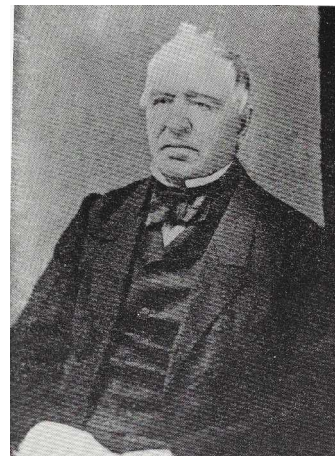


Joseph Enos, Jr.

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Ref. "Joseph Enos, Jr. Portrait," by Earle D. Armstrong, Transactions, American Lodge of Research, Vol. VIII, No. 1, 29 Jan 1960 to 27 Dec 1860.

The photograph presented tonight to The American Lodge of Research by R.'W.'. Wendell K. Walker is a personal gift. The larger portrait now occupying the once blank space in the gallery of portraits of Past Grand Masters was conceived by the alertness of R.'W.'. John Sherrar, who, noting the void, called it to my attention. It was made and given to Grand Lodge by Brother Edward Vantine, a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 120. The negative, from which these copies were made, was made from a framed photograph hanging in the anteroom of Hamilton Lodge No. 120. No one knows when, where, or by whom it was made.



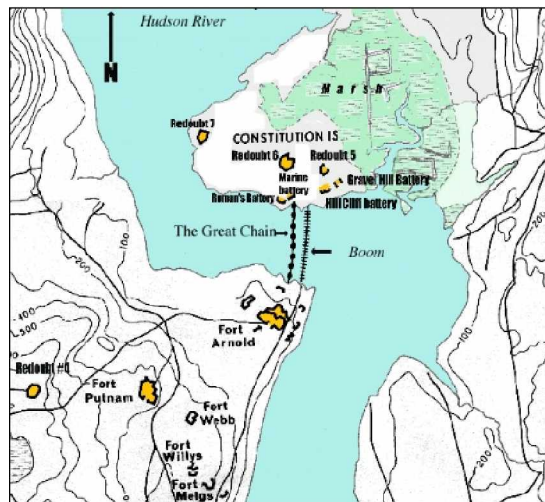
Someone once said, "One picture is better than a thousand words." It is quite possible that this picture may have to be accepted in lieu of a detailed account of the private life of our seventh Grand Master. After three months of reading proceedings, local histories and old newspapers; or corresponding with secretaries of lodges, chapters, and historical societies, and talking with descendants of the Enos Family, I am about ready to concede that he had little, if any, time to devote to the life of the communities in which he lived.

This belief is strengthened when I stumbled upon a recommendation made to Grand Lodge on June 1, 1814¹, which had to do with the then unsatisfactory Grand Visitor system. The following quotes seem of special significance:

" . . . The State be divided into three Grand Masonic Districts for Visitation."

" . . . The Third District to consist of the Western District and the Counties of Clinton and Franklin."

" . . . and the Worshipful Brother Enos, of Eaton, in the County of Madison, be appointed Right Worshipful Grand Visitor of the Third District." The recommendation concludes with the following, ". . . in addition to their expenses a suitable compensation shall be allowed to the Grand Visitors." These recommendations were unanimously adopted.² If to this the following is added, taken from the Grand Treasurer's Report, ". . . To the R.'W.'. Joseph Enos, Grand Visitor of the Third District, for one year's service to 3rd Jun 1818 - \$910.00,³ it would appear the office of Grand Visitor was a full time job.



The subject of the portrait was **the son of Colonel Joseph Enos**, a Revolutionary Officer and patriot. The Colonel, with another, is credited with having been largely responsible for the chain which was stretched across the Hudson River at Crown Point during the Revolution.⁴

[Note: There was a great chain across the Hudson River at West Point, but I can find no reference to one a 'Crown Point,' nor any reference to Joseph Enos being connected with either, nor a record of his being a Colonel. The chain on the Hudson at West Point was largely the engineering design of Bro. Thomas Machin, a separate and extensive biography of whom is available elsewhere in the OMDHS archives. Finding personal information for Joseph Enos, Jr. is possible, but more like viewing the hole of donut. There is very little person information about Joseph Jr., but an overview of some of his life is extracted below from brief biographical information about his father and siblings—g.l.h.]

