonta lodge, No. 466, Oneonta, New York

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This lodge was organized under dispensation, 8 Jan 1859, with Blips Light, Master; John F. Perkins, SW ; Robert Scramling, JW; and worked under dispensation until 20 Jun 1859, when they received their charter for "Oneonta Lodge, No. 466, F&AM," at Oneonta, NY, with Elias Light, Master; John F. Perkins, SW; Robert Scramling, JW. On 30 Jun 1859, the following officers were installed to their respective offices by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York: Elias Light, Master ; John F. Perkins, SW; Robert Scramling, JW; William H. Whitney, Treas; Denizen R. Boyce, Sec; Lorin R. Boyce, SD; Elliot Barnes, JD; T. K. Mosher and Thomas S. Gault, Stewards; and Edward B. Shove, Tyler. The following is a list of the charter members:

Elias Light,	Denizen R. Boyce,	Elliot Barnes,	Thomson K. Mosher,
John P. Perkins,	Thomas S. Gault,	Lorin R. Boyce,	George E. Bixby.
Robert Scramling,	Edward B. Shove,	William H. Whitney,	

The total membership to the present time is 203; and the present membership is 82.

Officers for the year 1877 are as follows: Prieland C. Gardner, Master ; Henry C. Stratford, SW; Henry P. Skinner, JW; Reuben Reynolds, Treas; Owen Phillips, Sec; Henry D. Jennings, SD; William Whyte, JD; Abner A. Walling, Tyler. ,

This, lodge has rented, for a term of years, the large hall on the third floor of the Bissell brick block, corner of Main and Deitz streets, and they have the hull and rooms neatly furnished, and the lodge is entirely out of debt, with some money in their treasury, and some outstanding claims due them. Many of them expect soon to have a chapter lodge located here. There are now many chapter Masons that would do better accommodated at this place than any other, and many more Masons who would embrace the opportunity to join the chapter if it was conveniently located here. The present membership of this lodge embraces the very best business men of the village and vicinity, including the farmer, the mechanic, and the professions ; and although but few take an active part in Masonry, their names adorn the list of membership.

Below is a list of the officers from the organization to the present time, for each successive year ; namely, Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, and Secretaries :

Masters. Senior Wardens.

1859 Elias Light.	John F. Perkins.	1869 Morris N. Elwell.	Andrew J. Sullivan.
1860 John F. Perkins.	William H. Whitney.	1870 Andrew J. Sullivan.	James W. Jenks.
1861 " "	Edward B. Shovo.	1871 " "	" "
1802 Samuel S. Burnaido.	Elliot Barnes.	1872 " "	" "
186a " "	Harvey Gregory.	1873 James W. Jenks.	Frieland O. Gardner.
1864 " "	Edward B. Shovo.	1874 Frieland O. Gardner.	Henry D. Jennings.
1865 " "	Both A. Warner.	1875 Henry D. Jennings.	James W. Jenks.
1866 Seth A. Warner.	Wilber S. Doolittle.	1876 Frieland C, Gardner.	Henry D. Jennings.
1867 Wilber S. Doolittle.	George F. Bissell.	1877 " "	Henry C. Stratford.
1868 George F. Bissell.	Morris N. Elwell.		

Junior Wardens. Secretaries.

1859 Robert Scramling.	Denizen R. Boyce.	1869 James W. Jenks.	Newton I. Ford.
1860 " "	Edward B. Shovo.	1870 Henry C. Grant.	W. K. Sherwood.
1861 Samuel S. Burnsido.	Theodore M. Derby.	1871 " "	Newton I. Ford.
1862 Harvey Gregory.	E. W. Hopkins.	1872 " "	" "
1863 Edward J. Piatt.	" "	1873 Henry D. Jennings.	Emulus A. Reynolds.
1864 Philander Smith.	" "	1874 Lester S. Emmons.	George F. Bissell.
1865 Morris N. Elwell.	" "	1876 " "	Henry C. Stratford.
1866 " "	" "	1876 Robert Smith.	Owen Phillips.
1867 " "	N. C. Moak.	1877 Henry P. Skinner.	" "
1883 Andrew J. Sullivan.	" "		



Joseph Seth Lunn

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DEATH OF MAYOR LUNN - CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE EXPIRES SATURDAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Many Years Resident and a Leading Citizen of Oneonta - Two Years Village President and Mayor of City for Three - Demise Deeply Regretted Throughout City – Funeral Tuesday Afternoon - Interment at Morris

Joseph S. Lunn, mayor of the city of Oneonta, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, after prolonged illness, at his home, 6 Walnut street. His last hours were peaceful, and surrounded by all the members of his immediate family, he passed quietly to rest.

The funeral was held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his late residence. The service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. Edson J. Farley of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. James C. Russell of the First Presbyterian church in this city. Interment was in the Lunn and Gregory family plot in the Hillington cemetery at Morris, where the bodies of his parents and a brother are laid to rest.

Mr., Lunn's illness, which was of pernicious anemia, dated from August 1915, though it was not until the following January that his condition became alarming. After several months of illness, he to a measure recovered, and during the following summer resumed oversight of his extensive business interests. A second attack followed in December last, and from this he also to some extent rallied, and during the past month had been about the city and at his office. On Sunday, April 29, he was out in his automobile for the last time. From that date he rapidly failed, and on Thursday lapsed into a state of coma, from which he at no time fully rallied, and as above stated passed peacefully to rest Saturday morning.

Joseph Seth Lunn was born 27 Oct 1868, in the town of New Lisbon, and was the eldest of the three sons of William and Carrie (Gregory) Lunn who resided near Welcome (then New Lisbon Center) in that township. On the paternal side he was of Scotch descent, both his grandfather and grandmother having come from Scotland to America. On the maternal side his great - great grand-father, Hezekiah Gregory, came from Connecticut to the present town of New Lisbon in 1776, settling on the farm where Joseph S. Lunn was born, and which was the latter's home until he removed in 1889 to Oneonta. Both the Lunn and Gregory families were of sturdy old-world stock and their characteristics were in a high degree manifest in their descendent whose death we so greatly deplore.

For a short time after coming to the then village of Oneonta Mr. Lunn was engaged in the wood business. Later he was an employee in the hop office of L. Westcott, and afterwards with him in the ice business. Later he purchased a controlling interest in this business and organized the Oneonta Ice company, of which until this time he had remained in complete control as president and manager. Though this was his principal occupation, he also had considerable real estate interests and at the time of his death, in addition to city realty, owned the Hillcrest farm on the cemetery road about two miles from Oneonta.

Absorbing as were his personal interests, Mr. Lunn was a public spirited citizen always willing to heed the call of his city when his services in civic capacities were demanded. He was trustee of the village for six years, during which time the Main street viaduct was built and the Main and Broad street brick pavements were laid--the first in the village. He was president of the board for years and when the new city government was organized was one of the first appointees of Mayor Morris to a position on the board of public works, of which for two years he was chairman. In November, 1913, the quality of his public service obtained recognition in his election as third mayor of the city, succeeding Mayor Frank D. Blodgett on January 1, 1914. He administered the office with dignity, fairness and ability and in November, 1915 was re-elected by a handsome plurality. The value of his services to the city cannot be overestimated. The same prudence, judgment and foresight which he displayed in the conduct of his personal affairs were shown in his public administrative capacity, and he leaves behind him a record of well-doing which will be a precious heritage to his family.

His personal business and his official duties, however, by no means were the boundaries of his activities. He was from childhood a member of the Baptist church, with which he united at Welcome. On his removal to Oneonta he united with the First Baptist church of this city, and ever since has been a consistent member of the society and a liberal supporter of its various interests. He was also a member and director of the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Oneonta club, of the Oneonta Automobile club and of the Masonic lodge and chapter in this city. The same characteristics which distinguished him in his personal and public affairs were marks of all his other activities -- thoroughness, an active interest and an unselfish liberality.

It is not easy even for one who had known him well, to give any full or satisfactory estimate of the character and work of the deceased. As mayor of the city, succeeding two men as distinguished as Albert Morris and Prof. Frank D. Blodgett it is high praise to say that his work suffered nothing by comparison with that of his predecessors. He was always alert for the public welfare, and many of the principal improvements of which the city boasts were conceived by him or had his heartiest support. To the church of his choice he was always devoted, and in its councils he will be greatly missed. As a business man he was energetic and successful. As a neighbor and friend he was a fine type of manhood -- loyal, unselfish, generous and willing under any circumstances to spend and be spent in their service. Numberless as were his benefactions he made no display of them, and many hearts were lightened which never knew whence the gift came. It can be truly said that to none who were worthy he ever turned a deaf or unsympathetic ear. In the family circle his passing will most deeply be felt, as that of a loving husband and father, who never even in the midst of life's activities was too busy to remember their prior claim, and who kept with his children to the last the spirit of youth that made him one with them.

Mayor Lunn is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Minnie Westcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luzerne Westcott of this city, to whom he was married in February, 1892, and by two children - Charlotte and William Lunn. He leaves also one brother, Prof. Morris A. Lunn of New York city, who arrived in Oneonta on Wednesday and was with him until the end. A second brother, C. Sumner Lunn, died about 19 years ago.

Though the burden of loss naturally falls with greatest weight upon the immediate family, the flag which flies at half-mast on the city hall carries its message of sorrow also to a multitude of others - neighbors, friends, employees and business associates - who knew his worth and realize that with his death a fine, loyal, indomitable, generous and self-denying spirit has passed from earth.

Proclamation.

The Angel of Death has again visited our city and called from our midst our beloved mayor Joseph S. Lunn. For many years he had been closely identified with the business and civic life of our city, active in its growth and development and ready at all times to give more than his share of time and energy to its welfare. His life was in a large measure devoted to the public service. In civic affairs and in business relations his record is clean and honorable. He was an ideal citizen, serving with the respect of all in his second term as mayor. To him and to his memory we owe a tribute of unstinted praise.

It is therefore directed that until after his funeral flags on public buildings be displayed at half-mast; that the Municipal building be draped in mourning and that on Tuesday, May 8, the city offices be closed. It is also requested that all business places of every name and nature close their doors and refrain from business from 1 to 2 p. m. on Tuesday, during the hour of funeral service, thereby honoring the memory of a just and upright public official and fellow citizen.

(Signed) Andrew E. Cepperly.

Acting mayor, City of Oneonta.

LARGE GATHERING OF FRIENDS HONOR MEMORY OF LATE MAYOR

City in Mourning With Business - Places and Schools Closed - Rev. Dr. Farley Delivers Eloquent Eulogy - Burial at Morris With Masonic Honors.

That Oneonta esteemed highly its lamented mayor, Joseph S. Lunn, and honored his memory, was amply attested Tuesday afternoon when with stores, other business places and public schools closed, a large concourse of his neighbors and friends truly representative of the civic and commercial life of the city assisted at his late residence 6 Walnut street for the last sad rites about his bier. During the last two hours of the morning there had been hundreds of his neighbors and friends calling at the home to pay a last tribute of respect to the man they had known and honored in his life of service to his city and his fellows. With the assemblage of home friends, there were Mayors Joseph W. Stevens of Albany, Frank H. Truitt of Binghamton and Lynn H. Babcock of Norwich and W. P. Capes of Albany, secretary of the Mayors' conference of the state, all representing that organization. The common council was present in a body and with it were nearly all of the commissioners and other city officials. In attendance also was a large delegation of **Oneonta lodge, No. 466**, F. & A.M. and the employees of Mr. Lunn and of the Oneonta Ice company, of which he was president. The house was filled to overflowing, many being compelled to stand outside while hundreds of others anticipating the large attendance of the afternoon, had evinced their regard for the dead and sympathy for the living earlier in the day.

Lasting but little more than half an hour the services were impressive. His pastor Rev. Edson J. Farley, of the First Baptist church, conducted them opening with the reading of appropriate scriptural selections, embraced within which were verses from the fourteenth chapter of St. John. Dr. James C. Russell of the First Presbyterian church, long a friend of the dead mayor and of the family, offered a most fervent and consoling prayer in which he counseled the living to look beyond the clouds to the realm of light and happiness.

Dr. Farley, in opening his remarks, which seemed especially fitting, asserted the real, the highest tribute to the man who has lived so honorably and served his municipality so generously, will not be found in the words that may be spoken or in the lines that may be written, but rather will be found in the hearts of his townsmen and friends and in the memories of those who recall his countless deeds of service and kindness to others. The respect in which he was held by those who knew him intimately will ever be a cherished memory for his dear ones.

Continuing, the speaker declared that it may justly be said of him as of a man of old that a "prince and a leader has fallen." Truly the deceased was princely in his manhood and manliness. There was nothing of the weakling about Mr. Lunn. He was strong and virile in both his physical and mental life. He loved those things which interest men, men with red blood in their veins. He was human with human weaknesses, but large hearted and generous, big and broad minded, despising . . . things . . . littleness . . . was a splendid type of the American prince. He was princely also in his independence of spirit. He was distinctively self made. Doubtless he inherited sterling qualities from his ancestry, but he improved them and grew strong and vigorous and manly. He saw opportunities and reached out and grasped them. He did his thinking for himself and was uninfluenced by custom and conventionalities. His conception of the right and the true being a law unto himself. In independence of thought he was princely.

He loved his fellows and was a leader in political and social relations. He "lived by the side of the road and was a friend to man." He was princely in his service to his fellows. Men sought his counsel and he aided others by helping them to help themselves. His life was full of service to the community and to others and many will recall in future years the valuable assistance he has given them.

He was princely in his character. He believed in God. In his younger years he openly professed faith in God and he remained consistent and faithful to this faith to the end. He countenanced nothing slothful or slovenly in church of Christian life and prized good music and dignity in the house of God. This faith developed high ideals and to them he was ever true. He gave of his strength to the weak, of his substance to those in need, of his sympathy to those in sorrow and his heart to his God. God spared him until his family and friends could become more reconciled to his going and could say that God doeth all things well.

In closing Dr. Farley appealed to his fellow citizens to heed the admonishment his going gives to have our lives well in hand and be prepared for the summons. We will like Macauley have some tasks unfinished then, but we should have done with our might the daily tasks and with life profitably spent we like him enter the future with bright prospects beyond.

Beautiful Floral Display - The display of floral tributes was an elaborate and exceptionally beautiful one, the casket reclining in a veritable bower of choice flowers. In addition to those from the family and personal friends were the following: New York State Conference of Mayors and Other Officials, Common Council and city officials, Board of Public Works, Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Park Commissioners, Police department, Fire department, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' association, employees Oneonta Ice company, Oneonta club, **Oneonta lodge F. & A. M.**, Oneonta chapter R. A. M., Beta chapter, Clionian society, Swastika club, Deaconesses First Baptist church, Mothers' club of First Baptist church.

Interment at Morris - Interment was at Morris, neighbors and friends donating spacious touring cars to the number of 18, which conveyed the funeral party, embracing in addition to the family and bearers a large delegation of city officials and of **Oneonta lodge, F. & A. M.**, to that village, the trip being made without untoward incident via Sidney, Mt. Upton and Gilbertsville. At the grave in beautiful Hillington cemetery members of Oneonta Lodge performed the last sad rites of the fraternity in an impressive manner and never more fittingly than over the body of Mr. Lunn. The bearers were M. G. Keenan, L. C. Millard, Charles M. Wright, W. R. Saxton, Charles E. Hills and Charles D. Townsend.

Relatives in Attendance - Relatives from other places in attendance at the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lunn, Miss Mary Lena Telfer, New York city; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elliott, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. James Telfer, Hartwick; Mrs. W. I. Smith, Garrattsville; Mrs. Jennie Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lunn and Howard Lunn, New Lisbon; Mrs. Edward Bowne, Miss Augusta Light, Mrs. Bert Light, New Hartford; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Bainbridge; A. L. Westcott, New York City; Fred Westcott and Miss Sarah Westcott, Binghamton; John Ball, Silas Ball and G. E. Taylor, Watertown.

Charles Smith, of Oneonta, who was elected junior grand warden of the grand lodge of New York at the recent annual communication, was born in Albany, 6 Aug 1855, and removed to Oneonta in 1873, where he has since resided. He has taken an active part in municipal affairs of Oneonta and has been identified with all movements for the advancement of the city. He is a member of the firm of Doyle & Smith, cigar manufacturers. He was raised in **Oneonta lodge, No. 466**, July 14, 1844. In December, 1884, he was elected junior warden and in the next year was promoted to senior warden. At that time he was a traveling salesman, and feeling that he could not conscientiously discharge the duties of master, he declined to accept that office until December, 1895. He served two years, 1896 and 1897. During his term of office the membership of the lodge increased rapidly and new and finely equipped quarters were secured. In June, 1898, Bro. Smith was appointed district deputy grand master of the eighteenth Masonic district by William A. Sutherland, grand master, and was reappointed in June, 1899. In May, 1901, he was appointed grand marshal by Charles W. Mead, grand master. Bro. Smith has taken an active interest in other branches of Masonry, having served as high priest of Oneonta Royal Arch chapter, No. 277, in 1900. He is also a member of Malta Commandery, No. 21, of Binghamton; Otseningo Consistory, Binghamton, and Cypress Temple, at Albany.

Richfield Springs Lodge No. 482, Richfield Springs, New York

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This Lodge was duly organized on 12 Aug 1859, by W. M. Mordecai Myers, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The first officers were Hon. James Hyde, WM; Hon. Charles Belong, SW; Daniel H. Woodbury, JW; Lot H. Hasford, Sec; General Wm. Johnson, Treas; David Firman, JD; Silas Gray, Tyler. This lodge holds its regular communications on the second and fourth Saturdays in each month. Present membership about 100. Present officers: John Derthick, WM; W. A. Smith, SW; J. E. Ackerman, JW; J. F. Getman, SD; B. Lockwood, JD; H. C. Watson, Sec; N. Getman, Treas; T. L. Jacques, Tyler.

Ladies' Degrees. — The initial degree for ladies was conferred 13 Aug 1859, on the following names, by Mr. M. Benedict, viz. : Mary Cheeseman, Mary Johnson, Matilda Reed, Olive Elwood, Fanny Hyde. The following ladies received the degree of "True Kinsman"; Matilda Reed, Fanny Hyde.

RICHFIELD SPRINGS CHAPTER, NO. 222. This sublime adjunct of Masonry was organized April 29, 1808. The first officers were S. R. Stewart, H. P. ; L. M. Doubleday, S. ; W. B. Lidell, K. Present number of members, 71. Regular convocations, first and third Fridays of each month. The present officers are as follows: Rev. S. R. Ward, M. E. H. P.; John Derthick, E. K.; N. R. Baker, E. S.; J. F. Getman, C. of the H.; A. K. Goodier, P. S.; J. E. Ackerman, R. A. C.; Elias Young, M. of 3d V.; Henry Greenman, M. of 2d V.; M. D. Barrus, M. of 1st V.; Martin Goes, Sec.; James Mason, Treas.; N. Getman and A. J. Smith, Trustees ; T. I. Jaques, Tyler.

Butternuts Lodge No. 515, Butternuts, New York

Chartered 4 Mar 1861, with the following members, viz., Elias Light, Hezekiah Sturges, Silas Caulkins, J. W. Still, Peter Brink, E. Brink, M. Brink, William O. Bentley, Daniel Knapp, J. W. Stranahan, John Light, and P. W. Edson.

The first officers were as follows: Elias Light, WM; J. W. Still, SW; P. Brink, JW; H. Sturges, Treas.; W. C. Bentley, Sec.; Rev. J. V. Hughes, Chaplain; C. D. Spencer, SD; G. C. Bedient, JD; G. Miller, Tyler.

The following have served as Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, from 1861 to the present time, viz.,

1862,	James E. Cook, M;	C. D. Spencer, SW;	Geo. C. Bedient, JW.
1863,	James E. Cook, M;	C. D. Spencer, SW;	Geo. C. Bedient, JW.
1864,	C. D. Spencer, M;	G. C. Bedient, SW;	E. H. Cobb, JW.
1865,	C. D. Spencer, M;	Geo. F. Graves, SW;	E. C. Gilbert, JW.
1866,	Niles Searles, M;	E. N. Cobb, SW;	R. A. Stenson, JW.