Joseph Jr. was **Raised in Unity Lodge No. 17** (now No. 9) [Canaan, Columbia, NY] in 1794, serving his Lodge as Master in 1803-1805. Unity Lodge, chartered in 1788 [18 Sep], is located in Lebanon Springs, Columbia County, formerly known as New Lebanon, and is still functioning.⁵ . . . [ref. *Masonic Outlook*, May 1929].

Sometime during the year 1806 Joseph Jr., with two brothers, Benjamin and David C., left New Lebanon and moved to Eaton, in Madison County, or its vicinity.⁶ Shortly afterward Joseph moved into the village and lived at the right of road, near the foot of the grade, as you come in from West Eaton.⁶ He remained in the village until 1831, when he moved his family to Allegany County.⁷ Mrs. Grace Darrow Collins, a descendant of the Darrow Family and neighbors of Joseph, has among her records a notation to the effect that he went to Dansville. (Thus far unconfirmed. EDA) [his daughter, Thankful, resided in both Dansville and Buffalo—g.l.h.]

Note: the source of the above information, cited as footnote no. 6, specifically wrote:

"Joseph Enos, a native of New Lebanon, NY, came also in 1806, and located on a farm adjoining David Darrow on the east. The old road passing from Pierceville across " half moon bridge," at the head of the factory pond, passed by the doors of Mr. Darrow and Mr. Enos. The old orchard of the Enos farm has still a few trees left to indicate its location. Mr. Enos afterwards removed to Eaton village, where he lived till 1831, when he changed his residence to Allegany County. He held town offices and was a very popular man. Among the Masons he is reputed to have been a member of great influence and thoroughly

versed in masonic knowledge. Possessing most courteous and agreeable manners, he won his way wherever he went. David Enos, a brother of Joseph, yet resides at West Eaton." [g.l.h. 2010]

One historian said this about our young pioneer: "He held town office (unconfirmed EDA) and was a very popular man. Among Masons he is reputed to have been a member of great influence and thoroughly versed in Masonic knowledge. Possessing most courteous and agreeable manners, he won his way wherever he went."⁸ The only reference to any business activity, found thus far, has this to say: "... other early industries not yet mentioned were a distillery which was built in 1815 by Joseph Enos."⁹

A further reference may be found at [g.l.h.]:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nymadiso/1880-49.htm>

A distillery was built near the site of Mr. Wadsworth's present residence in 1815 by **Joseph Enos**, and operated about three years. . . . the old house built by Barry Carter and Isaac Sage and located on the lot west from Mr. Brownell's, was the only public house in the village. It was built in 1811 or 1812 and was a favorite resort. Among the early proprietors were . . . D. Enos, **Jos. Enos**,

When we speak of the Masonic activities of Joseph Enos Jr., we are on very solid ground, for not only do they speak for themselves but are a matter of record, yet not without a tragic overtone. It must have been such service the Committee had in mind when the Fifty Year Service Medal was conceived by Grand Lodge in the early 1830's.

Brother Enos served Hamilton Lodge No. 121 (now No. 120), as Master in 1813-18-20-23 and 26.¹⁰ It is very possible he was to some degree responsible for having the Lodge moved to Eaton in 1817, where it remained until its dissolution in 1827.¹¹ The Lodge did not return to Hamilton until 1847, when its charter was returned, following the Morgan incident, and its number became 120.¹²

His Grand Lodge career began with his appointment as Grand Visitor of the Third District in 1814,¹³ in which capacity he served for five years. [9 Jun 1820, R.'W.'. Enos reported that he had visited 117 Lodges from which he had received dues amounting to \$1,956.60.] On 5 and 6 Jun 1822 he is recorded at GL as P.G.V. [Past Grand Visitor] "as Junior Grand Warden,"¹⁴ although I can find no record of his ever having been elected to the office. It is interesting to note in passing that at this same Communication he was a member of a committee, "to consider a communication relating to the formation of a General Grand Lodge."¹⁵ In 1819 he served on a committee, "to settle a uniform mode of work for the Lodges under this Jurisdiction."¹⁶

6 Jun 1822 saw the first upstate Mason elected to the office of Grand Master,¹⁷ in the person of Joseph Enos Jr, holding this office for three years [he is recorded on 7 Jun 1822 as "G.M. elect – and appears 'in the Chair' on 12 Jun 1822; he next appears 'in the chair' on 4 Jun 1823, and was 'duly elected' as 'Grand Master' on 5 Jun 1823 - g.l.h.]. His election, together with a combination of circumstances, was undoubtedly responsible for the unfortunate split in Grand Lodge, resulting in two Grand Lodges, Country and City.¹⁸ To the everlasting credit of the Masons of New York State cool heads prevailed, the differences were resolved and peaceably buried, where they have remained these many years.

It was during this period of unrest and indecision that Enos was accused of irregularity in the handling of some of the finances of Grand Lodge, charges which were never pressed.¹⁹ I believe the difficulty was caused by the general mix-up in accounting and record keeping, due to the division of the Grand Lodge, rather than to any dishonest intent.

A far more brilliant chapter was written by this same Joseph Enos in the annals of Capitular Masonry.

On 1 Feb 1803 at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter there is mention of, "... – Enos" as being present.²⁰ However in February 1804 there can be no confusing the name for it clearly states, "Joseph Enos."²¹ In the Convocation of 1 Feb 1853, fifty years later, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that a warrant be granted to Joseph Enos, H.'P.'.; Johnathan Richardson, K.: B. L. Bull, S.; and others, to hold a Chapter at Wellsville, in the County of Allegany, by the name of Wellsville Chapter, No. 143."²²

Enos was appointed Grand Visitor for Western New York in 1809, serving as such for 34 years,²³ was elected Grand Scribe for three successive years²³ and Grand King for twelve more.²⁴ He served on important committees too numerous to mention.²⁶

In 1866 the grim reaper beckoned our illustrious Brother. I would like to close with a quotation from the Memorial Resolution adopted by Grand Chapter on 7 Feb 1867.²⁷

"These Companions, whose places here will know them no more forever, were endeared to us by their manly and noble traits of character, their integrity and fidelity as citizens, and their unswerving zeal and attachment to the Craft.

"For over half a century our veteran Companion Enos was an intelligent and indefatigable workman, a wise counselor, and a faithful Companion. Selected to fill high parts of trust and honor, he ever discharged their duties to the advantage and satisfaction of his brethren; we shall long miss his genial smile and friendly greeting in our broken circle.

"R.'E.'. Companion Enos filled a place in our Grand Council for a period of fifteen successive years, palmy days of the Craft, from 1811 to 1826, as Grand Scribe and Grand King, and subsequently, when age pressed upon him even still continued to serve the fraternity as instructor in the capacity of Grand Lecturer.