1867,	Geo. P. Graves, M;	R. A. Stenson, SW;	H. O. Gray, JW.
1868,	R. A. Stenson, M	H. O. Gray, SW;	W. H. Thompson, JW.
1869,	Geo. C. Bedient, M;	C. B. Luce, SW;	H. H. Wickes, JW.
1870,	Geo. C. Bedient, M;	L. G. Cornell, SW;	O. E. Gardner, JW.
1871,	Geo. C. Bedient, M;	L. G. Cornell, SW;	P. S. Clinton, JW.
1872,	Geo. C. Bedient, M;	L. Cornell, SW;	Joseph Winson, JW.
1873,	H. O. Gray, M;	Wm. H. Thompson, SW;	R. M. Stenson, JW.
1874,	H. O. Gray, M;	Wm. H. Thompson, SW;	R. M. Stenson, JW.
1875-76,	Geo. F. Graves, M;	N. S. Donaldson, SW;	J. H. Woodland, JW.

Laurens Lodge No. 548, Lauren, New York

This Lodge was granted a charter in the year 1864, and held its first communication April 9, 1864. The charter members were as follows:

Harvey Gregory,	Charles Culver,	Delos W. Johnson,	Orman Potter,
Samuel H. Harrington,	Samuel Straight,	Thomas W. Bassett,	Peter Barton, Jr
Milton Gurney,	Harvey Strong,	Chauncey Wright,	

The first officers were as follows: Harvey Gregory, WM; Harvey Strong, SW; D. W. Johnson, JW; Peter Barton, Treas; Milton Gurney, Secretary.

The following persons have officiated as Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens, from the organization of the lodge:

1865, Harvey Gregory, M;	Harvey Strong, SW;	Richard Cooley, JW.
1866, Harvey Gregory, M;	Milton Gurney, SW;	Morris Butts, JW.
1867-68, Milton Gurney, M;	Morris Butts, SW;	Peter Barton, Jr., JW .
1869, Morris Butts, M;	Delos W. Johnson, SW;	Leonard P. Richmond, JW.
1870, Morris Butts, M;	Leonard P. Richmond, SW;	Nelson B. Gardner, JW.
1871-72, Leonard P. Richmond, M;	Nelson B. Gardner, SW;	Elisha S. Fisher, JW.
1873-74, Nelson B. Gardner, M;	Albert S. Allen, SW;	E. B. Miller, JW.
1875, Nelson B. Gardner, M;	E. B. Miller, SW;	Damon H. Mead, JW.
1876, Morris Butts, M;	E. B. Miller, SW	D. H. Mead, JW.

1877, Elijah B. Miller, WM; Addison Gardner, SW; Robert E. Goewey, JW; Albert S. Allen, Treas; Marzy J. Ware, Sec; Nelson B. Gardner, SD; Henry L: Rathbun, JD; James D. Rathbun, SMC; Damon H. Mead, JMC; Delos W. Johnson, Tyler.

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PETER BARTON - The father of the subject of our sketch, Peter Barton, Sr., was born in Saratoga county, NY, in the year 1806, and removed to the town of Laurens, Otsego County, in 1831, where he resided until his death, which occurred 1 Apr 1868, in the 62nd year of his age. His wife, Harriet H. Wilson, was born in Rensselaer county, NY, and was united in wedlock to Peter Barton in 1828. **Peter Barton [Jr.]** as born in the town of Laurens, Otsego, NY, 27 Mar 1832. On 4 Sep 1856, married Harriet F. Dunbar, daughter of

Daniel Dunbar, of Laurens, who was one of the first settlers of that town. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barton have been born three children, — Harry P., born 3 Aug 1857 ; Kittie J., born 24 Jul 1861 ; and James P., born 5 May 1865. Mr. Barton was elected sheriff of Otsego County in Nov 1875.

Farmers' Lodge No. 553, Edmeston, New York

Organized under dispensation from the grand lodge, July 14, 1864, with the following officers: D. A. Taft, M.; L. D. Johnson, SW; E. E. Collins, JW. The lodge was chartered June 10, 1865.

The following have officiated as Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, from 1865 to 1878:

1865,	L. D. Johnson, M.;	L. D. Johnson, SW;	Stiles Gray, JW.
1866,	D. A. Taft, M.;	L. D. Johnson, SW;	Stiles Gray, JW.
1867-68,	L. D. Johnson, M.;	H. L. Breese, SW;	Lewis Spencer, JW.
1869-70,	L. D. Johnson, M.;	Lewis Spencer, SW;	E. W. Hall, JW.
1870-71,	L. D. Johnson, M.;	L. L. Valley, SW;	Isaac C. Chapin, JW.
1871-72,	Lewis Spencer, M.;	E. W. Hall, SW;	J. P. Wheeler, JW.
1872-73,	B. W. Hall, M.;	William Talbott, SW;	C. D. Webster, JW.
1873,	E. W. Hall, M.;	William Talbott, SW;	H. L. Breese, JW.
1874,	William Talbott, M.;	Alvah Mayne, SW;	J. C. Arnold, JW.
1875,	L. D. Johnson, M.;	Lewis Spencer, SW;	E. W. Hall, JW.
1876,	E. W. Hall, M.;	S. C. St. John, SW;	L. T. Hubbard, JW.
1877,	S. C. St. John, M.;	L. T. Hubbard, SW;	Joseph Gorton, JW.

Schenevus Lodge No. 592, Schevenus, New York

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The first regular communication of this lodge under dispensation was held Sept. 21, 1865. It was chartered in June, 1806, with the following charter members : O. H. Graham, S. B. Wilson, W. W. Houghton, Wm. Stewart, John R. Boyce, John Walker, S. H. Gurney, J. E. Peebles, and Azro Chase. The first officers under dispensation were the following: C. H. Graham, W. M.; S. B. Wilson, S. W. ; W. W. Houghton, J. W. ; S. H. Gurney, Sec. ; H. K. Morss, Treas. ; Azro Chase, S. D. ; J. E. Peebles, J. D.

June 25, 1866, the lodge was constituted under the warrant by District Deputy C. W. Tomlinson, and the following officers installed, being the first under the warrant: C. H. Graham, WM; S. B. Wilson, SW; Nelson Lane, JW; S. H. Gurney, Sec; L. A. Chamberlain, Treas; Azro Chase, SD; J. W. Peebles, JD; Julian Ferrey, SMC; J. Mills, JMC; J. B. Robinson, Tyler.

The officers installed in December, 1866, were as follows:
C. H. Graham, WM; Julian Ferrey, SW; Azro Chase, JW; S. H. Gurney, Sec.

Officers installed Dec. 26, 1867: S. B. Wilson, WM; S. H. Gurney, SW; L. A. Chamberlain, SW; H. T. Oatman, Sec.

The following is a list of the Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Secretaries, from 1867 to 1877 :—

1867. S. B. Wilson, WM ; S. H. Gurney, SW; L. A. Chamberlain, JW; H. F. Oatman, Sec.
1868. C. H. Graham, WM; W. H. Leonard, SW; Chester Gurney, JW ; W. W. Cone, Sec.
1869. Julian Ferry, WM; W. J. Sloan, SW; O. D. Ball, JW; S. H. Gurney, Sec.
1870. W. H. Leonard, WM; O. D. Ball, SW; C. B. Bobbins, JW; Nelson Lane, Sec.
1871. W. H. Leonard, WM; S. H. Gurney, SW; B. Manzer, JW; N. Lane, Sec.
1872. O. D. Ball, WM; Benjamin Manzer, SW; O. F. Lane, JW; George C. Guy, Sec.
1873. Benjamin Manzer, WM; Azro Chase, SW; B.J. Marble, JW; O. F. Lane, Sec.
1874. Julian Ferry, WM; Chester Gurney, SW; Thomas Page, JW; A.M.Aylesworth, Sec.
1875. O. F. Lane, WM; C. H. Graham, SW; M. P. Agan, JW; E. S. Butts, Sec.
1876. O. H. Graham, WM; G. Wright, SW; B. J. Marble, JW; Chester Gurney, Treas; H. W. Boom, Sec; O. F. Lane, SD; C. M. Aylesworth, JD; M. P. Agan, Tyler.

The lodge is now in a prosperous condition, and has a membership of 69.

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/manzer/messages/170.html>

"The History of Otsego Co., New York," by D. Hamilton Hurd, ca1878.

B. Manzer pg.179 and 181

pg.179 - "The following have served as supervisors and town clerks from the organization of the town [Maryland] to 1878." List begins with 1808 Edward Goddard as supervisor. In 1874 the town supervisor was Azro Chase and the town clerk was Benjamin Manzer.

pg.181 - "Schenevus Valley Lodge, No. 592, F. and A.M." In the 5th paragraph on the lodge (Schenevus then a village of the town of Maryland) "The following is a list of the Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Secretaries, from 1867 to 1877:"

1871. W. H. Leonard, W.M.; S. H. Gurney, S.W.; B. Manzer, J.W.; N. Lane, Sec.
1872. O.D. Ball, W.M.; Benjamin Manzer, S.W.; O.F. Lane, J.W.; George C. Guy, Sec.
1873. Benjamin Manzer, W.M.; Azro Chase, S.W.; B.J. Marble, J.W.; O.F. Lane, Sec."

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William C. Porter, the Sheriff of Delaware just closing his term, will retire from that position on Dec. 31 of this year with a good record in official life and with the credit of having served as the Sheriff during the Centennial year. For eight years he was Deputy Sheriff and when elected was fully informed as to the requirements of the office. For several years he was engaged in the harness business, in which he made an extended circle of acquaintances. He is a member of the **Schenevus lodge**, F&AM, and was active in affairs of the lodge until he became Sheriff, when his removal to Delhi took him away from that locality. Mr. Porter was born in Davenport, 2 Jun 1855. His father was a farmer in the town of Davenport in which he was a resident for over fifty years. Mr. Porter attended the district school at Davenport. In the year 1879 he went to Oneonta to learn the harness trade and in Feb. 1881 he opened a shop in Hamden, where he remained until about 1886, when he went into the store of John L. Beardsley, at Davenport. Tow or three years later he engaged in the harness business until after his election as Sheriff in the fall of 1894, when he sold out the business. He was nominated at the County Convention held Sept. 15, of that year, after a protracted and bitter contest in which there were several candidates, and after more than forty ballots had been taken. The office of Sheriff is the only public position Mr. Porter has sought or held, although an active worker in the Republican party. On 24 Apr 1888 he was married to Miss Dora Beardsley, at Davenport, by which union they have one boy named Harry B., who was born in 1891. Mr. Porter's father and mother, highly respected residents of the town of Davenport, their home for so many years, are still living, both well advanced in years and enjoying good health. Mrs. Porter is the daughter of J. L. Beardsley, a well-known Davenport merchant for many years with an honorable record in his dealings with all, who now is an extensive farmer and a large dealer in live stock.

Tieunderrah Lodge No. 605, Morris, New York

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This lodge was organized by dispensation 8 Feb 1866, with the following charter members:

James E. Cook,	S. S. Matteson,	Haggles Starr,	E. N. Goddard.
J. W. Still,	C. W. Fox,	Monroe Wilcox,	
A. S. Avery,	E. L. Payne,	R. Cooley,	
W. H. Bunn,	N. Moore,	O. B. Matteson,	

The Grand Master appointed James E. Cooke, WM; J. W. Still, SW; A. S. Avery, JW.

The officers elected at the first election, and installed 18 Dec 1866, were, J. E. Cooke, WM; A. S. Avery, SW; W. H. Bunn, JW; E. L. Payne, Treas; S. S. Matteson, Sec; H. E. Kinnie, SD; J. Mott, JD; J. C. Shumway, Chaplain ; J. P. Kenyon and A. Orsborn, MC, and D. J. Breese, Tyler.

Masters from organization to 1877:

1866	James E. Cooke	1870-71	Richard Cooley	1874	Richard Cooley
1867	W. H. Bunn	1872	S. S. Matteson	1875-76	James E. Cooke
1868-69	H. E. Kinnie,	1873	W. H. Yates		

Senior Wardens from organization to 1877:

1866	A. S. Avery	1869	J. Bowne	1873-74	W. H. Gardner
1867	H. E. Kinnie	1870	W. W. Shaw	1875-76	J. A. Ward
1868	S. S. Matteson	1871-72	D. L. Johnson		

Junior Wardens from organization to 1877:

1866	W. H. Bunn
1867	S. S. Matteson
1868-69	Joseph Mott
1870	D. L. Johnson
1871-72	W. H. Yates
1873	Geo. M. Chapin
1874	S. D. Bassett
1875-76	G. A. Yates

The officers for 1877 are James E. Cooke, WM; J. A. Ward, SW; G. A. Yates, JW; R. Cooley, Treas; L. D. Bassett, Sec; W. H. Yates, SD; F. Ball, JD; Geo. Churchill, Tyler. Volney J. Hoke was a Master ca 1897.

Volney J. HOKE, b. 18 Apr 1849 in Middlefield Twp., Otsego, NY; d. 26 Jun 1922 in Morris Twp., Otsego, NY; son of Jonas Hoke and Mary Ann Pierce; m. 4 Jan 1872 Lovinia Taylor b. 16 Apr 1854; d. 25 Nov 1912 in Morris Twp., Otsego, NY.

HILLINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 224, R. A. M., was organized Feb. 29, 1868, by dispensation issued to the following brothers, viz. : James E. Cooke, Morris Butts, Harvey Gregory, Elias Light, Thomas Bassett, O. Potter, N. Searles, M. Shaunessy, and Milton Gurney, by the Grand High Priest of the State, Seymour II. Stone. James E, Cooke was appointed H. P., Morris Butts K., and H. Gregory Scribe.

The officers installed Feb. 12, 1869, were as follows: R. Cooley, C. H. ; H. E. Kinnie, P. S. ; S. S. Mattson, R. A. C. ; J. A. Ward, M. 3d V. ; Wm. W. Shaw, M. 2d V. ; R. H. Lee, M. 1st V. ; A. Burgess, Tyler ; Jos. Mott, T. ; J. D. Chafee, Sec.

The present officers, 1877, are as follows : J. H. Gazlay, M. E. H. P. ; J. A. Ward, E. K. ; L. D. W. Bassett, E. S. ; R. Cooley, Treas. ; S. S. Matteson, Sec. ; W. H. Gardner, C. H. ; James E. Cooke, P. S. ; G. C. Peck, R. A. C. ; George Yates, M. 3d V. ; D. J. Bresee, M. 2d V. ; J. Mott, M. 1st V., Rev. Hobart Cooke, Chaplain; Geo. Churchill, Tyler.

Appendix I

HISTORY

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OTSEGO LODGE No. 138, F. & A. M.
and Mark Lodge, Chapter, and Council.
COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

EMBRACING

Otsego Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M.
Otsego Mark Lodge, No. 5.
Otsego Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M.
Otsego Council, No. 45, R. & S. M.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

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To the faithful of the Craft, with whom I have had the most pleasant associations, and by whose courtesy I have received the highest honors at their command, this volume is fraternally inscribed^.

Copy of Original Charter.

James Scott, 5. Grand Warden. , Grand Master.
Dewitt Clinton. /. Grand Warden.
Jacob Morton, D. Grand Master.

WE, THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of New York, in ample Form assembled, according to the Old Constitutions regularly and solemnly established under the Auspices of Prince Edwin, at the City of York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry, 4926, viz.: The Most Worshipful The Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esquire, Chancellor of the State, Grand Master.
The Right Worshipful Jacob Morton, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master.
The Right Worshipful James Scott, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden.
The Right Worshipful Dewitt Clinton, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden.

Do by these presents, appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Brother Elihu Phinney to be the Master; our worthy Brother Rowland Cotton to be the Senior Warden; and our worthy Brother James Fitch to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be, by virtue hereof constituted, formed and held at Cooperstown, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, which Lodge shall be distinguished by the Name and Title of Otsego Lodge No. 40, and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the Assistance and Consent of a Majority of the Members of the said LODGE, duly to be summoned and present upon such occasions,

To ELECT AND INSTALL the Officers of the said Lodge, as vacancies happen, in Manner and Form as is or may be prescribed by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

And Further, the said Lodge is hereby invested with full Power and Authority to assemble upon proper and lawful Occasions, and to MAKE masons, to admit members, — as also to do and perform all and every such Acts and Things appertaining to the CRAFT as have been, and ought to be done, for the Honour and Advantage thereof ; conforming in all their proceedings to the constitutions of this grand lodge, otherwise this warrant and the Powers thereby granted to cease and be of no further effect.

GIVEN under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE, in the City of New York, in North America, (L. s.) this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five, and in the Year of our masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five.

JOHN ABRAMS, Grand Secretary.
Registered in the Book of the Grand Lodge, Vol. ____ Page ____

History of Otsego Lodge, F. & A. M. Cooperstown, Otsego Co., N. Y.

PREVIOUS to April, 1795, the dispersed Brethren who had removed into the county of Otsego associated themselves together, and Bro's Elihu Phinney, Rowland Cotton, James Fitch, B. Gilbert, R. Bartlett and R. Edwards, petitioned for a charter to erect a Lodge at Cooperstown, in said county.

Bro. Peter W. Yates, a lawyer in Albany, interested himself in their behalf, and seconded by his exertions, a Warrant was granted by the "Grand Lodge of the State of New York, established under the auspices of Prince Edwin, of the city of York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry, A. L. 4926."

The Warrant, sealed and signed by M. W. Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master; R. W. Jacob Morton, Deputy Grand Master ; R. W. James Scott, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. DeWitt Ginton [sic], Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. John Abrams, Grand Sec'y, was dated Aug. 14th, A. L. 5795, and established a Lodge to be known as "Otsego Lodge No. 40," naming as the first Officers: Bro. Elihu Phinney, W. M.; Bro. Rowland Cotton, S. W.; and Bro. James Fitch, J. W.

About Sept. 1st, 1795, a dispensation was granted to install the Officers, and in due time the Officers named in the Warrant proceeded to Albany, and were duly installed in the stations therein named.

The cost of the Warrant was £11.

Jewels and Platform were procured by Bro. Peter W . Yates.

The first meeting was held at the house of Wor. Bro. E. Phinney, March 1st, 1796, who having convened the Brethren, appointed the following Officers, in addition to those already installed: Bro's B. Gilbert, Treasurer; R. Bartlett, Sec'y; R. Edwards, SD; L. Edson, JD; S. Ingalls, Sen. Steward; Levi Collar, Junior Steward, and E. Eaton, Tyler. Present also, Bro's Gott, Tanner, Draper and Parker.

Being thus organized, the Lodge was formally opened and proceeded to business. At this meeting Bro. Edwards proposed the names of Elijah Holt, Esq., and Thomas Whitaker; Bro. Gott the names of Timothy Morse and Capt. Wm. Abbott, and Bro. Cotton the name of Anselm Williams, as candidates for initiation.

At an "Extra Lodge" held on the same day, Elijah Holt, Esq., was balloted for and accepted, and the candidate was duly initiated.

Accounts of the Lodge were kept in pounds, shillings and pence.

It was unanimously resolved that "this Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month," at 3 o'clock P. M. This time of meeting was continued until January, 1808, when it was changed to the "Tuesday preceding the full moon, at 3 o'clock P. M."

After 1812 meetings were held at a later hour. May 13, 1862, by resolution of the Lodge, the time was changed from Tuesday to Saturday evenings, and Feb. 18th, 1868, the By-Laws were amended to hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, excepting June, July and August, which should have but one meeting, — on the first Tuesday thereof.

October 4th, 1796, it was voted "that Bro. Worshipful Elihu Phinney provide a Bible for the use of the Lodge, to the amount of seventeen dollars." This Bible, bearing date of 1791, has since been, and still remains, in use by the Lodge.

Beginning with Dec. 27th, 1796, it was the custom of the Lodge for many years to celebrate the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, usually by a sermon at "Academy Hall," or one of the village churches, followed by a dinner and toasts, at the Lodge Room. Many of these sermons were published for the benefit of the Craft, and several copies are still in the Archives of the Lodge.

On the 7th of March, 1797, it was resolved "to build a Masonic Hall the ensuing season, not to exceed the expense of £300."