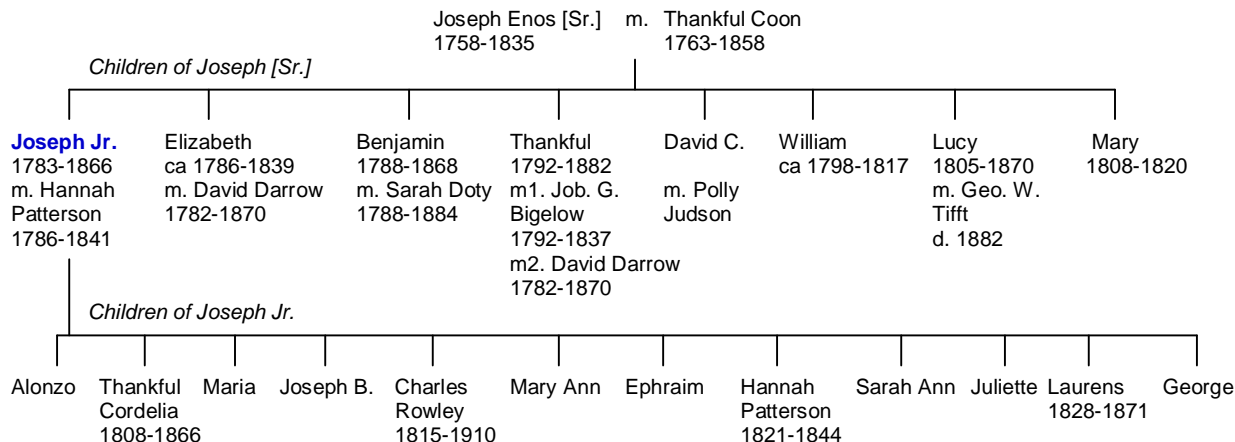
"Companion Enos died in his residence in Allegany County, October 20, 1866."

Notes:

1. GL Proceedings, Vol. I, page 545.
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3. GL Proceedings, Vol II, page 108.
4. Mrs. Elsie Enos Bunny, Old Senate House, Kingston, NY.
5. Masonic Standard, 29 Jul 99, John E. Smith, History of Madison County, page 46.
6. History of Madison County, John E. Smith, page 46.
7. History of Madison County, Mrs. L. M. Hammond, page 298.

8. History of Madison County, Mrs. L. M. Hammond, page 298.
9. History of Madison County, John E. Smith, page 218.
10. Hamilton Lodge No. 120, and Grand Lodge Records.
11. History of Madison County, John E. Smith, p. 216.
12. History of Madison County, John E. Smith, p. 218.
13. GL Proceedings, Vol. I, page 35.
14. GL Proceedings, Vol. II, page 282.
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18. History of Freemasonry in New York State, Ossian Lang.
19. History of Freemasonry in New York State, McClenachan, Vol. II, page 826.
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22. Grand Chapter Proceedings, Vol. I, p. 665.
23. Grand Chapter Proceedings, Index, p. 35.
24. Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1958, p. 254.
25. Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1958, p. 250.
26. Grand Chapter Proceedings, Vols. I and II.
27. Grand Chapter Proceedings, Vol. II, p. 682.

Enos Family



Joseph Enos [Sr.] b. 2 Aug 1758 Richmond, RI; d. 12 Jun 1835 Nassau, NY; bur. Stephentown, Rensselaer, NY, Hillside Cemetery; served several enlistments and rose to the rank of second lieutenant in the Rhode Island militia ['being one of six of the Enos family to served in the Revolution']. His widow received a pension until her death in 1857. [another source says died in Ohio?]; m. Thankful Coon (1763-1858), d/o of David Coon and Thankful Button. [per D.A.R. Lineage Book, Vol. 56, page 382]. He was the son of Benjamin Enos and Elizabeth Parke;

<http://myquest.familytreeguide.com/getperson.php?personID=I20602&tree=T1&PHPSESSID=186c314382ca6a8a5e5892551fcd8e75>

Children:

Joseph Jr. b. 7 Jan 1783 in RI, of New Lebanon, NY; d. 31 Oct 1866, Allegany Co., NY, age 39.

Elizabeth b. ca 1786; d. 9 Jan 1839, age 53 [t.s.]; m. 31 May 1804 **David Darrow** (who m2. her sister, Thankful . . . see below).

Benjamin b. 13 Feb 1788 Richmond, Washington, RI; d. 4 Feb 1868 DeRuyter, Madison, NY; m. 5 Apr 1810, he married Sarah Doty (1788-1884) at Canaan, NY.

Thankful b. 8 Jun 1792 at Nassau, NY; d. **10 Aug 1882, age 89 [t.s.]**; m1. 1818 Job Gardner BIGELOW (1792-1837); m2. 2 Jun 1840 **David Darrow** [q.v.].

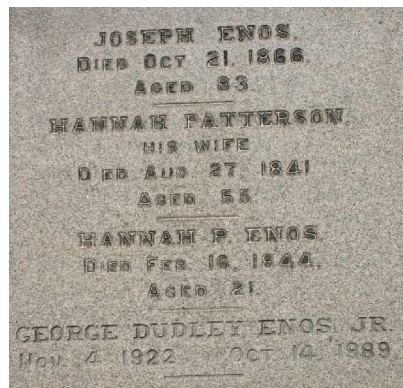
David C. of New Lebanon, Columbia, NY; m. [Mary] Polly Judson of Newtown or Fairfield County, CT.

William b. ca 1798; d. 09 Apr 1817, age 19 years; bur. Stephentown, Rensselaer, NY, Hillside Cemetery.

Lucy b. 02 Dec 1805 New Lebanon, NY; d. 21 Aug 1870, Buffalo, NY; m. 14 Mar 1827 George Washington Tiftt,

Mary b. ca 1808; d. 12 Apr 1820 age 12 years; bur. Stephentown, Rensselaer, NY, Hillside Cemetery.

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Joseph Enos (Jr.) b. Jan. 7, 1783; d. 21 Oct 1866; m. March 28, 1806 Hannah Patterson b., Wethersfield, b. 22 Jun 1786, d. 27 Aug [sic]* 1841; d/o Ephraim Patterson of Sarah Chandler. [Note: Ephraim Patterson was the brother of David Welles Patterson, b. 20 Aug 1771 Concord, who m. Oct 1798 (then of New Lebanon, NY) Sarah Shelton, d/o of Andrew Shelton and Sarah Booth. This David Welles Patterson may have been the David W. Patterson who was Master of Unity Lodge No. 9 from 1809 to 1911, following the Mastership of Joseph Enos from 1803 to 1805.

* Note: Hannah, Joseph's wife, is recorded as being buried in Canaseraga Cemetery, Burns, Allegany, NY, a few miles northeast of Birdsall, NY; b. 1876; d. 27 May [sic] 1841, age 55, 2 mos. – g.l.h.

< Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY

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Children:

1. Alonzo.
2. **Thankful Cordelia**, b. 17 Aug 1808 Eaton, Madison, NY; died 2 May 1866 at Buffalo, Erie, NY, at age 57; m. **Samuel Wilson**, b. 29 Aug 1801 in Level Corner, Lycoming, PA
3. Maria.
4. Joseph B., m. Cornelia S. Gibson.
5. **Charles Rowley**, b. 12 Mar 1815, at West Baton, NY; died 12 May 1910; m. 2 Feb 1845 Eliza Ann Thorp, b. at Boston, England, 11 Mar 1825; died 18 May 1897.
6. Mary Ann, m. W. H. Scott.
7. Ephraim
8. Hannah P. b. ca 1821; d. 16 Feb 1844, age 21.
9. Sarah Ann.
10. Juliette.
11. Laurens, b. 1828/29; d. 6 Feb 1871, Buffalo, Erie, NY; m. Mary E. (Daniels) King, d. 10 Jan 1917 in Buffalo, NY.
12. George Tiff, m. Sarah Elizabeth Sage.

James L. Draper (b. ca. 1857); adopted [indentured] by Joseph Enos of Birdsall, NY, from the Rochester Orphan Asylum.

"Genealogical and family history of western New York: . . ." Vol. 2, edited by William Richard Cutter, page 747.

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Enos Family monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York >

Joseph B. Enos, [not known from where the middle initial "B." came – g.l.h.] great-grandfather ENOS of the present generation of the Enos family of Buffalo, was a farmer of Birdsall, Allegany county, NY, where he died. He was a prominent member of the Masonic order, holding the position of grand lecturer [sic] of the Grand Lodge, State of New York, and was an authority on Masonic ritual and law. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics a Republican. He married Hannah Patterson.

Note: Birdsall is on Black Creek, about 5 miles north of Route 17 in a square defined by Nunda, Dansville, Hornell and Angelica, Allegany, NY. – g.l.h.