Bro's T. Tanner, Sen., Phinney, Edwards, Gilbert and Dewey were appointed a committee "vested with discretionary powers in erecting said building, not exceeding said sum of £300." Each brother who would contribute was to "be allowed seven per cent interest until refunded."

May 2d, 1797, the committee reported that they had contracted with Bro's Sprague, Whipple and Kellogg, to "build a Masonic Hall in Cooperstown for £300," the Bond, (still retained by the Lodge), bearing that date, providing that "; £100 was to be paid on raising the frame, ; £100 on the enclosing and glazing the same, and ; £100 on the completion thereof, provided that said work be approved by Tho's Tanner, Timothy Barnes and Elihu Phinney," which report was agreed to by the Lodge, and a committee appointed to select a lot on "Front street."

A lot was selected on the corner of Front and West streets (now Lake and Pioneer), and the Building Committee proceeded to erect the Hall, the frame of which was raised June 24th, 1797, with appropriate ceremonies, an Oration being delivered by Bro. Gilbert.

The corner stone was of cut limestone, bearing on the face the inscription, "A. L. 5797-" A copper plate was set in the top of the stone on which was inscribed in Latin:

ANNO LUCIS VMDCXCXVII DIE JUNII XXIV
HAEC AULA ERECTA FUIT, A MEMBRIS
OTSEGO SOCIETY OF LATIMORUM SOCIETATIS E. P. M.
ET DEDICATI USUI FILIORUM LUCIS.
NON NOBIS SOLUM NATI SUMUS
SED PARTIM PATRIAE PARTIM AMICIS.

The translation is about as follows:

"On the 24th day of June, in the year of Light 5797, this Hall was erected by the Otsego Society of Latimorus, E. P. M., and was dedicated to the use of the Brethren of Light."

"We're born and live not to ourselves alone;
But equally for country and friends of every home."

An explanation of the use of the term E. P. M. may be that, until a visit of the Grand Lecturer in February, 1858, the Lodge was always opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Hence it was often styled a "Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons."

Previous to the sale of the premises in 1886, the stone was removed and placed in a glass case on a pedestal in the Lodge Room.

The Hall was completed, and dedicated Dec. 28, 1797, on which occasion a sermon was delivered by Bro. Ernst. A resolution of the Lodge that "no woman be allowed to dine with the Masons on the occasion," was afterward rescinded, and "the wives of Masons were invited to the festival."

Wor. Bro. Phinney composed the following song, which was sung at the dedication by Bro's Grant, Eaton and Ripley, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Huntington, Miss Ernst, Miss Walker and Miss Whipple.

DEDICATION SONG.
Tune — "Indulgent Parents."

Come all you Masons Free,
Come lend your aid
To dedicate this Hall
Which we have made.
We'll dedicate the same
To honor and to fame.
In our Grand Master's name;
We're Masons Free!

The Corn, the Wine, the Oil,
We here bestow,
Will Masons' pains beguile
And soothe their woe.
True friendship here we trace
In each Freemason's face,
While we do each embrace;
We're Masons Free!

We boast an ancient state,
Our pedigree
From Solomon the Great,
A Mason Free.
He did the Temple rear
On Mount Moriah's square;
His workmen rallied there,
All Masons Free!

We'll consecrate the same
To Masonry;
And show the scoffing world
That we are Free.
True friendship here we find
Joined to a noble mind,
While we are here combined;
We're Masons Free!

When we shall leave this ground
To walk the Square,
Sweet music then shall sound
To charm the ear.
In Mystic order grand,
A Brother in each hand
Moves the fraternal band.
Like Masons Free!

The building he did raise
Of stone made square.
And fitted for the place
Ere they came there.
With Level, Plumb and Square
The work they did prepare;
No discord entered there
'Mongst Masons Free!

From Lebanon's proud mount
The timber came;
The stone, from quarries of
Zarethodan.
No hammer's piercing sound
Their order did confound
On Mount Moriah's ground,
By Masons Free!

Our glorious Architect
We will adore;
That he will us direct
We will implore,
Till fitted for that place.
Where human work shall cease,
Where we shall dwell in peace
Like Masons Free!

The original MS. was recently presented to the Lodge by a grandson of Wor. Bro. Phinney, who bears his name.

By resolution, the lower rooms of the Hall were rented to Rev. Benj. Wright for one year, "he paying \$10.50 and provide firewood and candles whenever the Lodge meets."

In 1813 the rent was raised to \$20 per annum, in 1817 to \$30, and in 1829 it was lowered to \$25; then for several years only sufficient rent was required to pay the taxes and insurance.

June 5th, 1798, "Judge William Cooper having presented to this Lodge a deed of the land whereon the Hall now stands," it was "Resolved, That Bro's Phinney and Edwards be a committee to wait on him, and assure him of the gratitude and many obligations which the members of this Lodge feel toward him for the generous donation this day conferred on them."

February 22d, 1800, an oration was delivered by Bro. Parsons, in memory of "Our Illustrious Brother, George Washington."

In 1800 the Lodge was visited by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, as shown by the following extract from the minutes of July 1st, 1800:

"Resolved, unanimously. That Bro's Elihu Phinney, Richard F. Cooper and Richard Edwards be a committee to wait on the Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Bloomfield, Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, and present him with a respectful address from the Lodge."

"Right Worshipful Brother:

Permit the members of Otsego Lodge, through their committee, to express to you their grateful sense of the honor conferred on them by a visit from a brother so eminently distinguished in the Masonic Calendar as yourself, and to reciprocate with you the pleasure resulting from a diffusion of the sublime principles of Masonry in a district which a short time since was a wilderness.

That the genial influence of Masonry may continue to harmonize the bosoms of the fraternity, inspire the glow of benevolence and charity, and promote the fidelity of mankind to time immemorial, and that you, sir, as a Brother and a citizen, may long remain the pride and ornament of the Craft, and have a safe return to the bosom of your native State, over the Lodges of which you have the honor to preside, is the fervent wish, Right Worshipful Brother, of your respectful and affectionate

brethren, Elihu Phinney,
Richard F. Cooper, Com.
Richard Edwards,
Cooperstown, July 4, 1800."

COOPERSTOWN, July 5, A. L. 5800.

"I acknowledge, dear Brethren, with great sensibility the reception this evening of your Address and Resolutions of the Worshipful 'The Otsego Lodge.'

For this marked attention and your affectionate good wishes you will be pleased to accept my thankful acknowledgment, and present to your Lodge the assurance of my most profound respect.

The diffusion of Masonry among the first settlers of this new country, however desirous, has made a more rapid progress than could have been expected. I learn with great pleasure it has enlightened the inhabitants in the neighborhood of this beautiful Lake, for which your Lodge bears its name. That 'The Otsego Lodge' may receive the protection and blessing of our Great Master Builder, extend the great and good object of its benevolent institutions, and that its worthy Brethren may increase with the improvements of the country, is the most fervent prayer of Your affectionate Brother,

Joseph Bloomfield, G. M. of M., New Jersey.

To Elihu Phinney, Richard F. Cooper, Richard Edwards, Committee for Otsego Lodge."

For many years, when Brethren were absent from several successive communications, they were summoned to attend a "Stated Meeting" and "show cause for their non-attendance."

Charges were preferred for unmasonic conduct, on very slight provocation, and personal differences were frequently settled by committees from the Lodge.

October, 1805, a petition was presented by the Brethren of Richfield, asking consent to establish a Lodge at that place, which was "laid on the table," and the records do not show any further action.

January 7th, 1806, in answer to a petition, it was resolved to recommend a Charter for a Lodge at Cherry Valley, provided that the Officers named met the approval of the members, and at the following meeting the Officers were named by this Lodge and recommended.

October 1st, 1816, this Lodge again voted to sign a petition to the Grand Lodge for a charter for Cherry Valley Lodge.

May 10th, 1808, a resolution was passed recommending to the Grand Lodge the granting of a Dispensation or Charter for a Lodge at Butternuts, Otsego county, to be known as "Butternuts Lodge."

March, 1812, a petition from the Brethren at Milford for a new Lodge at that place was refused; same presented again June 20th, 1815, and refused by a vote of eighteen to fourteen; presented again March 26th, 1826, and a petition to the Grand Lodge was approved.

A petition for consent to establish a Lodge at Oakville was presented Dec. 16th, 1823, and again April 13th, 1824, both of which this Lodge refused to recommend, and Nov. 22d, 1825, a petition was presented for consent to remove Otsego Lodge to Oakville.

January 13th, 1824, the Lodge officially recommended to the Grand Lodge the granting of a Warrant for a Lodge in the town of Middlefield.

That this Lodge was established is evident from the fact that a member of this Lodge, in 1888, states that he has seen records of an extinct Lodge that was held in Clarksville, — now known as Middlefield.

In July, 1808, the Grand Lodge was asked to assist Bro. James Angel, in consequence of loss sustained by fire. During the same year a member was expelled for unmasonic conduct, and notice of the same was ordered "inserted in the publick news papers."

Consent was given to Otsego Chapter, March 13, 1809, to make such repairs to the Lodge Room, garret and one closet, at their own expense, as they deemed proper, and to occupy the same provided "that it did not interfere with the working days of Otsego Lodge, or Otsego Mark Masters' Lodge."

Refreshments were served at the meetings, consisting of crackers, cheese and gin, the same being provided by the stewards, who were reimbursed by the Lodge on presentation of bills.

In June, 1819, the **Lodge No. was changed from 40 to 41**, as shown by the following endorsement on the back of the original Warrant:

"In Grand Lodge of the State of New York, June 4, 1819.

Pursuant to the numerical arrangement submitted by the Grand Secretary, it was ordered that Otsego Lodge, held at Cooperstown, hitherto known as No. 40, be hereafter styled No. 41.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, 1819. Page 40."

Charles Thurston was the first candidate initiated after the Lodge No. was changed, who remained one of the faithful few during the dark days of Masonry, and a regular attendant of the Lodge until prevented by age and infirmities, dying at the age of 90 years, in December, 1870.

During October and November, 1827, "an honorary Degree appertaining to the Master's Lodge, established by the Grand Lodge, called the 'Check Degree,' " was conferred on sixteen members by Bro. E. B. Morehouse.

Nov. 27th, 1827, measures were taken by the Treasurer, authorized by the Lodge, by which the Lodge was incorporated under an "Act of the Legislature of 1825," which vested in it the authority to own and hold real estate, and an insurance was placed on the property, the value of the Hall and lot being fixed at a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

In 1845 the Hall was rented to the Independent Order of Rechabites, for two years, reserving its use for the Lodge when wanted.

During the Anti-Masonic excitement which prevailed so extensively, especially in the western part of the State, it was deemed advisable to hold no meetings of the Lodge but such as were necessary to save the real estate, elect officers, etc. Thus from 1828 to 1846, with but few exceptions, only one meeting was held each year, viz.: for the election and installation of Officers, and to appoint a committee to care for the Hall and rent. From March, 1827, to September, 1846, no work was done, the first candidate being Mr. Edwin Pier.

Rt. Wor. Henry Clark, Grand Visitor, visited the Lodge in 1830, and received \$6.50 "in full for dues to date." No further visits were made, and no notice of or call for dues was received by the Lodge. 13 Mar 1832, a motion was made to sell the Hall, which was lost.

It was then resolved that the Treasurer be authorized "to subscribe all surplus funds in his hands toward the building of a Universalist Meeting House in this village," \$56 being thus subscribed.

A resolution was passed December 16th, 1834, to "convey by quit claim deed to Horace Baldwin two feet in front and rear of the east side of the lot now owned by the Lodge, for \$35, it being understood that said Baldwin is forever to keep the line fence in good repair, and that said conveyance be made at the expense of said Baldwin."

The strong anti-Masonic excitement produced in many an apathy on the subject, the tide of emigration which swept over the country took away the young and enterprising, so that in the fall of 1846, within the radius of three miles, only nine members belonging to this Lodge could be found, including some whose infirmities were such as to prevent their attendance.

During the winter of 1847, no work having been done for many years, the elections of the Lodge having been regularly held, the members of the Lodge supposing they were still a regularly constituted Lodge, having power to meet and work; and thus persuaded, after due consideration, it was deemed advisable to gather up the fragments.

Thus with the attendance of a number of Masonic brethren who had moved into the village and vicinity, work was resumed and a few candidates were initiated, the Officers intending when an opportunity occurred to open communication with the Grand Lodge, if that body was still in existence, and pay such dues as that body might require.

Shortly after the June communication it became known through the profane that a visitor from the Grand Lodge would soon appear and demand the Warrant.

Shortly afterward the Senior Grand Warden arrived in accordance with the following extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge:

"Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Annual Meeting, June, A. L. 5847.

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. E. S. Barnum, Senior Grand Warden, be authorized and requested to demand and receive the Warrant and property of the late Otsego Lodge, No. 41, at Cooperstown.

Extract from the minutes. R. R. Boys, Gd. Sec'y.

He appeared at a regular meeting, and in the name of the Grand Lodge demanded the surrender of the Warrant.

After due consideration it was decided, for the time being, to refuse, fearing that a compliance would forfeit the real estate to the State, and a compromise was finally made to stay the proceedings by referring the matter to the M. W. Grand Master.

Correspondence followed, when it was ascertained that this Lodge, with many others, was stricken from the Grand Lodge list in 1839, for the non-payment of dues, a fact which was entirely unknown to the members of this Lodge.

Meetings were at once discontinued, except such as were necessary for reorganizing, and a delegate was sent to confer with the Grand Lodge, who failed in making a compromise.

December 21st, 1847, a committee, consisting of Bro's Seth Doubleday and James Hyde, was appointed to confer with the M. W. Grand Master, who prayed that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, — the brethren having acted in good faith, and if errors had been committed they were unintentional — the present Warrant might be revived and continued, if, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, it could constitutionally be done, and if not, that a new Warrant be granted as a renewal or continuance of the old one, that the real estate owned by the Lodge might be continued to it, and preserved and devoted to the Masonic purposes for which it was intended.

Their prayers were heard, as the following endorsement on the old Warrant shows:

"In Grand Lodge of the State of New York, June 8th, 1848, it was Resolved, That a new Warrant be granted to Otsego Lodge No. 41 in continuance of the old Warrant, on payment of the constitutional fee.

That Ariel Thayer be named thereon as Master, James L. Fox as Senior Warden, and Eliab P. Byram, Junior Warden. And under the peculiar circumstances of the case, said Lodge is also allowed to retain its old Warrant, with an endorsement written on its face that a new Warrant has been issued in continuation thereof.

Transactions of Grand Lodge, page 55."

Across the face of the old Warrant is written:

"This Warrant having been surrendered to the Grand Lodge, a new one under the number 138 has been issued in its stead.

Otsego Lodge will hereafter work under the new Warrant, as this is no longer in force. R. R. Boys, Grand Sec'y."

The new Warrant, under date of June 17th, 1848, bears the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signatures of J. D. Willard, Grand Master; Oscar Coles, Deputy Grand Master; Ezra S. Barnum, Junior Grand Warden, and R. R. Boys, Grand Sec'y.

With the above named Warrant and forty-four members labor was resumed.

An election of officers was held Dec. 21, 1847, yet nothing could be done until fellowship had been restored by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication in June, 1848.

The Hall and property having suffered through neglect, an informal meeting was held June 20, 1848, at which a Committee was appointed to direct and superintend such needful repairs in and about the premises as the state of the treasury would admit, one hundred dollars being expended. The by-laws were revised and prepared for adoption when it might legally be done.

August 8th, 1848, Wor. Bro. James Hyde, having been appointed by R. W. Ezra S. Barnum, Junior Grand Warden, in his stead to install the officers of this Lodge under the name and style of Otsego Lodge No. 138, the new Warrant and Constitution having been read, installed the officers as elected December 21, 1847.

June 2, 1849, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge were submitted to this Lodge, and being approved, their adoption was recommended.

Nov. 18th, 1849, Otsego Lodge, No. 106, IOOF, desired to use the Hall for their meetings, but their committee and that of this Lodge could not make changes in the building to give equal satisfaction to both Orders, so the project was abandoned.

January 22d, 1850, the Lodge donated five dollars to Canajoharie Lodge, which had suffered loss by fire, and a like amount to Warren Lodge No. 147, under like circumstances, February 26, 1850.

April 28, 1850, the Odd Fellows joined with the Lodge in a meeting in the Hall, and attended the funeral of Bro. Richard Cooley and conducted a union service at the grave.

July 23d, 1850, the Lodge accepted an invitation from the Odd Fellows to join with them in holding funeral obsequies in respect to the memory of President Zachary Taylor, and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

A Brother having appeared at times in the Lodge the worse for his habits of intemperance, was sent a letter of admonition and charges were preferred against another for knowingly having passed counterfeit money on a brother, for which, after due investigation, he was formally expelled from the Lodge.

May 13th, 1851, resolutions were passed directing the representative in Grand Lodge, (if, in his judgment, after being better informed), to favor the project of erecting an Asylum, etc., the committee of the Lodge having approved of its erection, provided the details were satisfactory.

The observance of St. John's day, June 24, 1852, is thus recorded:

"Pursuant to a motion a very large number of Brethren assembled at the Hall. A procession was formed and proceeded to the Presbyterian church, where Bro. J. D. Hammond delivered an address.

After services in the church, procession returned to the Hall, where a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Hammond for his address and a copy requested for publication. (A copy thereof has been preserved in the Lodge).

The brethren then proceeded to the Eagle Hotel, kept by Bro. Wm. Lewis, for dinner, etc. The day was propitious and everything passed in a manner giving satisfaction."

June 29, 1852, the record shows:

"By telegraph we learn that our distinguished brother, Hon. Henry Clay, Senator of the United States from the State of Kentucky, died this day at the city of Washington, at 11 o'clock A. M., aged 75 years."

July 27, 1852, the Lodge adopted, "as expressive of its regard for the illustrious dead, etc., a series of resolutions adopted in Grand Lodge, and the Lodge clothed in mourning for ninety days."

While making repairs to the Hall in 1852, it was found necessary to relay the foundation. On removing the corner stone the plate of copper 10x5¹/₂ inches was discovered. The stone was relaid the same day and an account entered in the records of the Lodge.

Referring to the resurrection of the Lodge after the Morgan troubles, I quote from a personal letter from the venerable Wor. Brother E. P. Byram, written in September, 1892, on completing his 80th year:

"It may and it may not be known to you that it was thro' my instrumentality the Lodge was relieved from the Morgan incubus and resuscitated into new life and put on the way to its present prosperity, for which I sacrificed both time and money.

The old Lodge room never was carpeted, and the only seats were coarse benches, one row against the wall on both sides, and about two feet from them were other benches on both sides of the room, with a shelf on the back side near the top, from which we took our refreshments, which in early days were never omitted, and all we had to do was to turn in our seats and face the lunch, and help ourselves. I broached the subject of resurrecting the Lodge to several of my friends with whom I had pleasant associations, among them Dr. F. G. Thrall, Dr. Wm. H. McNamee, Wm. K. Bingham, Edwin Pier, two brothers Thayer, who were merchants from Poughkeepsie, one of them a Mason, and some I cannot recall. I then proposed to the old members of the Lodge to give us initiation, to which they gladly consented, and we were soon made Masons, and added a carpet and new furniture throughout.

Before I joined the Lodge they only met once a year, for the old Masons to re-elect themselves officers, so as not to forfeit the charter."

The Lodge failed to hold its annual election of officers in December, 1854, and the election was held by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, Jan. 2d, 1855.

July 24th, 1855, the Lodge recommended the petition of Isaac Mann and others for a new Lodge at Richmondville, N.Y.

In 1857 three large charts, viz.: E. A., F. C. and M. M., representing the emblems of those degrees, were painted for the Lodge by Bro. Hillman at a cost of seventy-five dollars. These charts, neatly framed, are still retained by the Lodge.

October 15th, 1861, a committee was appointed to arrange for lighting the hall with gas, which was first used on the 12th of November following.

In 1865, for the better accommodation of the fraternity, rooms were rented in the "Phinney Block" on Pioneer street, at one hundred dollars per annum, and the old Hall was abandoned for Lodge purposes.

For many years the annual dues were 50 cents; Jan. 29th, 1867, increased to \$1; Dec. 16th, 1863, \$1.50, and May 2d, 1882, \$2.

January 24th, 1865, a resolution was passed, "that in view of the services rendered the Lodge" by P. M. Charles W. Tomlinson, who was about to remove from the place, "that this Lodge make him a donation of one hundred dollars."

July 4th, 1865, the Lodge was invited to join in procession at a celebration to be held in Cooperstown.

Invitation accepted, and sister Lodges were invited to join with this Lodge, securing a large representation of the fraternity.

August 1st, 1865, consent was given to establish a new Lodge at Schenevus, and September 19th, a committee was appointed to examine the proposed officers, and issue a certificate of recommendation to the Grand Lodge.

August 6th, 1870, and Sept. 19th, 1871, the Lodge was visited by the M. W. Grand Master John H. Anthon.

Feb. 21st, 1871, the Lodge concurred with Otsego Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., to permit Otsego Council, R. & S. M., to hold their meetings in the Hall, free of rent, they paying their just proportion of bill for fuel and gas, until they were financially able to pay rent.

October 17th, 1871, fifty dollars was contributed from the treasury for the relief of brethren who were sufferers by the Chicago fire, and a committee was appointed, who raised about two hundred dollars for that purpose.

In January, 1872, Bro. Kent Jarvis, 33°, presented his photograph to the Lodge, which was acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

May 21st, 1872, the W. M. was empowered to purchase new jewels.

In 1872 the salary of the Secretary was fixed at twenty-five dollars, and Organist at fifteen dollars, per annum.

October 27th, 1873, Lodge accepted an invitation from Otsego Lodge No. 103, I. O. of O. F., to attend the funeral of Bro. Edward Edwards, who was murdered in his home by burglars, and it was resolved "to attend in citizen's dress, wearing sprig of evergreen and crape." A large number of brethren from sister Lodges joined with this Lodge.

September 15th, 1874, the brethren presented Wor. Bro. F. A. Goffe, on his return from England, a Past Master's Jewel.

Bro. L. H. Hills made the presentation in appropriate words, to which Bro. Goffe responded with much feeling.

January 19th, 1875, ten dollars was contributed toward defraying the expenses of the dedication of the Temple in New York.

March 2d, 1875, Wor. Bro. F. A. Goffe delivered an address on the "Origin of Freemasonry," a copy of which was requested for publication in the county papers.

January 4th, 1876, thirty dollars was donated from the treasury to complete the fund raised by subscription for a monument for the late Daniel Peck.

The monument, costing one hundred and thirty-five dollars, was erected over his remains in Lakewood Cemetery, in memory of him who had long been a faithful brother, serving the Lodge as Tyler for many years.

May 1st, 1877, a committee was appointed to select and purchase a large double lot in Lakewood Cemetery for Masonic burials.

May 21st, 1878, the Lodge Room was rented for sixty dollars per year.

March 16th, 1880, the following invitation was received and accepted :

"To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Otsego Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M., and Otsego Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.:

The undersigned, having been authorized to superintend and direct the building of the new County Court House, are

desirous that the corner stone thereof shall be laid with formal and solemn ceremonies, and for that purpose do invite you, with such other organizations as you shall invite to act with you, to lay said corner stone with the ceremonies and established rites of your ancient Order.

Dated Cooperstown, March 15, 1880.

(Signed) Luther I. Burditt,

H. L. Wood,

Lewis McCredy,

Building Committee."

Numerous special meetings were called to perfect the arrangements, and much work devolved on the various committees in making a success of the great demonstration which occurred on the 15th of June, 1880, calling out a large assemblage of people.

The procession moved in the following order:

Bro. Rees G. Williams, acted as Grand Marshall, and Wor. Bro. Walter H. Bunn, Deputy Grand Marshall.

Austin's 10th Regiment Band.

Two Tyler's with drawn swords.

S. J. Temple, Tyler Otsego Lodge No. 138, with drawn sword.

W. C. Keyes and Andrew Shaw, Stewards of Otsego Lodge.

No. 1 38, with white rods.

Tienuderrah Lodge, No. 605.

Schenevus Valley Lodge, No. 592.

Farmers Lodge, No. 553.

Laurens -Lodge, No. 548.

Ford's Bush Band.

Butternuts Lodge, No. 515.

Richfield Springs Lodge, No. 482.

Oneonta Lodge, No. 466.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 363.

Schenevus Valley Band.

Cherry Valley Lodge, No. 334.

Freedom Lodge, No. 324.

Otego Union Lodge, No. 282.

Schuyler's Lake Lodge, No. 162.

Utica City Band.

Utica Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

Otsego Lodge, No. 138.

Grand Tyler with drawn sword, Wor. Bro. John E. Hethrington,
 Grand Stewards with white rods,
 Wor. Bro. James E. Cook, Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Morris.
 Brother bearing Golden Vessel containing Corn,
 Bro. Bartlett Rogers.
 H. G. Wood, Principal Architect, with Square,
 Level and Plumb.
 Brothers bearing vessels containing Wine and Oil,
 Bro. Wm. Temple, Bro. Rufus Wikoff.
 Ri W. Bro. S. R. Stewart, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. F. G. Bolles, Grand Treasurer.
 The Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, borne by a Master of a
 Lodge, Wor. Bro. O. F. Lane, supported by two Stewards,
 Bro. W. H. Lynes, Bro. John W. Smith.
 Two large Lights borne by two Masters, Wor. Bro. J. S.
 Loveland, Wor. Bro. H. Hurlburt.
 Rt. Wor. and Most Rev. W. W. Lord, Grand Chaplain.
 County Judge, Surrogate, District Attorney, County Clerk and
 other Judicial Officers.
 Board of Supervisors.
 Building Committee.
 Trustees of the Village.
 Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Goffe, Junior Grand Warden.
 Rt. Wor. Bro. C. B. Foster, Senior Grand Warden.
 M. W. Edmond L. Judson, Deputy Grand Master.
 Rt. Wor. Bro. James Bowes, with Book of Constitutions.
 Grand Deacons, with black rods,
 Wor. Bro. C. Ackerman, Wor. Bro. L. S. Henry.
 M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master.
 Two Stewards with white rods.

As the procession arrived at the ground, a sudden and hard shower swept over the village, delaying and somewhat abbreviating the ceremonies.

An Installation Ode was sung by Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Eldred, Mrs. Wight, Miss Holmes, Prof. Mildner, E. P. Cory, James Russell, Albert Pierce, Charles B. Gorham, Bro's J. G. Wight, L. H. Hills and E. A. Potter, after which the Corner Stone, — a block of Berlin Ohio buff sandstone, two feet square by three feet six inches long, weighing over twenty-two hundred pounds, the face of which was embellished with the Egyptian figures "1880" — was laid by M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, with the ancient ceremonies of the Order.

A Dedication Ode was sung, followed by the Grand Master's address to the assemblage, and the Benediction of the Grand Chaplain.

Owing to the inclement weather, the able address prepared by Judge Hezekiah Sturges was omitted, being afterwards published in the county papers.

A copper box, twenty by ten by four inches, filled with interesting articles, principally historical, was placed in the stone and covered with a marble slab inscribed, "June 15th, 1880. M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master of the State of New York."

September 14th, 1881, resolutions were passed on the death of Bro. James A. Garfield, President of the United States.

From March 21st, 1882, to August, 1882, by consent of the M. W. Grand Master, the communications were held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Main street while the building in which the Lodge Room is situated was undergoing repairs.

January 4th, 1884, Bro's Gardner, Burnett, Pank, Hyde, McGown and Wikoff accompanied the remains of our late Senior Warden, Alfred Gorringer, to Utica, where Utica Commandery. No. 3, K. T., took charge of the remains and conducted the burial services.

In appreciation thereof, Mrs. Gorringer afterwards presented to the Lodge a picture of Bro. Gorringer.

December 16th, 1884, the members presented Wor. Bro. Addison Gardner a Master's Apron of lamb-skin, appropriately embossed, Bro. Sam'l S. Edick making the presentation in appropriate words.

March 17th, 1885, a committee was appointed to act in conference with a committee from Otsego Chapter to refurnish the Lodge Room.

The work was completed in September, at a cost of nearly eight hundred dollars, shared equally between the Lodge and Chapter.

The rooms were described in the village papers, abbreviated as follows:

"The floor of the vestibule was covered with new linoleum, and the room contained a new stove and other fixtures. Upon the floors of the Lodge Room and its annex is an elegant pattern of five-frame body brussels carpet, with border. The ceilings and walls showed good taste in decorative art. Elegant new curtains, handsomely rodged, hang at the many windows in the room. Drapery, harmonizing with the curtains at the windows, formed a rich relief background for the chairs of the Officers, five in number, which are ancient specimens of furniture, and

had not been re-covered since 1803, as a card found in the lining of one of them indicated, but now looking as good as new, having been thoroughly renovated.

A number of new, large easy cane chairs have been placed in the room, and upon the wall hung a handsome clock.

On the Altar lay a copy of the Bible, nearly a century old, having been printed in 1791.

In the annex is a commodious wardrobe, in which the paraphernalia of the Order is kept.

The woodwork is finished in imitation of cherry.

A new tin roof has been placed over the Hall, and the rooms are well ventilated, and lighted with gas.

Groups of pictures hang on the walls, portraying the faces of different members of the Lodge, among which are Kent Jarvis, S. A. Boiven, W. C. Keyes, Seth Doubleday, W. G. S. Hall, Abner Graves, Ariel Thayer, Harry Metcalf, Daniel Temple, William Lewis, Alfred Gorringe, and many others who have passed to the Lodge beyond."

In a prominent position hangs an elegantly engrossed testimonial from Eastern Star Lodge, No. 227, of New York City, bearing date of Oct. 3d, 1877, thanking the brethren of Otsego Lodge for their care and attention to their Bro. James McNelly, who sickened and died in Cooperstown, and was buried by the Lodge in their lot in Lakewood Cemetery.

A quaint old painting, of large size, in the form of a Masonic chart, hangs in the vestibule.

It is very ancient, but nothing in the records show its origin, and the oldest members have no knowledge of its history.

June 24th, 1884, the Lodge attended the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Schenevus, N. Y., in response to an invitation from Schenevus Lodge, No. 592.

About eight hundred Masons were in line, and the interesting ceremonies of the Order were conducted by Deputy Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence. Otsego Lodge was represented by about forty members, and was the oldest Lodge but one present.

June 18th, 1885, by invitation of Oneonta Lodge, No. 466, the Lodge attended the laying of the Corner Stone of the new State Armory at Oneonta.

The attendance of Masonic and other bodies was large, and the ceremonies were ably conducted by Deputy Grand Master John W. Vrooman.

Feb. 25, 1886, a Masonic Ball was held at the Central Hotel in Cooperstown, being referred to by a correspondent of a city newspaper as "one of the most elaborate entertainments ever given here. Crumwell's full band furnished music. Each member wore white gloves and Masonic apron. At 9.30 P. M. the music started with a promenade, and from then till 11:30 dancing was in order.

At midnight an elegant banquet was served."

Pursuant to a resolution, the "Phinney Block" on Pioneer street, occupied by the Lodge, was purchased by H. L. Hinman, William Brooks and John Pank, "as Trustees of Otsego Lodge, No. 138, to be held by them and their successors in office," for \$5,500.

This purchase was ratified at a regular communication of the Lodge, March 6th, 1886.

The old Hall on Lake street was sold, netting \$2,000, which was applied on payment for the new block.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Lodge and Chapter to pay fifty dollars each to the Trustees for yearly rent, which was continued until Dec. 18th, 1888, when the Hall was offered to those bodies by the Trustees, — approved by a vote of the Lodge, — free of rent.

December 21st, 1886, a beautiful "Trowel Inkstand" was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Charles R. Burch.

Feb. 21st, 1888, the Hall was lighted with electric light. March 6th, 1888, the Lodge was officially visited by Rt. Wor. Horace E. Allen, D. D. G. M., at which meeting active measures were taken for the payment of its proportion of the Hall and Asylum debt, amounting to eight hundred forty dollars, which was consummated in the full payment of the same to the Grand Lodge, in May, 1888.

In conformity to an Encyclical issued by M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, that all Lodges in the State meet on the 24th day of April, 1889, at 8 o'clock P. M., to celebrate the payment in full of the Hall and Asylum fund debt, the brethren assembled at Masonic Hall and held commemorative exercises as follows :

1. Prayer — By Rev. Bro. Robert Granger, as Chaplain

2. Singing — "Old Hundred," - - Lodge

Be Thou, O God, exalted high.

And as Thy Glory fills the sky.

So shalt Thou be on earth display'd.

Till Thou art here as there obeyed.

3. Tableau — - "Unveiling the Mysteries, or The Assassination of the Master Builder"

4. Reading the Grand Master's Address, Bro. J. G. Wight

5. Music — - "Inspire," - - Orchestra

6. Tableau — - - "War with the Ephraimites"

7. Address— ... Bro. A. C. Tennant

8. Singing — "The New Kingdom," Bro. E. A. Potter

9. Tableau — - - "Canceling the Debt, or the Last Bonds Delivered"

10. Address — - - Wor. Bro. W. H. Bunn

11. Music — - "Forget Me Not," - Orchestra

12. Presentation of Commemorative Medal sent to this Lodge by R. W. Alfred B. Price, and reading of accompanying letter, Wor. Bro. A. Gardner
13. Music — - "Little Dove," - Orchestra
14. Tableau — ... "Locating the Asylum"
15. Overture— . _ - . Orchestra
16. Benediction— ... - Chaplain

A telegram was forwarded to the Grand Master, extending the fraternal congratulations of this Lodge on the success of his long continued efforts to liquidate the debt.

Brethren formed in procession and proceeded to the New Central Hotel, Bro. Olcott McCredy, Proprietor, where the following programme was observed:

1. Singing — "Auld Lang Syne," Brethren
2. Overture — - - Orchestra
3. Invocation— - - Chaplain

About seventy Brethren were then seated at a grand banquet, and two hours were passed in feasting and social intercourse.

The Annual Convention for the exemplification of work and lectures, for the 18th District, was held with this Lodge, September 2d and 3d, 1890.

R. W. George H. Raymond, Grand Lecturer, v/ho had served in that capacity for a quarter of a century, conducted the Convention, assisted by R. W. Horace E. Allen, D. D. G. M. The session was a pleasant and profitable one, and was largely attended, over twenty Lodges being represented.

M. W. John W. Vrooman, Grand Master, was present on the evening of the 3d, and delivered an able address in Firemen's Hall, the Lodge Room being inadequate to accommodate the brethren.

The Convention closed with a banquet at the Central Hotel, at which over one hundred brethren did ample justice to the excellent menu prepared for them at the expense of the brethren of Otsego Lodge.

December 2d, 1890, book-marks for the Bible were purchased of Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, to aid said Lodge, which had suffered loss by fire.

Dec. 16, 1890, Bro. Henry H. Hill, of Mistletoe Lodge, No. 647, Brooklyn, N. Y., (afterward an affiliate with Otsego Lodge), presented the Lodge a beautiful nickel gong, inscribed:

"Presented by Henry H. Hill of Mistletoe Lodge No. 647, F. & A. M., to Otsego Lodge, No. 138, F. & A. M."

February 17, 1891, R. W. Horace E. Allen, D. D. G. M., officially visited the Lodge and presented the initiate of the evening, — Bro. Alvin Van Dewalker, — with an apron of lambskin, suitably inscribed, it being the first gift of an apron to a candidate in this Lodge. The custom was continued.

May 21st, 1891, a number of brethren attended the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Home at Utica, which was the largest assemblage of Masons ever seen in New York State.

Otsego Lodge united with adjoining Lodges and secured the services of the "Homer City Band," its proportion of the expense being forty dollars.

November 4th, 1891, R. W. Horace E. Allen, D. D. G. M., committed suicide by drowning near his home in Binghamton, on the notice of which the Hall was draped in mourning. Arrangements were made for special trains, and a number of brethren attended the funeral services in Binghamton, Sunday P. M., Nov. 7th, it being one of the largest and most impressive Masonic funerals ever held in the State.

The day was warm and fair, and fully ten thousand people assembled in the cemetery to listen to the impressive burial service of the order.

Bro. Erastus F. Beadle received the first degree in Masonry June 22, 1847, the second degree August 22, 1890, and on the 1st day of December, 1891, the third degree, a case without a parallel in the records of Masonry in the State.

At the annual communication of the Lodge, held December 18th, 1894, the following was offered and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The One Hundredth Anniversary of the granting of the charter to Otsego Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, will occur on the 14th day of August, 1895, it is fitting that the event should be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies; therefore

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Bro's Addison Gardner, D. Jefferson McGown, John Pank, Otis H. Babbitt and Albert T. Van Home be appointed, with power to make the necessary arrangements for such celebration, and to appoint such sub-committees as they shall deem necessary, the appointment of such committees to be subject to the approval of the Lodge."

In conformity to the above, the Centennial Celebration of the day of the granting of the Charter was celebrated on the 14th of August with appropriate ceremonies. An invitation was extended to the several Lodges in the county, the Masters of all other Lodges in the 18th District, Officers of the Grand Lodge, and many other Masons of prominence.

Among those present were M. W. John Stewart, Grand Master ; R. W. James S. Manning, Grand Marshall ; R. W. John R. Pope, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Emera A. Cobb, D. D. G. M. of the 1 8th District; R. W., S. D. Affleck, D. D. G. M. of the 7th District ; R. W. Oscar F. Lane, Past D. D. G. M of the iSth District, and Most Rev. Wm. W. Lord, D. D., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

The brethren assembled at Masonic Hall at 7 P. M. and proceeded in procession to Firemen's Hall, where the public exercises were held.

After the reception of the Grand Officers, the following program was carried out, Wor. Bro. Walter H. Bunn presiding:

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

March — - - Orchestra

Air — Boyhton.

Oh ! God, we come to thee;

Hear Thou our fervent prayer;

May all our work accepted be

And we Thy blessing share. — Nohrvan.

Prayer — - M. Rev. W. W. Lord, Chaplain

Reading of the Original Charter, Wor. Bro. ANDREW Davidson

Music — - Flute Solo, - Mr. L. N. Wood

Reading the History of Otsego Lodge, No. 138. (Written by Wor. Bro. Albert T. Van Home).

Wor. Bro. Walter H. Bunn

Anthem— - "Send out Thy Light," - Gounod

Address— - - Wor. Bro. Walter H. Bunn

Address — - - M. W. Bro. John Stewart

Anthem— - "Magnificat," - - Simper

Poem— - "Time's Touch," - Bro. Charles W. Allen

Air — Old Hundred.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high,

And as Thy glory fills the sky,

So shalt Thou be on earth displayed.

Till Thou art here as there obeyed.

Benediction — M. Rev. W. W. Lord, Chaplain

The short prelude to the prayer, composed by the Secretary of the Lodge, for the occasion, was sung by the audience, followed by an eloquent invocation by the Chaplain of the evening, Most Rev. W. W. Lord.

An interesting feature was the reading of the Original Charter, bearing date of August 14th, 1795, by Wor. Andrew Davidson.

Wor. Walter H. Bunn read the History of the Lodge, written for the occasion by Wor. Albert T. Van Home, which briefly reviewed the more important events from the date of organization to the present time, showing its eras of prosperity and adversity, which was listened to with manifest interest by the fraternity. From information obtained from the elder members, who have long since been raised to that Lodge which shall never close, a vivid description of the Lodge Room of other days was portrayed, and customs of early times were described. Of the thirty-five who have held the office of Master, but thirteen were living, ten of whom were present.

The address by Wor. Walter H. Bunn was eloquent, able and instructive, embracing interesting historical facts, civil, political and Masonic, showing careful study and research on the part of the speaker, and was listened to with deep attention.

Bro. Chas. W. Allen read an original poem, entitled "Time's Touch," which was a brilliant composition and merited the applause of the large audience.

The flute solo by Mr. L. N. Wood, and vocal and instrumental selections by the chorus and orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Covell S. Derrick, were pleasing features of the evening.