Children:

1. Lorenzo, of New York City, deceased. [given as Alonzo above].
2. Joseph [B.], of Waterford, NY; poss. m. Cornelia Stuyvesant, b. Apr 1821; d. 31 Aug 1883.
3. Laurens, settled in Buffalo; m. Mary E. King, who married (second) Judge Charles Daniels.
4. Dr. Charles, removed to Illinois, where he died; studied medicine and graduated M. D. at the age of 59.
5. George.
6. Ephraim P., of whom further.
7. Mary, m. William Scott, of Neenah, Wisconsin. William H. **Scott**, town of Vinland, farmer and stock raiser, **Neenah** P.O. Mr. Scott was born in New Hampshire, 16 May 1816; at the age of twenty he went to Livingston Co., NY, where he followed the lumbering and milling interests until 1846, when he came to Wisconsin and settled upon the present place, where he has had an active pioneer experience of 35 years; in 1841 he was married to Miss Mary **Enos**, who was born in Madison Co., NY; they had a family of two sons and two daughters, all grown to man's and woman's estate.
8. Maria, m. John Brown, of Batavia, New York.
9. Sarah, m. William Crego. of Batavia, New York; one child, Cornelia.
10. Hannah, d. young.
11. Thankful Cordelia, m. [Samuel] Wilson, of Buffalo, New York.



(II) Ephraim P., son of Joseph B. and Hannah (Patterson) Enos, was born at Birdsall, Allegany, NY; died 1861 at Lake Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin. Early in life he removed to Wisconsin, where he purchased a farm midway between Elkhorn and Lake Geneva, where he lived and died. He attended the Baptist church at Elkhorn, and was a Republican in politics. He married 15 Nov 1851 Polly Dinsmore, of Lake Geneva. Children: 1. Joseph, died in infancy. 2. Lucy T., m. Stuyvesant Gibson, of Waterford, NY; children: i. Cornelia, m. Howard Van Santvord, and has children, Margaret and Dorothy; ii. Anna, m. Louis Breslin, of Waterford, and has children. Roscoe and Elizabeth; iii. Robert Stuyvesant, m. Beulah Lewis. 3. Anna E., m. Edward Wilgus, deceased; children: Edward P., University of Michigan, class of 1912, and Laurens Enos Wilgus. 4. Laurens. 5. George Ephraim.

<http://www.conovergenealogy.com/conover-p/p834.htm#i419488>

Thankful Cornelia **Enos** was born on 17 Aug 1808 at Eaton, Madison, NY; daughter of [Joseph Enos](#) and [Hannah Patterson](#); m. [Samuel Wilson](#), son of [Matthew Wilson](#) and [Janet Hepburn](#), on 22 Jan 1829 at Eaton, Madison, NY. Thankful Cornelia Enos and Samuel **Wilson** appeared on the census of 3 Sep 1850 at **North Dansville, Livingston, NY**. real estate value 2,000.00. In the census on 3. Sep 1850 Thankful Cornelia Enos was named Cordelia Enos. She and Samuel **Wilson** appeared on the census of 23. Jun. 1860 at Buffalo, Erie, NY; personal property 600.00. In the census on 23. Jun 1860 Thankful Cornelia Enos was named Cordelia Enos. She died on 2 May 1866 at Buffalo, Erie, NY, at age 57.

Children of Thankful Cornelia Enos and [Samuel Wilson](#)

[Hannah Janet Wilson](#) d. 10 Aug 1885

[Sarah Enos Wilson](#)

[Joseph B. Wilson](#)

[Josephine E. Wilson](#)

[James Hepburn Wilson](#) b. ca 1830; d. 1894

[Charles Enos Wilson](#) b. ca 1832; d. 15 Jul 1852

[Janette Wilson](#) b. ca 1834
[George Samuel Wilson+](#) b. ca 1836; d. 31 Oct 1888
[Cordelia Wilson](#) b. ca 1838
[Mary Matilda Wilson](#) b. ca 1841

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DE WITT CLINTON ENOS, M.D.

It is a pleasure to record the life work of one who is spoken of by those who are living, and who received the benefit of his instructions, as one of the brightest men in the profession of his time, qualified to impart to others that knowledge which he possessed, and so to present the subject matter under consideration that the student became interested and impressed with the fundamental facts upon which to build his future professional attainment.



DE WITT CLINTON ENOS, M.D.

Dr. Enos was born at De Ruyter, Madison, NY, 17 Mar 1820, and died in Brooklyn, NY, 14 Dec 1868. His grandfather was **Joseph Enos of Richmond, RI**, his father **David C. Enos of New Lebanon, Columbia, NY**, and his mother Polly Judson of Newtown or Fairfield County, CT.

He attended the public schools at **West Eaton, NY**, De Ruyter Institute, and Eaton Academy, NY, until 1840; for a few years he taught school at **Dansville, NY**, and began the study of medicine at De Ruyter under the preceptorship of James Whitford, M.D., in 1843, receiving the degree of M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1846. He practised medicine in New York during the years 1846-47, in the latter year removing to the city of Brooklyn.

In 1852 he married Miss Anna Fredericka Trask, a daughter of Alanson Trask of Brooklyn, N. Y. Three children were born— Alanson Trask, Hetty Marquand, and Frank Enos.

Dr. Enos was appointed surgeon of volunteers by Governor Seymour in 1863, and from 1852-68 was surgeon to the Brooklyn City Hospital. Professor of Anatomy Long Island College Hospital, 1860-66, Professor of Operative and Clinical Surgery, Long Island College Hospital, 1867-68. His connection with the Medical Society of the County of Kings dates from 1859; vice-president in 1861, president in 1863, and censor 1864-65. He was one of the original members of the New York Academy of Medicine in 1847, New York Pathological Society and the Brooklyn Medico-Chirurgical Society 1856-66.

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George Washington Tiff, son of John.

George Washington Tiff, married 14 Mar 1827, to Lucy Enos, b. 2 Dec 1805, in New Lebanon, NY; d. 21 Aug 1870, in Buffalo, NY; daughter of Joseph Enos and Thankful Coon. Both bur. in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY, with children.

George Washington Tiff's first business enterprise was the clearing of timber land in the vicinity of his early home. This, with other similar ventures, combined with his natural business sagacity, resulted in his having, when 21 years of age, quite a sum of money for that locality. He remained in Nassau, NY, after his marriage until he was 25 years of age, at which time he removed to his farm, previously purchased, in Orleans County. In 1841 he went to Michigan City, Ind., and engaged in buying and shipping grain. In 1842 he came to Buffalo and formed a co-partnership with the late Dean Richmond in the milling business, and in 1843 he opened a branch of the transportation line, known as the Troy and Michigan Six-day Line,—(did not run on Sundays), under the name of George W. Tiff & Co. Selling his interest in the boats the next year, he formed a partnership with Henry H. Sizerin the produce and commission business. For the nine years following this he gave his attention to the milling business. He was prominent among the founders of the International Bank of Buffalo, of which he was the first president, occupying the position until 1857, the year of the great financial crash, which carried down so many banks and business houses. He among others was compelled to suspend.



In 1857 he took hold of the steam engine company, built blast furnaces and conceived the idea of smelting Lake Superior ore with mineral coal. In 1858 Mr. Tiff became the president of the New York & Lake Erie Railroad. About this time he turned his attention to the improvement of real estate and became an extensive builder, putting up the Tiff House, Buffalo, then the principal hotel of the city; also the Tiff elevator, besides about 74 dwelling houses. Soon after he came to Buffalo he purchased about 600 acres of land in the southern portion of the city, known as the Tiff Farm. This tract he sold, with the exception of a few parcels which he disposed of to his children. He also owned an extensive tract of land in Shelby County, Iowa.

The last twenty years of his life was given chiefly to the management of the Buffalo Engine Works, which was owned by the firm of George W. Tiff, Sons & Co.