M. W. John Stewart delivered a brief address on the subject of "Freemasonry," saying in conclusion : "It is with more than usual interest that I come from a distant part of the State, to speak a word of encouragement to you and bid you God speed in the commencement of another century of Masonic work. May it be even more profitable than the first. May prosperity be yours, remaining true to the Great Fraternity whose foundation is Truth ; whose tenets are 'Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love,' and whose cap-stone is inscribed 'Holiness to the Lord.' "

It was a source of regret, quite generally expressed, that he did not make a more extended address.

The Hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and century plants, under the direction of Bro. James G. Parshall.

At the conclusion of the exercises the brethren repaired to the apparatus room below, where an elaborate banquet was served by the wives and daughters of the Masons, assisted by other members of their families, the refreshments being contributed by the members of the Lodge.

The following Toasts were named by Bro. B. P. Ripley, Toast-master, and responded to in a pleasant manner by the brethren:

"The Grand Lodge of the State of New York," R. W. Jas. S. Manning.

"Otsego Lodge, No. 138," Wor. Walter H. Bunn.

"Our Visiting Brethren," R. W. Oscar F. Lane.
 "The Masonic Fraternity," Wor. Myron A. McKee.
 "The Ladies," Wor. Andrew Davidson.
 "Our Past Masters," Wor. Lyman H. Hills.

On the tables were the two famous columns, beautifully wrought in flowers, and a profusion of cut flowers contributed by the ladies.

The following morning the visiting brethren who had remained over night, together with the resident members and their families, were invited by the committee to join in an excursion around Otsego Lake on the steamer "Natty Bumppo," stopping on the return at Three Mile Point, where a lunch was served by the ladies of the party.

About seventy were present, and several hours were pleasantly passed.

Carriages conveyed the Grand Officers to the three o'clock train, and the remainder of the party returned by steamer, thus closing the celebration, which visitors and members alike voted an unqualified success.

Officers of Otsego Lodge,
 No. 40-41-138.

1796.
 W. M., Elihu Phinney.
 S. W., Rowland Cotton.
 J. W., Isaac Fitch.
 Treasurer, Benjamin Gilbert.
 Secretary, E. Bartlett.
 S. D., R. Edwards.
 J. D., L. Edson.
 Sen. Steward, S. Ingalls.
 Jun. Steward, Collar.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1800.
 W. M., Richard Edwards.
 S. W., William Sprague.
 J. W., Benjamin Wright.
 Treasurer, Stephen Ingalls.
 Secretary, George Walker.
 S. D., Charles Marvin.
 J. D., Charles Knapp.
 S. S., James Stephens.
 J. S., Samuel Huntington.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1804.
 W. M., Joshua Dewey.
 S. W., F. Stranahan.
 J. W., Peter Mayher.
 Treasurer, Joseph Tunnickliff.
 Secretary, E. H. Metcalf.
 S. D., Timothy Morse.
 J. D., Alexander Sprague.
 S. S., James Stephens.
 J. S., Thomas Tanner, Jr.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1797.
 W. M., Elihu Phinney.
 S. W., R. Edwards.
 J. W., Timothy Morse.
 Treasurer, Benjamin Gilbert.
 Secretary, Joshua Dewey.
 S. D., S. Ingalls.
 J. D., George Walker.
 S. S., Joseph Tunnickliff.
 J. S., Zera Tanner.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1801.
 W. M., Elihu Phinney.
 S. W., Benjamin Wright.
 J. W., E. Parsons.
 Treasurer, Stephen Ingalls.
 Secretary, E. H. Metcalf.
 S. D., Charles Knapp.
 J. D., Thomas Tanner.
 S. S., Job Potter.
 J. S., S. Smith, Jr.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1805.
 W. M., E. H. Metcalf
 S. W., Zera Tanner.
 J. W., Alexander Sprague.
 Treasurer, Joseph Tunnickliff.
 Secretary, E. Worthington.
 S. D., W. Wright
 J. D., Wilkinson.
 S. S., Stephen Ingalls.
 J. S., Thomas Tanner, Jr.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1798.
 W. M., Elihu Phinney.
 S. W., Joseph White.
 J. W., Joseph Tunnickliff.
 Treasurer, Benjamin Gilbert
 Secretary, Russell Bartlett.
 S. D., Thomas Tanner, Jr.
 J. D., William Sprague.
 S. S., Zera Tanner.
 J. S., Benjamin Wright.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1802
 W. M., Joshua Dewey.
 S. W., E. H. Metcalf.
 J. W., Thomas Tanner, Jr.
 Treasurer, Stephen Ingalls.
 Secretary, Anson Green.
 S. D., John Davidson,
 J. D., Alexander Sprague.
 S. S., John Saunders.
 J. S., Joseph Griffin.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1806.
 W. M., E. H. Metcalf.
 S. W., Zera Tanner.
 J. W., Stephen Ingalls.
 Treasurer, Joseph Tunnickliff.
 Secretary, E. Worthington.
 S. D., John Niles.
 J. D., Eliphalet Brockway.
 S. S., Oliver Gardner.
 J. S., William Potter.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1799.
 W. M., Richard Edwards.
 S. W., Joshua Dewey.
 J. W., William Sprague.
 Treasurer, James Averill.
 Secretary, William French.
 S. D., Zera Tanner.
 J. D., Barnett Whipple.
 S. S., Benjamin Wright.
 J. S., Charles Knapp.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.
 Persuviant, Wells Kellogg.

1803.
 W. M., Joshua Dewey.
 S. W., E. H. Metcalf.
 J. W., Thomas Tanner, Jr.
 Treasurer, Isaac Stacy.
 Secretary, Peter Mayher.
 S. D., Russell Bartlett.
 J. D., Charles Mudge.
 S. S., Abner Pier.
 J. S., John Saunders.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1807.
 W. M., E. H. Metcalf.
 S. W., Zera Tanner.
 J. W., John Niles.
 Treasurer, Joseph Tunnickliff.
 Secretary, E. Worthington.
 S. D., E. Brown.
 J. D., Oliver Gardner.
 S. S., D. Fling.
 J. S., William Potter.
 Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1808.
W. M., William Sprague.
S. W., E. Worthington.
J. W., Orlo Allen.
Treasurer, James Averill.
Secretary, Elnathan Osborn.
S. D., E. Brown.
J. D., Elias Griswold.
S. S., Oliver Gardner.
J. S., T. Shankland.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1809.
W. M., Wm. Sprague.
S. W., K. Worthington.
J. W., Chester Griswold.
Treasurer, Orlo Allen.
Secretary, Elnathan Osborn.
S. D., Oliver Gardner.
J. D., John Bevins.
S. S., Enoch Sill.
J. S., Elias Griswold.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1810.
W. M., William Sprague.
S. W., Benjamin Wright.
J. W., Reuben Brown.
Treasurer, Elnathan Osborn.
Secretary, Farrand Stranahan.
S. D., Oliver Gardner.
J. D., John Bevins.
S. S., Elias Griswold.
J. S., Lawrence McNamee.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1811.
W. M., Benjamin Wright.
S. W., Chester Griswold.
J. W., Elias Griswold.
Treasurer, Elnathan Osborn.
Secretary, Ephraim Skinner
S. D., Oliver Gardner.
J. D., Luther Bissell.
S. S., Joseph Griffin.
J. S., Orlo Allen.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1812.
W. M., Chester Griswold.
S. W., Reuben Brown.
J. W., Elias Griswold.
Treasurer, Elnathan Osborn.
Secretary, Ephraim Skinner.
S. D., Luther Bissell.
J. D., Enoch Sill.
S. S., William Sprague.
J. S., Benjamin Wright.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1813.
W. M., William Sprague.
S. W., Benjamin Wright,
J. W., Joseph Sprague.
Treasurer, Elnathan Osborn.
Secretary, Ephraim Skinner.
S. B., Charles Bates.
J. D., Sam'l Starkweather.
S. S. Enoch Sill.
J. S., Luther Bissell.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1814.
W. M., Roger Haskell.
S. W., Joseph Sprague.
J. W., Charles Bates.
Treasurer, Elnathan Osborn,
Secretary, Ephraim Skinner.
S. D., Peter Bezanson.
J. D., John Waterman.
S. S., Joseph Cushman.
J. S., Jesse Graves.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1815.
W. M., Samuel Starkweather.
S. W., Roger Haskell.
J. W., John Waterman.
Treasurer, William Nichols.
Secretary, Ephraim Skinner.
S. D., Joseph Sprague.
J. D., F. C. Sykes.
S. S., Jesse Graves.
J. S., Andrew Bunnell.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1816.
W. K., Samuel Starkweather.
S. W., William Nichols.
J. W., Andrew Bunnell.
Treasurer, Joseph Sprague.
Secretary, George 8. Crafts.
S. D., Samuel Graves.
J. D., Charles Bates.
S. S., Jesse Graves.
J. S., Peter Bezanson.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1817.
W. M., William Nichols.
S. W., John Waterman.
J. W., Charles Bates.
Treasurer, Joseph Sprague.
Secretary, E. B. Morehouse.
S. D., Benjamin Wright
J. D., Ephraim Skinner.
S. S., William Duncan.
J. S., Clark Brown.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1818.
W. M., William Nichols.
S. W., **Ambrose L. Jordan.**
J. W., Hervey Luce.
Treasurer, George S. Crafts.
Secretary, E. B. Morehouse.
S. D., William Wilson.
J. D., Jesse Graves.
S. S., D. A. A. Ensworth.
J. S., D. Burrell.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1819.
W. M., **Ambrose L. Jordan.**
S. W., Hervey Luce.
J. W., Sumner Ely.
Treasurer, George S. Crafts.
Secretary, Edward B. Crandall.
S. D., John J. Crandall.
J. D., Ariel Thayer.
S. S., D. A. A. Ensworth.
J. S., E. B. Morehouse.
Tyler, David Fling.

1820.
W. M., Hervey Luce.
S. W., E. B. Crandall.
J. W., John J. Crandall.
Treasurer, B. Fitch.
Secretary, Israel Day.
S. D., Smith Murphy.
J. D., Ariel Thayer.
S. S., D. A. A. Ensworth.
J. S., Charles Thurston.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1821.
W. M., E. B. Crandall.
S. W., John J. Crandall.
J. W., S. Steele.
Treasurer, B. Fitch.
Secretary, C. Jarvia.
S. D., John Hayden.
J. D., D. A. A. Ensworth.
S. S., Peter Bezanson.
J. S., Charles Thurston.
Tyler, Ariel Thayer.

1822.
W. M., E. B. Crandall.
S. W., John J. Crandall.
J. W., Joseph Sprague.
Treasurer, B. Fitch.
Secretary, Alanson Pierson.
S. D., Anson Richardson.
J. D., Charles Thurston.
S. S., Peter Bezanson.
J. S., Horace Abbey.
Tyler, Ariel Thayer.
Chaplain, George B. Lisher.

1823.
W. M., Hervey Luce.
S. W., Charles Bates.
J. W., Hiram Nash.
Treasurer, B. Fitch.
Secretary, D. A. A. Ensworth.
S. D., Novine Abbey.
J. D., Casper C. West.
S. S., Charles Thurston.
J. S., Daniel Hewson.
Tyler, Ariel Thayer.

1824.
W. M., E. B. Crandall.
S. W., Ariel Thayer.
J. W., D. A. A. Ensworth.
Treasurer, B. Fitch.
Secretary, A. Spafford.
S. D., A. Richardson.
J. D., Horace Abbey.
S. S., Charles Thurston.
J. S., Peter Bezanson.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1825.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Bates.
J. W., Kent Jarvis.
Treasurer, Daniel Munson.
Secretary, Ariel Spafford.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., Horace Abbey.
S. S., B. Fitch.
J. S., David Blanchard.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1826.
W. M., E. B. Crandall.
S. W., Kent Jarvis.
J. TV., Ariel Thayer.
Treasurer, Ariel Spafford.
Secretary, Daniel Hewson.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., Jabez Cram.
S. S., David Blanchard.
J. S., Matthew Spelman.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1827.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Kent Jarvis.
J. W., Harry Fish.
Treasurer, Daniel Hewson.
Secretary, Orson Smith.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., Samuel W. Cheney.
S. S., Daniel Hewson.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1828.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Kent Jarvis.
J. W., Harry Fish.
Treasurer, Daniel Hewson.
Secretary, Orson Smith.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., Abner Graves, Jr.
S. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
J. S., Ira Tanner.
Tyler, Ezra Eaton.

1829.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
J. W., Charles Thurston.
Treasurer, Daniel Hewson.
Secretary, Orson Smith.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., Abner Graves, Jr.
S. S., Ira Tanner.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Jonathan Fitch.

1830.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
J. W., Charles Thurston.
Treasurer, Daniel Hewson.
Secretary, Orson Smith, resigned.
Henry P. Metcalf.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., H. Sturtevant.
S. S., Miles Comstock.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Jonathan Fitch.

1831.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., Orson Smith.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Henry P. Metcalf.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., R. Cooley.
S. S., Miles Comstock.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, David Fling.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1832.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., R. Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Abner Graves, Jr.
J. D., Isaac Lewis.
S. S., William Lewis.
J. S., H. Sturtevant.
Tyler, Jonathan Fitch.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1833.
W. M., Ariel Thayer,
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., R. Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Samuel D. Shaw.
S. D., Abner Graves, Jr.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., H. Sturtevant.
J. S., Ebenezer Noyes.
Tyler, Miles Comstock,

1834.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., Orson Smith.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Samuel D. Shaw.
S. D., Abner Graves, Jr.
J. D., Henry P. Metcalf.
S. S., H. Sturtevant.
J. S., Ebenezer Noyes.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.

1835.
W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., Orson Smith.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Samuel D. Shaw.
S. D., Henry P. Metcalf.
J. D., Job Potter.
S. S., Charles Thurston.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.

1836.
W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Richard Cooley.
J. W., Abner Graves, Jr.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Chester Jarvis.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., Ariel Spafford.
S. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
J. S., Charles Thurston.
Tyler, Peter Bezanson.

1837.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Richard Cooley.
J. W., Ariel Thayer.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Chester Jarvis.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., Ariel Spafford.
S. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
J. S., Charles Thurston.
Tyler, Peter Bezanson.

1838.

W. M., Joseph White.
S. W., Richard Cooley.
J. W., Abner Graves, Jr.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Chester Jarvis.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., Charles Thurston.
S. S., Charles Thurston.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Peter Bezanson.

1839.

W. M., Ariel Thayer,
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., Richard Cooley
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Chester Jarvis.
S. D., Isaac Lewis.
J. D., Abner Graves.
S. S., Charles Thurston.
J. S., Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Tyler, Peter Bezanson.

1840.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Henry S. Harper.
J. W., William Nichols.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, Henry P. Metcalf.
S. D., William Lewis.
J. D., Ariel Thayer.
S. S., Abner Graves.
J. S., Richard Cooley.
Tyler, Elnathan Osborn.
Chaplain, A. E. Campbell.

1841.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Lawrence McNamee.
J. W., William Wilson.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Richard Cooley.
J. D., Abner Graves.
S. S., Ariel Thayer,
J. S., Henry P. Metcalf.
Tyler, Thomas Angel.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1842.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Abner Graves.
J. W., George S. Crafts.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Richard Cooley.
J. D., Ariel Thayer.
S. S., Henry P. Metcalf.
J. S., William Wilson.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1843.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Abner Graves.
J. W., Richard Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., George S. Crafts.
J. D., Lewis Nash.
S. S., Henry P. Metcalf.
J. S., William Wilson.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1844.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Abner Graves.
J. W., Richard Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., George S. Crafts.
J. D., Lewis Nash.
S. S., Henry P. Metcalf.
J. S., William Wilson.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.
Chaplain, A. E. Campbell.

1845.

W. M., Charles Thurston.
S. W., Abner Graves.
J. W., Richard Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., George S. Crafts.
J. D., Lewis Nash.
S. S., Henry P. Metcalf.
J. S., William Wilson.
Tyler, Miles Comstock.
Chaplain, A. E. Campbell.

1846.

W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., William Nichols.
J. W., Henry Fish.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Lewis Nash.
J. D., Abner Graves.
S. S., William Wilson.
J. S., William Lewis.
Tyler, Henry P. Metcalf
Chaplain, Job Potter.

1847.

W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Charles Thurston.
J. W., Richard Cooley.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday, Jr.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Lewis Nash.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Abner Graves.
J. S., L. H. Pierce,
Tyler, Henry P. Metcalf
Chaplain, A. E. Campbell.

1848.

W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., James L. Fox.
J. W., Eliab P. Byram.
Treasurer, Lewis Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., William S. Way.
J. D., E. P. Lewis.
S. S., Edwin Pier.
J. S., Richard A. Leslie.
Tyler, William Lewis.
Chaplain, A. E. Campbell.

1849.

W. M., James Hyde.
S. W., James L. Fox.
J. W., Eliab P. Byram.
Treasurer, Lewis Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Lewis Nash.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., William S. Way.
J. S., P. Waterman.
Tyler, Charles Thurston.
Chaplain, L. Cook.

1850.

W. M., James L. Fox.
S. W., Ariel Thayer.
J. W., Cutler Field.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., William K. Bingham.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., J. F. Hoke.
J. S., George W. Thayer.
Tyler, Hiram Morse.

1851.

W. M., James L. Fox.
S. W., Eliab P. Byram.
J. W. Levi M. Pierce.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Abner Graves.
J. S., Thomas McIntosh.
Tyler, Smith Adsit.
Chaplain, L. T. Blodgett

1852.

W. M., James L. Fox.
S. W., Ariel Thayer.
J. W., George W. Atkinson.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Abner Graves, Jr.
J. S., C. A. Bolles.
Tyler, Smith Adsit.
Chaplain, L. T. Blodgett

1853.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., George W. Atkinson.
J. W., William K. Bingham.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall
S. D., M. N. Merrill.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Thomas McIntosh.
J. S., Marcus Field.
Tyler, Smith Adsit.
Chaplain, L. T. Blodgett.

1854.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., George W. Atkinson.
J. W., William K. Bingham.
Treasurer, Seth Doubleday.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Michael N. Merrills.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Thomas Mcintosh.
J. S., Brazilla Bradley.
Tyler, Smith Adsit.
Chaplain, L. T. Blodgett

1855.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., George W. Atkinson.
J. W., William K. Bingham.
Treasurer, James Bradley.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Jesse Bradley.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Abner Graves.
J. S., John F. Hoke.
Tyler, M. B. Patterson—resigned.
Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett

1856.

W. M., Ariel Thayer.
S. W., Henry Fish.
J. W., Daniel Peck.
Treasurer, William K. Bingham.
Secretary, George McNamee.
S. D., Charles Thurston.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., Levi H. Pierce.
J. S., Truman Head.
Tyler, George W. Atkinson.

1857.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., Henry Fish.
J. W., Daniel Peck.
Treasurer, Daniel Temple.
Secretary, E. B. Crandall.
S. D., Ariel Thayer.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., William K. Bingham.
J. S., Edward Edwards.
Tyler, H. Jenks.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett

1858.

W. M., Eliab T. Byram.
S. W., William K. Bingham.
J. W., Harvey Marvin.
Treasurer, Daniel Temple.
Secretary, Cyrus Lewis.
S. D., Washington G. Smith.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., John W. Augur.
J. S., Edward Edwards.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett.

1859.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., Delos L. Birge.
J. W., John E. Brown.
Treasurer, Harmon Groat.
Secretary, Harvey Marvin.
S. D., Washington G. Smith.
J. D., Theodore S. Sayles.
S. S., John W. Augur.
J. S., Smith Adsit.
Tyler, Edward Edwards.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett.

1860.

W. M., Delos L. Birge.
S. W., John E. Brown.
J. W., Rufus C. Doubleday.
Treasurer, Harmon Groat.
Secretary, Harvey Marvin,
S. D., Theodore S. Sayles.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., John W. Augur.
J. S., Edward Edwards.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett.
Cor. Secretary, E. B. Crandall.

1861.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., Rufus C. Doubleday.
J. W., Washington G. Smith.
Treasurer, Harmon Groat.
Secretary, Harvey Marvin.
S. D., Asahel A. Jarvis.
J. D., Jackson McNamee.
S. S., Edward Edwards.
J. S., Lewis Bury.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett.
Cor. Secretary, E. B. Crandall.

1862.

W. M., Eliab P. Byram.
S. W., Washington G. Smith.
J. W., Horace M. Hooker.
Treasurer, Harmon Groat.
Secretary, Robert C. Flack.
S. D., Rufus C. Doubleday.
J. D., William Lewis.
S. S., John W. Augur.
J. S., Lewis Bury.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, L. Blodgett,

1863.

W. M., Rufus C. Doubleday.
S. W., Washington G. Smith.
J. W., Charles W. Tomlinson.
Treasurer, Seth J. Temple.
Secretary, Robert C. Flack.
S. D., Eliab P. Byram.
J. D., A. Chapman.
S. S., John W. Augur.
J. S., Lewis Bury
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Cor. Secretary, E. B. Crandall.

1864:

W. M., Charles W. Tomlinson.
S. W., Washington G. Smith.
J. W., Samuel A. Bowen.
Treasurer, Seth J. Temple.
Secretary, David A. Avery.
S. D., James A. Lynes.
J. D., Asahel A. Tarvis.
S. S., Theodore S. Sayles.
J. S., Cyrus Lewis.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Marshal, E. C. Denio.

1865.

W. M., Charles W. Tomlinson.
S. W., James A. Lynes.
J. W., Samuel A. Bowen.
Treasurer, Seth J. Temple.
Secretary, David A. Avery.
S. D., Rufus C. Doubleday.
J. D., Asahel A. Jarvis.
S. S., Theodore S. Sayles.
J. S., John Worthington.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, John Pilkinton.

1866.

W. M., Charles W. Tomlinson.
S. W., Samuel A. Ioweu.
J. W., Seth J. Temple.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, David A. Avery.
S. B., Ursemus Reynolds.
J. D., Robert Quaif.
S. S., Henry L. Hinman.
J. S., D. Jefferson McGown.
Tyler, Daniel Temple.
Chaplain, S. H. Synuott.
Marshal, Francis U. Johnston.
Organist, Clarence M. Roof.

1867.
W. M., James A. Lynes.
S. W., Cornelius M. Myers.
J. W., Thomas McIntosh.
Treasurer, Andrew Shaw.
Secretary, David A. Avery.
S. D., Orsemus Reynolds.
J. D., Tolman C. Smith.
S. M. C, Robert Quaif.
J. 31. C, Jasper A. Schrom.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Marshal, Daniel Temple.
Chaplain, I. D. Peasley.
Organist, Clarence M. Roof.
Trustees, Seth J. Temple, 1 year;
Horace M. Hooker, 2 years;
Robert Quaif, 3 years.

1868.
W. M., James A. Lynes.
S. W., Frederick A. Goife.
J. W., Albert Hardy.
Treasurer, Andrew Shaw.
Secretary, Tolman C, Smith.
S. D., Jerome Fish.
J. D., G. M. Wilcox.
S. M. C, Frank Carroll.
J. M. C, B. A. Denton.
Tyler, Henry Gould.
Marshal, Daniel B. Boden.
Organist, Clarence M. Roof.
Trustee, David A. Avery.

1869.
W. M., Frederick A. Goffe.
S. W., David A. Avery.
J. W., John H. Noble.
Treasurer, Harmon Groat.
Secretary, Tolman C. Smith.
S. D., Jerome Fish.
J. D., James G. Parshall.
S. M. C, Edward Edwards.
J. M. C, Charles L. Boot.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Marshal, James Bowes.
Organist, S. Irvin Haynes.
Trustee, Eben M. Temple.
Chaplain, Orren Perkins.

◆Drawn by lot under Statute.

1870.
W. M., Frederick A. Goffe.
S. W., Nelson Beach.
J. W., Jerome Fish.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif
Secretary, Theodore S. Sayles.
S. D., J. P. Van Patten.
J. D., Rexford Potter.
S. M. C, Charles L. Boot.
J. M. C, Norman Murphy.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, Orren Perkins.
Marshal, Daniel B. Boden.
Organist, S. Irvin Haynes.
Trustee, William Brooks.

1871.
W. M., Nelson Beach.
S. W., Jerome Fish.
J. W., Rexford Potter.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif
Secretary, Theodore S. Sayles.
S. D., S. Irvin Haynes.
J. D., O. S. Bixby.
S. M. C, Charles R. Hartson.
J. M. C, William Wolfe.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, Orren Perkins.
Marshal, Daniel B. Boden.
Organist, S. Irvin Haynes.
Trustee, Andrew Shaw.

1872.
W. M., Seth J. Temple.
S. W., Rexford Potter.
J. W., Frank Carroll.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, Theodore S. Sayles.
S. D., George Brooks.
J. D., George Risedorph.
S. M. C, Melville Jenks.
J. M. C, Thomas Strachan.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Marshal, Francis U. Johnston.
Organist, S. Irvin Haynes.
Trustee, David A. Avery.

1873.
W. M., Seth J. Temple.
S. W., Rexford Potter.
J. W., S. Irvin Haynes.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, S. W. Williams.
S. D., Samuel S. Ediek.
J. D., Charles B. Hartson.
S. M. C, Sanford T. Bliss.
J. M. C, Bartlett Rogers.
Tyler, Daniel Peck.
Chaplain, C. L. Wait.
Marshal, Frank Carroll.
Trustee, William Brooks.

1874.
W. M., Frederick A. Goffe.
S. W., Seth J. Temple.
J. W., Charles R. Hartson.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, Jolin Pank.
S. D., Jerome Fish.
J. D., Charles L. Root.
S. M. C., James A. Lynes,
J. M. C, George D. Hyde.
Tyler, Webster C. Keyes.
Marshal, Frank Carroll.
Trustee, Andrew Shaw.
Organist, S. Irvin Haynes.

1875.
W. M., Frederick A. Goffe.
S. W., Lyman H. Hills.
J. W., George D. Hyde.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, William H. Peake.
S. D., S. W. Willard.
J. D., N. E. Williams.
S. M. C, Henry V. H. Smith.
J. M. C, Silas A. Soule.
Tyler, Sanford Casler.
Trustee, David A. Avery.

1876.
W. M., Lyman H. Hills.
S. W., Albert Lane.
J. W., John R. Scott.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, John Pank.
S. D., S. W. Willard.
J. D., Henry V. H. Smith.
S. M. C, Sanford Casler.
J. M. C, Silas A. Soule.
Tyler, Eugene T. Newell.
Marshal, Francis U. Johnston.
Trustee, William Brooks.

1877.
W. M., Frederick A. Goffe.
S. W., James Bowes.
J. W., Thomas Strachan.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, John Pank.
S. D., Horace C. Richmond.
J. D., Sanford Casler.
S. M. C, Silas A. Soule.
J. M. C, Bartlett Rogers.
Tyler, Eugene T. Newell.
Marshal, Frank Carroll.
Trustee, Henry L. Hinman.

1878.
W. M., Washington G. Smith.
S. W., Thomas Strachan.
J. W., George D. Hyde.
Treasurer, William H. Peake.
Secretary, Frederick A. Goffe.
S. D.— No appointment.
J. D., Charles R. Hartson.
S. M. C, Webster C. Keyes.
J. M. C, Robert G. Dalphin.
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Trustee, John Pank.

1879.
W. M., .Tames Bowes.
S. W., George D. Hyde.
J. W., Henry L. Hinman.
Treasurer, £. B. Shumway.
Secretary, John Pank.
S. D., Thomas Strachan.
J. D., Sanford Casler.
S. M. C, Seth J. Temple.
J. M. C, Webster C. Keyes.
Tyler, Moses Maschke— resigned.
Washington G. Smith.
Organist, James Bradley.
Trustee, William Brooks.

1880.
W. M., James Bowes.
S. W., Henry L. Hinman
J. W., Frank Carroll.
Treasurer, George Brooks.
Secretary, John Pank.
S. D., Addison Gardner.
J. D., Charles L. Root
S. M. C, Webster C. Keyes.
J. M. C, Andrew Shaw.
Tyler, Seth J. Temple.
Marshal, Charles R. Hartson.
Trustee, Henry L. Hinman.

1881.
W. M., Henry L. Hinman.
S. W., Addison Gardner.
J. W., Charles R. Hartson.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, John Pank.
S. D., Alfred Gorringer.
J. D., George D. Hyde.
S. M. C, Seth J. Temple.
J. M. C, Webster C. Keyes.
Tyler, Lafayette Gardner — resig'd.
John W. Smith.
Marshal, Washington G. Smith.
Trustee, John Pank.

1882
W. M., Henry L. Hinman.
S. W., Addison Gardner.
J. W., Charles E. Hartson.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarris.
S. D., Alfred Gorringer.
J. D., George D. Hyde.
S. M. C, Seth J. Temple.
J. M. C, Albert T. Van Home.
Tyler, John W. Smith.
Marshal, Frank Carroll
Trustee, William Brooks.

1883.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., George D. Hyde.
J. W., Alfred Gorringer.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., Albert T. Van Home.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, George B. Cole.
J. M. C, Adelmur S. Murphy.
Tyler, Silas A. Soule.
Marshal, Frank Carroll.

1884.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., **Alfred Gorringer**.
J. W., John Pank.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., Albert T. Van Home.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, George B. Cole.
J. M. C, Adelmur S. Murphy.
Tyler, Dorr E. Gilmore.
Marshal, Charles R. Hartson.
Trustee, John Pank.

1885.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., Albert T. Van Home.
J. W., George B. Cole.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., Charles W. Allen.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, George D. Hyde.
J. M. C, Adelmur S. Murphy.
Tyler— No appointment.
Marshal, Charles E. Hartson.
Trustee, William Brooks.

1886.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., Albert T. Van Home.
J. W., John Pank.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., Washington G. Smith.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
J. M. C, James G. Parshall.
Tyler, John W. Smith.
Chaplain, George W. Patten.
Marshal, Charles E. Hartson.
Trustee, Henry L. Hinman.

1887.
W. M., Albert T. Van Home.
S. W., Andrew Davidson.
J. W., John Burnett.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., George A. Hines.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, William H. Michaels.
J. M. C, William Cobbett
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Marshal, Charles R. Hartson.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.

1888.
W. M., Albert T, Van Home.
S. W., Andrew Davidson.
J. W., John Burnett
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., George A. Hines.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, William Cobbett.
J. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Marshal, Charles R. Hartson.

1889.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., John Burnett.
J. W., Washington G. Smith.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Secretary, George M. Jarvis.
S. D., George A. Hines.
J. D., Seth J. Temple.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
J. M. C, James G. Parshall
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Marshal, John Pank.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.
Trustee, Henry L. Hinman.

1890.
W. M., Andrew Davidson.
S. W., John Burnett.
J. W., George A. Hines.
Treasurer, William Brooks,
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., Everett A. Potter.
J. D., William Cobbett.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
J. M. C, James G. Parshall.
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Marshal, John Pank.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.

1891.
W. M., Addison Gardner,
S. W., George M. Jarvis.
J. W., John Pank.
Treasurer, William Brooks.
Robert Quaif.
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., William Cobbett.
J. D., James G. Parshall.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
J. M. C, Howard E. Jones.
Tyler, Gilbert B. Winne.
Marshal, Charles R. Hartson.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.

1892.
W. M., Addison Gardner.
S. W., John Burnett
J. W., Henry H. Hill.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., William Cobbett
J. D., Frank Hale.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmore.
J. M. C, James G. Parshall.
Tyler, Charles Kenney.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.
Marshal, Charles E. Hartson.

1893.
W. M., George A. Hines.
S. W., William Cobbett
J. W., Frank Hale.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., Alvin Vandewalker.
J. D., Charles Kenney.
S. M. C, Henry M. Gilmour.
J. M. C, James G. Parshall.
Tyler,
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.

1894.
W. M., William Cobbett
S. W., Frank Hale.
J. W., George C. Thayer.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., William H. Michaels.
J. D., James G. Parshall.
S. M. C, John G. Fowler.
J. M. C, D. Jefferson McGown.
Tyler, Charles Kenney.
Ephraim Stevens.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.
Marshal, John Pank.
Trustee, Robert Quaif

1895.
W. M., William Cobbett
S. W., Frank Hale.
J. W., Otis H. Babbitt
Treasurer, Robert Quaif.
Secretary, Albert T. Van Home.
S. D., William H. Michaels.
J. D., Nathaniel P. Willis.
S. M. C, James G. Parshall.
J. M. C, John G. Fowler.
Tyler, Ephraim Stevens.
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.
Marshal, John Pank.
Trustee, D. Jefferson McGown.

1896.
W. M., Albert T. Van Homo.
S. W., William H. Michaels.
J. W., Nathaniel P. Willis.
Treasurer, Robert Quaif
Secretary, James G. Parshall.
S. D., Frank Hale.
J. D., E. Lee Kinney.
S. M. C, Harry Derrick.
J. M. C, Charles W. Allen.
Tyler, Ephraim Stevens.
Marshal, John Pank,
Organist, Covell S. Derrick.
Trustee, John Pank.

Appendix II

FREEMASONRY IN COOPERSTOWN

by Frederick A. Goffe

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In the year 1795, a number of brethren residing in Cooperstown and towns adjacent, petitioned the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a warrant empowering them to assemble according to the 'usages' of the "Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons," and in due time the grand lodge granted the Warrant, which reads as follows:

We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, in ample form assembled, according to the old constitutions regularly and solemnly established under the auspices Of Prince Edwin at the City of York, in Great Britain^ in the year of Masonry 492(), viz., the Most Worshipful, the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esq., Chancellor of the State, Grand Master; the Right Worshipful Jacob Morton, Esq., Deputy Grand Master; the Right Worshipful James Scott, Esq., Senior Grand Warden ; the Right Worshipful De Witt Clinton, Esq., Junior Grand Warden: Do, by these presents, appoint, authorize, and empower, our Worthy Brother Elihu Phinney to be the Master, our Worthy Brother Rowland Cotton to be the Senior Warden, and our Worthy Brother James Fitch to be the junior Warden Of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be by virtue hereof constituted, formed, and held at Cooperstown, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, which lodge shall be distinguished by the name, or style, of " Otsego Lodge, No. 40."

After which is, enumerated certain duties and privileges pertaining to said lodge. The warrant is dated "the fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred' and ninety-five, and in the year of our Masonry five thousand seven hundred and ninety-five," and signed "John Abrams, Grand Secretary."

By appointment,' Brothers Phinney, Cotton, and Fitch made a special journey to the city of Albany, and were there duly installed by Right Worshipful Brother Peter W. Yates, Esq. Past Senior Grand Warden; on, the evening of Thursday, Dec. 31, 1795.

The first meeting of the lodge was held at the dwelling house of Worshipful Brother Phinney, in Second street (now Main street), Cooperstown, on Thursday, the first day of March, 1796, the following officers and brethren being present: Elihu Phinney, W. M. ; Rowland Cotton, S. W., James Fitch, J. W. ; Benjamin Gilbert, Treas. ; Richard Edward, S. D. ; Lewis Edson, J. D. ; Stephen Ingalls, S. S. ; Levi Collar, J. S. ; Ezra Eaton, Tyler. Nathaniel Gott, Zerah Tanner, Joel Draper, and P; Parker.

At this meeting Elijah Holt, Esq., Timothy Morse, Esq., Thomas Whiticar, and Anselm Williams applied for the degrees, and were subsequently initiated. During this year fifty-four Members were added by initiation, and four others by affiliation. Among these new members appear the names of citizens distinguished in the annals of Otsego County, viz., Dr. Joseph White, Joseph Tunnicliff", Gen. Jacob Morris, James Averill, Paschall Franchot, Richard Cary, **Erastus Root**, and others.

In July preparations were made to move the lodge from the house, of Wor. Bro. Phinney, and in August the meeting was held in the lodge-chamber in the house of Bro. Huntington, southwest corner of Second and West streets (now Main and Pioneer). On the occasion of the festival of St. John the Evangelist (Dec. 27), the day was observed with suitable ceremonies by the craft.,., A discourse was delivered by Rev. Bro. Camp, of Canaan, Columbia county. Bro. Huntington spread the table of refreshments, around which some sixty or Seventy brethren assembled, besides several distinguished visitors, among whom was the Rev. Dr. Nott. In the following year (1797) twenty-eight members were added by initiation, and one by affiliation, among whom we find the names of Samuel Crafts, P. Herrick, and others. During this year a contract was made for a building for the use of the craft. A lot was selected at the northeast corner of West and Front streets, and pursuant to a resolution of the lodge, "Masonic Hail" was raised on Saturday, June 24, that day being the festival of St. John the Baptist. Tradition relates that "not a loud word was spoken upon the ground on this interesting occasion, nor a metal tool used."*

At the annual communication— Dec. 5, 1797 it was resolved to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and dedicate the hall on the same day. * The ceremonies on this occasion were performed in a most satisfactory manner. In his usual happy style, Wor. Bro. Phinney composed a dedication song for the occasion."

In the next year, 1798, fifteen new members were added to the lodge, which we find working prosperously arid harmoniously. There are occasionally causes for Masonic discipline. Such- as suspension or expulsion for Intemperance and other unmasonic conduct.

On June 4, at a stated meeting, a committee was appointed to wait On His hptidr, Judge Cooper, and return him the thanks of Otsego Lodge for the donation of the lot on 'which the Masonic hall stands.

The year 1799 shows a condition of prosperity in the lodge, and a goodly addition to its membership. At the stated meeting held on Jan. 7, 1800, the death of our worthy and illustrious brother, General' George Washington, was duly announced by Wor. Bro. Phinney, when, reading and adopting certain resolutions passed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York on this mournful occasion, it was Unanimously •

Resolved, That the members of this lodge wear mourning for the term of six months as a tribute of respect for the memory of their illustrious and well-beloved brother, General George Washington, who left this terrestrial for the Celestial Lodge December 14, Anno Lucis 6799.

* Fifty-five years later (in 1862) it is recorded in the book of minutes that while relaying the foundation of Masonic hall a plate of copper, 10 by 61 Inches, was found, with this inscription engraved thereon.

"Anno Lucis MVDCCXCVII die Junii XXIV.

Haec Aula erectaia fuit a membris

Otsego Latimorum Societatus. E. P. M.

et dedicati usui Filorum Lucis.

Non nobis solum nati somus

Sed partim Patriae partim Amicis,"

Resolved, That the lodge-room be clothed in mourning during the term aforesaid.

And whereat, The Congress of the United States have, by resolution, recommended to the people of the United States to assemble on the twenty-second day of February next, in such numbers and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify their grief for the death of General George Washington by suitable eulogies, orations, and discourses, or by public prayers,* therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this lodge be notified to assemble at the lodge-room on the twenty-second day of February next at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose so recommended, and that Bro. Eli Parsons be requested to deliver an oration before this lodge on the solemn occasion.

According to appointment the lodge was held on February 22, there being a large attendance of the brethren, and Bro. Parsons delivered an eloquent oration suitably adapted to the occasion.

The minutes, of the lodge record harmonious work for a series of years: Every year the brethren celebrate the festival of one of their patron saints, on which occasion it was their custom to walk in Masonic procession to one of the churches, preceded by a b^ind of music, and after listening to an appropriate discourse by a reverend brother, return to the lodge-room. The remainder of the day would be spent in convivial enjoyment, indulging in "the feast of reason amid the flow of soul."

It, appears that at a regular meeting, on Jan. 4, 1806, this lodge voted to recommend Brother Joseph White for Master, Brother, Peter Magher for Senior Warden, and Brother Elijah Holl for Junior Warden of a lodge to be established at Cherry Valley, and to be known by the name of Trinity lodge.

On July 13, 1813, a number of brethren attended the funeral of Right Worshipful Brother Elihu Phinney. On returning to the lodge it was voted, "that as a testimony of respect for the memory of our brother and principal founder of this lodge,.— Elihu Phinney, Esq., — that this lodge be clothed with mourning for the term of three months from this date."

The lodge continued in a steady prosperous course, its meetings well attended, and its councils harmonious. Death had been unsparing here, as elsewhere, and the minuted record many occasions when a departed brother had been laid in his final resting place with Masonic ceremonies, and the customary resolutions of regret and eulogy were passed on these occasions. The charter members had nearly all been summoned by the Grand Architect to the Celestial lodge above. One of the last, Brother James Fitch, whose name appears in the warrant as Junior Warden, died in March, 1822. He was borne to the grave by his younger brethren, and his remains interred with due Masonic honors.

The time now approaches when the prosperous career, of the lodge will receive a severe check, when partisan fanaticism and ignorance will be arrayed against our beloved institution, and Masons are to suffer persecution and ostracism. Many of the weaker brethren apostatized from our order, and became conspicuous among its persecutors. Old Otsego lodge, like many of her sisters, came near being shipwrecked by the violent waves of persecution, but thanks to a noble few, who manfully adhered to their duty and stood by their posts, she weathered the storm, and finally came out of the conflict triumphant, although sadly exhausted and depicted in numbers. It is but justice to the honored few who stood by their beloved institution and their dear old lodge in the dark days of adversity that their names should appear on record, as an example of firmness and fortitude to their younger brethren, reminding them of that debt of gratitude they owe to those who stemmed the tide of persecution, hatred, and malice of the anti-Masonic period. After the lapse of half a century their names are honored and recalled with reverence arid gratitude by their successors. And foremost among this noble band was the then Worshipful Master, E. B. Crandall, William Nichols, Kent Jarvis, Ariel Thayer, Seth Doubleday, Jr., William Wilson, Chas. Thurston, William Temple, William Lewis, Harvey Luce, Abner Graves, and a few, others. Two out of this number are yet spared to us, and these venerable brethren (one of them in his eighty-seventh year, the other a few years his junior) retain undiminished their old love for the institution of Freemasonry, and are occasionally present at the regular .meetings of the lodge.

The following is recorded by Worshipful Brother E. B. Crandall:

"Towards the close of the year 1826, some few of the members of the lodge, becoming somewhat restive under the proscription of political anti-Masonry, appeared in a body and notified the Worshipful Master that at the approaching regular meeting of the lodge it was their intention to move the lodge to surrender its warrant, as a step towards appeasing public opinion and allaying the political excitement then everywhere raging in the State.

The Worshipful Master replied that he did not consider it a favored question, and he should refuse to entertain it before the lodge unless all its members were previously notified of the intention, and so long as he remained the depository of, the warrant, and was sustained by the constitutional number of Masons; or, in other words, unless all its members unite in the proposed movement, he would never consent to surrender the warrant for such purpose.

He further observed that if they concurred he would notify the meeting to be held at an early hour, and then informally consider what might be done under the then existing state of public feeling, and whatever might be determined on by the brethren assembled, short of a surrender, etc., he, for one, would cheerfully observe. Accordingly, it was afterwards informally agreed that as an experiment this lodge would cease from its labors, keep its property insured, and standing good in grand lodge, and meet only for the purpose of closing its unfinished business and of organization, by the annual election of officers, or otherwise, as circumstances might specially require."

The following is recorded in the minutes in 1837: "On the 19th day of August departed this life Brother Ezra Eaton, aged eighty-seven years. So remarkable was our venerable brother for his punctual attendance that he was elected twenty-nine times to the office of Tyler of the lodge. The brethren attended his funeral at his late residence in Middlefield, and assisted in the performance of the ceremonies at the grave." He was the last of the charter-members. It will be observed that he filled the office of Tyler at the first meeting of the lodge, as described in this sketch.

The lodge continued to meet but once a year, for the election of officers, and thus maintain its organization, as agreed upon in 1826. Occasionally they initiated a candidate, calling it unfinished business, and other members were added by affiliation. The records were kept during this period by Worthy Brother B. B. Crandall, who was for many years secretary, and to whom the lodge is largely indebted for the careful preservation of its archives and documents.

"His record tells us that for near twenty years the lodge had not done regular Masonic work; that although in the year 1835 an attempt was made to revive its stated meetings, a vote to that effect being passed by a small majority, yet "the opposition was so strong, and so earnest, it seemed as if the time had not arrived, and the resolution was suffered to pass by inoperative."

In 1845 a strong desire was manifested by the brethren to resume labor, but time and the tide of emigration had so reduced the number of members residing within a reasonable distance that it was difficult at times to get together a sufficient number for the election of officers. At the election, Dec. 9, 1845, the desire among the remaining few to resume work, and revive the lodge into activity, was strongly manifested, and it was:

Resolved, That when this lodge closes, it shall stand closed till the next St. John's day (Dec. 27), at two o'clock p.m., at which time shall be installed the officers elect, and that our brother Chaplain be requested to deliver a discourse on the occasion.

The officers were duly installed 6th the day appointed, but Brother Potter, the Chaplain, being abroad at the time, the discourse failed.

During the year 1846 the regular meetings of the lodge were punctually attended, but the members were aware that their condition was one of irregularity, they not having paid any dues to, or held any communication with, the Grand Lodge for a number of years, and, as a consequence, their warrant had become forfeited; but such also was the condition of most other lodges in this jurisdiction, and it was expected that the grand lodge, on being appealed to, and "the true state of our Situation laid before it, would hail our renovation with rapture, and again fold us in its fraternal embraces."

During the year 1847, 16 new members were added by initiation and 11 by affiliation. Among the former were Brothers James L. Fox and Eliab P. Byram, both of whom became Masters of the lodge for a number of years, and to whom the lodge is largely indebted for its subsequent prosperity.

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in 1848, the matter of Otsego lodge was referred to a committee who reported that, "in view of the facts in the case presented, and in consideration of most of its members as men of moral worth and integrity, your committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a new warrant be granted to Otsego lodge, No. 40, in continuation of the old warrant, on payment of the constitutional fee; that Ariel Thayer be named therein as Master, James L. Fox, Senior Warden, and Eliab P. Byram, Junior Warden and, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, said lodge be also allowed to retain its old warrant, with an endorsement therein, written on its face, that a new warrant has been issued in continuation thereof." [Transactions G. L., 1848, p. 65.]

By the new warrant Otsego lodge became No. 138. Her true numerical rank in the list of lodges in the State is No. 13, which we are prepared to prove by argument and record. These, however would not be interesting in this place. The officers named in the new warrant were installed, and the lodge was once more launched on the sea of prosperity and usefulness, which has continued to the present day.

The following is a list of Masters of Otsego lodge, from its foundation to the present time (1877):

Elihu Phinney, three years, to 1798	Chester Griswold, one year, to 1812	Edward B. Crandall, two years, to 1822
Richard Edwards, two years, to 1800	William Sprague, one year, to 1813	Harvey Luce, one year, to 1823
Elihu Phinney, one year, to 1801	Roger Haskell, one year, to 1814	Edward B. Crandall, one year, to 1824
Joshua Dewey, three years, to 1804	Samuel Starkweather, two years, to 1816	Ariel Thayer, one year, to 1825
Elijah H. Metcalf, three years, to 1807	William Nichols, two years, to 1818	Edward B. Crandall, one year, to 1826
William Sprague, three years, to 1810	Ambrose L. Jordan , one year, to 1819	Ariel Thayer, nine years, to 1835
Benjamin Wight, one year, to 1811	Harvey Luce, one year, to 1820	Chas. Thurston, two years, to 1837

Joseph White, one year, to 1838
Ariel Thayer, one year, to 1839
Charles Thurston, six years, to 1845
Ariel Thayer, two years, to 1847
James Hyde, one year, to 1848
James L. Fox, four years, to 1852
Eliab P. Byram, three years, to 1855

Ariel Thayer, one year, to 1856
Eliab P. Byram, three years, to 1859
Delos L. Birge, one year, to 1860
Eliab P. Byram, two years, to 1862
Rufus O. Doubleday, one year, to 1863
Chas. W. Tomlinson, 3 years, to 1866
James A. Lynes, two years, to 1868

Frederick A. Goffe, two years, to 1870
Nelson Beach, one year, to 1871
Seth J. Temple, two years, to 1873
Frederick A. Goffe, two years, to 1875
Lyman H. Hills, one year, to 1876
Frederick A. Goffe, one year, to 1877.

AMBROSE L. JORDAN

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This distinguished lawyer and eloquent advocate was born at Hillsdale, Columbia Co., NY, in the year 1791. His father was a farmer of Scotch-Irish descent, who, possessing a very strong physical constitution, and endowed with superior judgment, lived to a very advanced age, and was always held in high esteem by his neighbors. The son, having received the limited education of a common school, was at an early age set to work on the paternal acres; but it soon became apparent that agricultural labor was not his proper vocation, and, after some futile trials in farming, whereby it was demonstrated that he had a strong taste for study and books, but was incurably indolent as a worker on the farm, his father wisely determined to permit the boy to work out his career in the way indicated by his own wishes.

He was sent to an academy, where he soon acquired as much Latin, and other miscellaneous learning, as could then be obtained in such an institution. For several months he sought to recruit his limited finances by teaching a school himself. As soon as he could command the means to pay his board he entered a law-office in Albany, where he distinguished himself by the closest attention to study and office business, and, by the intelligent performance of extra duties, was able to provide, in a great degree, for his own support. Having been admitted to the bar in the year of 1813, he commenced the practice of law at the village of Cooperstown, having formed a co-partnership with Farrand Stranahan, Esq., who was an established lawyer at that place. At the time he thus commenced the serious business of life, Mr. Jordan was only about twenty-two years of age. He was quite six feet in height, was slight and graceful in figure, had regular, oval features, a profusion of brown natural curls, expressive blue eyes, and a complexion as fine as a woman's. His voice was not loud or particularly powerful, but it was most agreeable in quality, and had a distinct carrying force which always enabled him to be heard in the largest and most crowded court rooms. He had great powers of endurance, and could work many hours a day for consecutive weeks, without any apparent signs of fatigue. In long and exciting trials, in the heat and foul air of crowded courts, he was always able to appear fresh and strong, when other distinguished advocates became worn out and exhausted. He had a natural command of language. In extemporaneous speaking his sentences were regular and complete; he never hesitated for the appropriate word; he had a natural aptitude for going to the bottom of any subject, and when an adverse witness had been cross-examined by him, the witness was like a sponge squeezed dry. His methods of managing a cause, examining witnesses, and summing up the evidence were exhaustive and complete. When he had finished his address to a jury no point was left unnoticed, no argument failed to be duly elaborated, and nothing further could be said with effect.

Several anecdotes are still remembered in connection with Mr. Jordan's career at Cooperstown, which give an insight into the character of the man. He hated all unfairness, and would not himself submit to extortion or imposition. Having gone to a neighboring town in Otsego County to try a cause in a justice's court, on his return home in the early evening his wagon broke down. There was some snow on the ground, and just after the accident happened a farmer drove up in a lumber sleigh. Mr. Jordan asked if he would assist him to get to Cooperstown, some five miles distant. The man replied that he would, and then the two put the broken wagon on the sleigh, and leading the disengaged horse, drove on to Cooperstown. No bargain had been made as to compensation, and when Mr. Jordan inquired what he should pay, the sharp farmer replied, naming a sum that was very extortionate. Mr. Jordan was annoyed, but calmly stated that the pay demanded was three times as much as the service was worth; that rather than have any hard feelings about the matter, he would pay double price, but no more. The offer was refused, and the farmer departed, breathing threats. Within a very few days a summons was served on Mr. Jordan to appear before a justice, who was a near neighbor and friend of the farmer. On the trial the justice gave judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount of his claim, and costs. As soon as the law would permit, execution was issued on this judgment, and placed in the hands of a deputy-sheriff for collection. Mr. Jordan managed to have information of the coming of the officer to collect this judgment. Mr. Stranahan, the law-partner of Mr. Jordan, was the owner of a handsome gold watch and chain, which for that occasion Mr. Jordan borrowed, and hung up conspicuously on a nail on the front of a desk at which he was writing. That being done, the officer came in and told Mr. Jordan he had an execution against him. Mr. Jordan said he did not intend to pay it. "Then," said the officer, "my duty requires me to levy on your property, and I shall take this," at the same time taking the watch and putting it into his pocket. Mr. Jordan said to the officer, "My friend, I advise you to put back the watch. If you do not you will get yourself into trouble." The man, thinking he was quite safe, left the office, taking with him the watch. With all possible expedition a writ and other papers in a replevin suit were prepared in a suit of Stranahan against the deputy-sheriff. The sheriff of the county was found, the replevin writ put into his hands, which he at once served on the deputy, took back the watch and delivered it to the owner. The deputy-sheriff called on the farmer to indemnify him in the replevin suit, which he felt compelled to do. The result of the affair, which was soon arrived at, was this: the plaintiff succeeded in the replevin suit, the costs of which amounted to over one hundred dollars. The judgment obtained by the extortionate farmer was about twenty dollars, and he finally had to pay over to Mr. Jordan, as Stranahan's attorney, the difference between these sums. The attempted imposition was amply punished.

At the period referred to, and, indeed, all through life, Mr. Jordan was sensitive in regard to public opinion, and the following story, as related by himself, illustrates that feeling: "After I had settled at Cooperstown, but before I was much known in Otsego County, I had occasion to go to Albany to attend a special term of the supreme court. My friend, the cashier of the Otsego County bank, who knew of my intention, requested me to take a sum of money, — I think it was \$1800, — to be deposited in a bank in Albany. I agreed to take it, and the money was counted in my presence, separated into parcels of \$100 each, and the whole nicely put up in a package. I received the money, and with my satchel of law papers was conveyed in due time to Albany. Before going to court the

morning after my arrival I thought I would deliver the money at the Albany bank. The moment I looked at the package I saw that it had been tampered with. Examining it hastily, I found that one parcel of \$100 had been abstracted. The loss was a serious one to me at that time, but I decided in a moment what it was proper for me to do. I went out to the office of a friend, borrowed \$100, put it into the package, and hurried to the bank and deposited the whole amount which had been intrusted to me. I said nothing to the officers of the Otsego County bank about this loss, or to any one else except the kind friend who lent me the money to replace it, and secrecy was enjoined upon him."

A peculiarity of Mr. Jordan — an unfortunate one in some respects, as it caused him to labor a large portion of his life for those who never paid for his services — was this, that having once enlisted in a cause nothing could detach him from his client. Whether he was paid anything or not, he went through to the end of the controversy. He was often imposed upon by unfortunate or unworthy clients. While practicing at Cooperstown he became the legal guardian of certain minors, who had a presumptive title to a military lot of 600 acres, situate in a central county of the State of New York. The lot was in the possession of another party, holding adversely. An action at law was brought by Mr. Jordan to recover this property. Upon examination it was found that the evidence to support the claim of the plaintiffs was very defective; and particularly that one witness, who had knowledge of decisive facts, was imperatively necessary. That witness, when inquiry came to be made, could not be found. He had disappeared. The time for the trial of the ejectment suit was approaching, when Mr. Jordan determined that he would not be beaten in it if any possible effort on his part could prevent it. Having only a slight clue as to persons with whom the missing witness was connected, Mr. Jordan set out with his own horse and wagon from Cooperstown, drove to Albany, then to Columbia county, making minute inquiries by the way; then to Dutchess county, where some slight information was obtained; then to New York city, and finally to a small hamlet on Long Island, where the desired witness was found, and his attendance secured for the trial. Mr. Jordan hastily returned home, and had barely time to reach the circuit court where the cause was to be tried. By the aid of the witness thus found, the title of Mr. Jordan's wards to the lot in question was established. He had devoted much time to examination and preparation of the case, had spent fifteen days in hunting up the missing witness, and five days more in attending the circuit court, and he was successful. When Mr. Jordan's accounts as guardian came to be settled, the law permitted him to charge against his wards the items of money actually paid out on their account, but nothing for his professional services. For all his time, trouble, and skill in the affair, he never received a cent of compensation.

The professional progress of Mr. Jordan was rapid and solid, and in two or three years he became the acknowledged leader of the Otsego County bar. Soon after he had settled at Cooperstown he married Miss Cornelia Caroline Phillips, of Claverack, Columbia Co., NY, and of this marriage the issue in subsequent years were six children, three of whom have died, and three at the present time (1878) survive.

In the year 1820 he determined to return to his native county, and accordingly established his law-office in the city of Hudson, where he remained in full and successful practice for the next eighteen years. The first difficulty to be encountered at the Columbia county bar, by any one aspiring to a prominent position as an advocate was, that it became necessary to meet and contend with Elisha Williams who had long held almost undisputed sway in the courts of that district. Mr. Williams was then in the full maturity of his wonderful powers, and then and ever since considered by those most competent to form a judgment on such a subject, the greatest jury lawyer ever produced by the United States. He was certainly the best actor the writer has ever seen on any stage. He commanded with equal effect the springs of laughter and of tears. The most stoic of judges could with difficulty resist the spell of his eloquence, and ordinary juries seemed to delight in being quite carried away with it. It was against this colossus of the law-courts that Mr. Jordan was at once brought into antagonism, and it is still remembered to his credit that he did not shrink from the encounter. Indeed it soon became an established fact in the courts of Columbia and the neighboring counties, that Mr. Williams could no longer succeed in winning a bad cause when he was opposed by the thorough, painstaking methods, and ready eloquence of Mr. Jordan. They were generally employed on opposite sides, and tried all the contested cases on the calendar.

On one important occasion the writer remembers that Williams and Jordan were employed on the same side for the plaintiff. A suit was brought to collect an ordinary note, which note the defendant alleged to be a forgery. From the notable position of the parties, the question was discussed with much bitterness of feeling, and public opinion was convulsed on the subject. At the trial in Columbia county a New York city judge presided, and a city lawyer was the leader for the defense, with half a dozen other counsel to aid him. The judge was somewhat deaf, and that gave the plaintiff's counsel an opportunity to keep up a fire of jokes at the expense of the judge and the opposing counsel within hearing of the jury, but unheard by the court, which tended to and did greatly prejudice the jury against the defendant and in favor of the plaintiff. The cause was easily won for the plaintiff, and the judgment was finally collected. Many persons, however, continued to think that the superiority of the plaintiff's counsel rather than the justice of his case secured the verdict. Upon the retirement of Mr. Williams from actual practice, a few years after Mr. Jordan settled in Hudson, Mr. Jordan became the acknowledged leader of the Columbia county bar, and retained the position until he finally removed from Hudson. Some years before that event he became introduced to a New York city audience by a peculiar suit at law, which then attracted much attention by reason of its novelty. A young house-painter at Hudson was engaged to be married to a young lady of the same city, whose father was possessed of considerable property. The lady happened to make the acquaintance of a merchant in New York, whom she (and her father also) considered more eligible, and when he offered he was accepted, and the house-painter was thrown over. The mechanic did not rest satisfied with this arrangement. He consulted Mr. Jordan, who brought an action against the fickle fair one and her husband. The cause was tried at a circuit court in the city of New York attracted great public attention, and was fully reported. The defense was conducted by Henry R. Storrs, Esq., an advocate of very distinguished reputation; but, in spite of all his efforts, the jury found a verdict of \$1000 for the plaintiff, which was considered, in view of all the adverse circumstances, a great triumph.

In the spring of 1838, Mr. Jordan, with his law-partner, Edward Clark, Esq., removed from Hudson to the city of New York. From May, 1838, to the spring of 1860, Mr. Jordan was continuously engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of New York, with the exception of two years, during which he filled the office of attorney-general of the State of New York, and had his official residence at Albany. During this long period of twenty-two years he was retained and prominently engaged in a large proportion of the severely litigated causes which occupied the courts of New York.

It is impossible in a sketch like this even to allude to the many important trials of causes in which he took a conspicuous part. It will be sufficient to say that he was opposed from time to time, and almost constantly, to the foremost advocates at the New York bar. His success in those forensic struggles was satisfactory to his clients and himself, and was equal to his distinguished reputation for ability and eloquence.

Mr. Jordan was always too much engrossed with his professional labors to have time or inclination to accept political office. But his views in regard to political parties and governmental policies were always distinct, and were freely avowed and advocated. Besides holding the office of attorney-general, as before stated, he was at one time elected to the senate of the State of New York, but resigned the office before the end of his term. He was also a member of a convention to revise the constitution of the State of New York, and served in that capacity with much industry and ability.

After a painful and lingering illness, Mr. Jordan died at his residence in the city of New York, on July 16, 1865.

Appendix III

Unadilla Masons of Freedom Lodge 324 - 1854 to 1902

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+ = deceased Init. = Initiated R. = Raised
* = present members J. = Joined

A. B. Watson +, Charter Member, 1854	Samuel Jenkins, Initiated, June 14, 1859	Lewis Ireland, R., Nov 28, 1865
R. G. Mead +, Charter Member, 1854	Ziba Bronson +, J., June 28, 1859	Milton J. Baker +, R., Oct 10, 1865
A. D. Williams +, Charter Member, 1854	Sylvester Arms +, R., May 1, 1860	Alanson H. Meeker, R., Nov 14, 1865
Joel Bragg +, Charter Member, 1854	Orson Bartlett +, R., May 1, 1860	Andrew J. Dibble, J., Jan 23, 1866
M. B. Luther +, Charter Member, 1854	Charles J. White +, R., Feb 23, 1864	George B. Fellows *, R., March 29, 1866
O.F.W. Crane +, Charter Member, 1854	Henry S. Hodges +, R., Dec 16, 1860	Horace E. Bailey, R., May 8, 1866
John Gray +, R., March 28, 1854	James Goodrich +, R., Feb 5, 1861	C.M. Baker +, R., May 8, 1866
W.J. Thompson +, R., Apr 11, 1854	Horace G. Phelps, R., July 16, 1861	Chauncey Eckerson, R., June 1, 1867
W.A. Smith +, Passed, March 28, 1854	Francis G. Bolles +, R., Nov 12, 1861	S.N. Clark, J., May 22, 1866
Isaac Sterling +, R., May 9, 1854	George F. White, R., July 16, 1861	George W. Rogers, R., Nov 7, 1866
Joshua Houghtalin +, J., Feb 21, 1854	Chauncey Slade +, R., July 16, 1861	Rufus B. Myrick, R., May 14, 1867
C.W. Hayes +, J., Feb 21, 1854	Gilbert B. Scoffield, R., Sep 17, 1861	George F. Rifenburg, R., June 1, 1867
C.S. Rogers +, J., March 14, 1854	Hiram Scoffield +, R., Apr 22, 1862	Henry E. Bartlett, R., May 16, 1867
Loring Brown +, J., March 14, 1854	Charles N. Hughston, R., Nov 18, 1862	Andrew J. Sands +, J., Apr 9, 1867
Elisha W. Thompson +, J., Apr 25, 1854	James H. Hunt +, R., March 31, 1863	Frederick A. Shaw, R., Oct 22, 1867
William Betts +, J., Feb 21, 1854	Peter Shafer, R., Oct 20, 1863	David Finch, R., Nov 5, 1867
D.P. Loomis +, R., Dec 12, 1854	Thornton Clyde +, J., Oct 20, 1863	Charles W. Niles +, R., Nov 5, 1867
Thomas F. Fish, R., Dec 12, 1854	Delos O. Thompson +, R., Dec 16, 1863	James A. Hughston, Pass'd, Jun 29, 1867
Ira E. Sherman +, R., Nov 28, 1854	William A. Parker +, R., Dec 16, 1863	Watson Basil +, R., Jan 7, 1868
P. Edel +, J., Nov 28, 1854	Frank B. Arnold +, R., Dec 16, 1863	R.F. Baker, R., June 19, 1868
Robert S. Houghston +, R., Feb 13, 1855	Spaulding F. Witter, R., Dec 16, 1863	Porter D. Searles, R., May 25, 1869
Michael First +, R., Feb 12, 1855	Clark F. Bersee, R., Jan 5, 1864	J.T. Wilkins, R., Nov 10, 1868
Joel C. Bragg +, R., May 22, 1855	Willis C. Edson +, R., Feb 2, 1864	Hiram Borst, J., Nov 10, 1868
Jonas A. Houghston +, R., Oct 23, 1855	William H. Nichols, R., Feb 23, 1864	Wesley Mulford *, R., Sep 26, 1869
John A. Nye, R., May 1, 1855	Charles S. Bradford +, R., Feb 23, 1864	J.W. Ostrander, R., Apr 27, 1869
William J. Houghston, R., May 29, 1855	Frank M. Burdick, R., March 15, 1864	Andrew Allen +, R., Apr 10, 1877
Manape Shapskey, R., June 26, 1855	Edward Fern, R., May 24, 1864	Thomas D. Kingston, R., July 27, 1869
Marx Rosenthal, R., July 11, 1855	George D. Siver, R., July 26, 1864	Geo. P. Humphrey +, R., July 27, 1869
Michael Levi, R., June 26, 1855	John Burgess +, J., May 17, 1864	John Gates, Initiated, July 13, 1869
David Blanckensee, R., July 11, 1855	Henry S. Phelps, R., July 26, 1864	Henry D. Loenard, R., Sep 16, 1869
Daniel Dewey +, J., Oct 9, 1855	Nelson Vandyke, J., Sep 27, 1864	Abram Houck, R., Jan 4, 1870
Hyatt Foote +, R., Apr 1, 1856	G.H. French, J., Apr 5, 1864	Gideon J. Cook, R., Jan 4, 1870
William Dewey +, R., Apr 29, 1856	William N. Elwell, R., Apr 20, 1865	A. Marcellus Jr., R., Feb 25, 1870
Jonas Hirschfield, R., May 13, 1856	S.U. Ismond, R., Jan 24, 1865	Wm. H. Hasbrouck, R., Feb 25, 1870
J.E. Owen, J., Apr 1, 1856	Lewis Bennett, R., Jan 10, 1865	Harvey J. Roe, R., March 8, 1870
Samuel Salinger +, R., July 15, 1856	John T. Holmes, R., March 14, 1865	Chester K. Allen *, R., March 8, 1870
David E. Barr, R., Sep 16, 1856	George W. Coy, R., March 14, 1865	Charles A. Boorn, R., March 8, 1870
Thomas Nye +, R., Apr 21, 1857	Charles L. Pope, R., March 14, 1865	H.J. Denio, J., Feb 22, 1870
Casper Lowenstein, R., Sep 15, 1857	Tustin Dibble +, R., May 9, 1865	John I. Hariny +, J., Jan 25, 1870
Martin L. Rogers +, Init., Sep 29, 1857	Thomas C. Monroe, R., May 9, 1865	M.W. Dulcy +, J., March 23, 1870
Loyal Nye +, R., Nov 10, 1857	Alfred C. Bailey, R., Apr 25, 1865	S.R. Curtis, J., Apr 26, 1870
J.J. Rogers +, J., Nov 10, 1857	Emmet H. Scott, R., June 13, 1865	B.M. Rose, R., May 26, 1870
Marx Lipmann, R., June 8, 1858	Austin L. Welch, R., Oct 14, 1865	John C. Boyce, Initiated, May 10, 1870
William Crandall, R., Apr 19, 1859	John A. Clark, R., July 25, 1865	Wm. T. Finch +, R., June 27, 1870
Hiram Edgerton +, R., Apr 19, 1859	Oliver Curtis +, R., Sep 20, 1865	Charles M. Thompson, R., June 27, 1870
Francis A. White, R., March 15, 1859	D.M. Shellam, R., July 25, 1865	Albert H. Dresser, R., July 26, 1870
C.D. Thompson +, R., May 17, 1859	Charles C. Siver +, R., Oct 10, 1865	Oscar H. Young, R., Sep 14, 1870
William Smith +, R., May 24, 1859	Levi Bartle +, R., Nov 14, 1865	

Nathan S. Young, R., Oct 2, 1870
 Charles S. Hyatt *, R., Dec 3, 1870
 Edward F. Bacon, R., Jan 24, 1871
 Eliphlett Bassell, R., May 27, 1871
 Charles T. Perry, R., June 27, 1871
 John W. LaMoine +, R., May 9, 1871
 Ephraim Myers, R., Sep 24, 1872
 James L. Phelps, R., May 27, 1871
 Caleb Batterson +, R., June 27, 1871
 W.H. Lounsbury +, R., Sep 9, 1873
 John Herald, J., May 24, 1870
 G.W. Schultz *, J., May 24, 1870
 James White *, J., March 28, 1871
 Horace G. Phelps, J., Aug 9, 1870
 William Gowdy +, J., Aug 9, 1870
 J.V.E. Winne, R., Sep 26, 1871
 C.F. Nichols, R., Sep 26, 1871
 G.W. Thomas, R., Sep 5, 1876
 Albert King, R., Jan 23, 1872
 E.J. Stever, R., Jan 23, 1872
 G.F. Butler, R., March 26, 1872
 C.T. Stafford +, R., March 26, 1872
 W.H. Avery, R., March 26, 1872
 W.C. Hanford *, R., March 26, 1872
 E.W. Dutcher, R., June 25, 1872
 Thomas Elliott +, R., Nov 23, 1872
 Henry Crooker *, R., Dec 24, 1872
 W.A. Caldwell, R., Nov 26, 1872
 G.G. Steele, R., Jan 14, 1873
 Amos Avery, R., Jan 14, 1873
 D.D. Curtis *, R., March 14, 1873
 C.W. Herdman, R., March 25, 1873
 Arthur M. Buckley, R., Apr 9, 1873
 M.B. Luther +, J., Dec 10, 1872
 Morris McDonald +, Init., Aug 12, 1873
 A.G. Strong, J., Aug 12, 1873
 Thomas J. Wright, R., March 10, 1874
 Lucius Parsons, R., July 28, 1874
 Oscar Wendell, R., Apr 17, 1875
 Louis G. Brown, R., March 9, 1875
 W.H. Heslop +, R., Apr 17, 1875
 T.L. Arms, R., March 28, 1876
 J.O. Griffin, R., March 28, 1876
 W.E. DeForest +, R., May 9, 1876
 Richard J. Nichols, J., Oct 20, 1875
 E.P. Randall, R., July 25, 1876
 A.E. Jones +, R., July 25, 1876
 John T. Peck, R., Sep 5, 1876
 E.A. Wheeler, R., Sep 5, 1876
 W.P. Emory, R., Feb 27, 1877
 A. Wheeler, J., Sep 26, 1876
 W.B. Warfield *, R., July 2, 1877
 T.H. Morse *, R., July 24, 1877
 F.M. Sisson *, R., Aug 14, 1877
 Zeno C. Brewster, R., Sep 25, 1877
 Clark F. Brazer, J., Nov 27, 1877
 Roscoe A. Brewster, R., Apr 8, 1879
 Nelson B. Gregory +, J., March 11, 1879
 William H. Mudford *, R., Dec 23, 1879
 Thaddeus F. Truman, R., Dec 9, 1879
 Paris G. Clark *, J., Dec 9, 1879
 Samuel Johnson, R., Apr 23, 1878
 David S. Truman, R., Apr 13, 1880
 Theodore O. Hickok, R., Apr 27, 1880
 George A. Morgan, R., Apr 1, 1880
 Harry P. Guy, R., Apr 13, 1880
 R.M. Clark *, R., Apr 27, 1880
 W. DeLancey Wilson, R., Apr 13, 1880
 George Gerald, R., June 8, 1880
 John N. Hanford, J., May 25, 1880
 Lewis T. Marshall +, R., Nov 9, 1880
 Henry J. Hyer +, R., Nov 9, 1880
 Adelbert H. Watkins, R., Nov 9, 1880
 John D. Leith *, J., Jan 11, 1881
 David R. Bassell, R., Sep 13, 1881
 Olney A. Gifford, R., Jan 10, 1882
 Henry H. Buckley, R., Sep 19, 1881
 William D. Buckley, R., June 28, 1881
 William A. Fry +, J., May 24, 1881
 August F. Wing, J., July 12, 1881
 Joseph E. Lonergan +, R., Dec 27, 1881
 Robert A. Stenson +, J., Dec 27, 1881
 Samuel Homan *, J., Jan 24, 1882
 James E. Todd *, R., Apr 25, 1882
 George A. Davie, R., July 11, 1882
 James Ryder +, J., July 11, 1882
 Eugene L. Phillips *, J., Aug 23, 1882
 Edson S. Jennings +, R., Nov 14, 1882
 Marcus A. Bogart, Passed, Feb 7, 1883
 Amos Woodruff, J., Nov 14, 1882
 James N. Lee *, R., Feb 14, 1883
 George H. Dibble, R., Oct 15, 1883
 William R. Turner, R., Oct 23, 1883
 Austin L. Miller, R., Jan 29, 1884
 David M. Baker *, R., May 19, 1884
 Frank Richards, R., March 11, 1884
 Lewis S. Tuttle, R., Feb 26, 1884
 Charles L. Ives, R., May 30, 1884
 Charles A. Burr, R., May 30, 1884
 Herman J. Goldman, J., Aug 6, 1883
 William Stewart +, R., Oct 28, 1884
 Samuel F. Cumber, R., June 27, 1884
 Aaron G. Burr, R., June 27, 1884
 William H. Sewell, J., May 28, 1884
 William W. Dilworth, R., Aug 26, 1884
 Clarence L. VanEtten, R., Aug 26, 1884
 Charles W. Burnside, R., Jan 13, 1885
 Jasper Johnson +, R., Oct 28, 1884
 Gustave Emerich *, R., Nov 23, 1884
 Thomas N. Poole, R., Nov 23, 1884
 Harlow W. Pease, J., May 13, 1884
 Horace Ives, J., Jan 13, 1885
 Edward J. Isham +, R., March 14, 1885
 Frank A. Heath, R., March 14, 1885
 Ellis Knapp, R., Apr 14, 1885
 Fred S. Brien, J., March 14, 1885
 Ezra S. Brewster, R., May 26, 1885
 Willis L. Brown, R., May 26, 1885
 Warren Curtis *, J., May 26, 1885
 Orlando W. Briggs, J., May 26, 1885
 Arthur S. Barnes, R., Sep 8, 1885
 Clark W. Hoffman *, R., March 8, 1886
 Lucius C. Connelly *, R., March 2, 1886
 Joseph Finch *, R., March 8, 1886
 Robert F. Sullivan +, R., March 2, 1886
 Darius D. Tingley, J., March 2, 1886
 Alfred Wadsworth *, R., June 8, 1886
 Gaylord B. Wakeman *, R., Sep 14, 1886
 James Sheppard, R., Sep 27, 1886
 Loyal S. Nye, J., Nov 9, 1886
 William G. Hotaling *, R., Jan 11, 1887
 John Raymond, R., Apr 12, 1887
 William S. Phelps *, R., May 24, 1887
 Daniel H. Loomis *, R., May 24, 1887
 Hiram O. Newell, R., May 24, 1887
 Leonard G. Allis *, R., May 24, 1887
 Patrick Lane, R., Sep 13, 1887
 John T. Peck, J., July 1, 1887
 Frank A. Gallup *, R., February 28, 1888
 Lewis H. Chamberlin, J., March 27, 1888
 Milo C. Gregory *, R., June 12, 1888
 S. LaVern Burnford *, R., June 12, 1888
 Lewis H. Burnside, R., July 24, 1888
 Leslie E. Bogart, R., July 24, 1888
 H.L. Bundy, J., June 26, 1888
 Robert S. Courtney *, R., Nov 9, 1888
 James H. Benedict *, R., Nov 9, 1888
 Lewis H. Bedient, R., Nov 9, 1888
 Burroughs Eldredge, R., Feb 23, 1889
 Alvah E. Knapp, R., Jan 8, 1889
 Marvin L. Duley *, R., July 23, 1889
 Levi Bartle +, J., May 14, 1889
 Datus O. Palmer *, R., Nov 28, 1889
 Fred J. Joyce *, J., Nov 12, 1889
 H.D. Hanford *, R., Dec 10, 1889
 Robert Sommerville *, R., Jan 14, 1890
 Russ S. Smith, R., Apr 22, 1890
 Fred M. Sullivan, R., Jan 27, 1891
 Jeremiah Tenbroeck, R., Feb 13, 1891
 S. Horace Chapin *, R., Feb 27, 1891
 S. Lloyd Edgerton *, R., Feb 27, 1891
 William H. Sisson *, R., Nov 10, 1891
 Philip Brady *, R., Oct 27, 1891
 A.B. McLauren, R., Apr 17, 1893
 Charles C. Christain *, R., March 8, 1892
 Ralph Messenger, J., March 10, 1892
 Ely Tupper *, R., March 22, 1892
 Edward W. Green, R., Oct 11, 1892
 Fred D. Seaman *, R., Nov 22, 1892
 Olin E. Blanding, R., Nov 22, 1892
 Leroy E. Harris *, R., Nov 22, 1892
 Burdell LaMoine *, R., May 8, 1893
 William H. Crooker *, J., Apr 12, 1892
 William H. Hitt *, J., Feb 18, 1893
 S.S. Phillips *, J., Feb 13, 1893
 J.M. Crandall *, J., Apr 21, 1893
 William B. Wendall, J., May 9, 1893
 Miles Houser *, R., March 13, 1894
 Fred F. Wendall, R., March 13, 1894
 John B. Evans, J., March 27, 1894
 Charles H. Boyce, Init., March 27, 1894
 Fred W. Whitney +, R., July 10, 1894
 H.A. Williams *, R., July 10, 1894
 Thomas J. Anderson *, R., Oct 9, 1894
 Frank H. Cole, R., March 12, 1894
 George Harris *, J., Nov 27, 1894
 Frank J. LeCount Jr +, R., Feb 12, 1895
 Andrew Hummel *, R., June 25, 1895
 Mason Dewit *, R., Nov 26, 1895
 Fred A. Strohman, J., Nov 26, 1895
 Graham Henry *, R., March 10, 1896
 George D. Raitt *, R., March 24, 1896
 Frank D. Morse, R., March 10, 1896
 Louis Fluckiger *, J., Apr 8, 1896
 John H. Fisk +, R., Sep 8, 1896
 George K. Storie *, R., Sep 8, 1896
 S. James McKee, J., Jan 12, 1897
 Frederick A. Strohman, J., Feb 9, 1897
 Elihu C. Brockway *, R., Apr 27, 1897
 James J. Collins *, J., Apr 13, 1897
 Maurice N. Sines *, R., July 27, 1897
 Edgar Foreman *, R., Feb 8, 1898
 Charles A. Winchester *, J., (no date)
 Charles Bishop Jr. *, R., March 22, 1898
 Emil Hildebrandt, Passed, Sep 27, 1898
 Merwin Y. Webster, Init., Sep 22, 1898
 Charles C. Flaesch *, R., Apr 25, 1899
 Stephen A. Douglass *, R., Jan 9, 1900
 Ezra G. Rowley *, R., Feb 23, 1900
 George L. Casler *, R., March 27, 1900

William H. Field *, R., Apr 24, 1900
Daniel G. Lawson *, J., Apr 10, 1900
William D. Hanford *, R., June 12, 1900
George S. Hard *, R., June 12, 1900
Patrick H. Carney *, R., June 29, 1900
Fred N. Parsons *, R., Nov 12, 1900
George I. Huftalen *, R., Nov 27, 1900
Hyman Cramer *, R., Dec 25, 1900
Daniel W. Orcutt *, R., June 24, 1901
Chas. M. Cruickshank, R., Feb 11, 1901

Arthur D. Birdsall *, R., March 12, 1901
Albro W. Doan *, J., Feb 26, 1901
Robert Homan *, R., March 26, 1901
William H. Paul *, R., March 12, 1901
Arthur N. Multer *, R., May 14, 1901
Fred B. Fowler *, R., July 12, 1901
Edwin R.D. Briggs *, J., Sep 19, 1901
Howard L. Potter *, R., Aug 13, 1901
George N. Griswold *, J., Nov 19, 1901
Robert S. Balestier *, R., Oct 8, 1901

Frederick J.H. Berg *, J., Dec 10, 1901
Frederick Bailey *, R., Jan 28, 1902
Robert H. Nichols *, R., Jan 28, 1902
Frank E. Butler *, R., Feb 11, 1902
John L. Thomas *, R., Apr 8, 1902
Charles T. Morse *, R., Apr 8, 1902
Stuart D. Haight *, R., May 13, 1902
Jasper J. White *, R., Nov 25, 1902.