Amid all the changes of his eventful life Mr. Tiff always maintained an unimpaired credit; always holding his obligations sacred. He took a deep interest in public affairs, although never accepting office. He was a great admirer of Lincoln and gave largely toward the support of the war.

During the whole of his residence in Buffalo, a period of 40 years, he was identified with the Central Presbyterian Church. George W. Tiff died June 24, 1882, in Buffalo, N. Y.

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Children:

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| i. John Vallett, | b. 28 Mar 1828, in Stephentown, NY; d. 31 Jan 1884. |
| ii. Sarah Ann, | b. 25 Oct 1829, in Stephentown, NY; d. 23 Feb 1903. |
| iii. Mary Louise | b. 1831; 21 Jul 1837 |
| iv. Joseph | b. 1835; d. 1837 |
| iii. Lucy, | b. 10 Apr 1837, in Hulburton, NY; d. 27 Feb 1869 |
| iv. George Harrison | b. 13 Apr 1840, in Holly, NY; d. 25 Jan 1865, on duty as a fireman at the burning of the American Hotel. |
| v. Mary Augusta | b. 24 Jun 1843, in Holly, NY; d. 1907. |

Warren Rice married. October 24, 1907, Grace Ethel Enos, of Denver, Colorado, born in Indiana, in 1885. daughter of Dr. Charles Wolcott Enos and Sara Elizabeth (Cory) Enos, and has children: John Warren (2), born in Winchester, Virginia, October 4, 1909; Elizabeth Shannon, born in Winchester, Virginia, August 28, 1911. Dr. Charles Wolcott Enos was born in Marine, Illinois. Began the practice of medicine in Jerseyville, Illinois, moved to Denver, Colorado, in 1889, where he has continued to practice until the present time. His father, Dr. **Charles Rawly [Rowley] Enos**, was a farmer in Illinois, but in middle life took up the study and practice of medicine and continued in active practice until eighty-four years of age. His mother, Elizabeth (Thorp) Enos, was born in Boston, England, and came to America when thirteen years old.

Grace Ethel Enos (Mrs. Rice) is a lineal descendant of **Ephraim Patterson**, who was born in Stratford, Connecticut, March 22, 1739, and died in New Lebanon, New York, May 3, 1809. He assisted in establishing American Independence. He was sergeant in Captain Strong's company in Hoisington's Rangers, "New Hampshire Scouts," Brigadier-General John Stark's brigade militia, lieutenant in Captain Jabez Vaughan's company in Colonel David Hobart's regiment. See Vermont Revolutionary Rolls, page 802; Archives of State of New York, page 130; State Papers, New Hampshire, Revolutionary Rolls, vol. 2, page 152, and vol. 4, page 253.

Mrs. Rice is a great-great-granddaughter of **Joseph Enos and Thankful Coon**. Joseph Enos served in the capacity of ensign, Lt. & Capt. in the American revolution. See records in Pension Office, Washington, D. C., and Civil and Military List of Rhode Island, vol. 1, page 404. Thankful Coon is a descendant from Scotch nobility [MacCoon]. The name was changed after coming to America.

"History of Jersey County, Illinois" by Oscar Brown Hamilton, page 552.

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Joseph W. ENOS, M. D., one of the most progressive physicians of Jersey County, is successfully engaged in practice at Jerseyville. He was born at Marine, IL, 30 Mar 1858, **a son of Charles R(owley) Enos and Eliza Ann Thorp**, he was born March 12, 1815, at West Batou, NY, and she at Boston, England, 11 Mar 1825. They were married 2 Feb 1845. He died 12 May 1910, and she died 18 May 1897.

The paternal grandfather, **Joseph Enos**, was born in Rhode Island, 7 Jan 1783, and died 21 Oct 1866, and his wife, **Hannah (Patterson) Enos was born at Weatherford, CT, 21 Jun 1786; d. 27 Aug 1841.**

The great-grandfather, **Joseph Enos**, was born in Rhode Island, 2 Aug 1758, and was a soldier in the American Revolution being one of six of the Enos family to serve in this war. He was married at Hopkinson, RI, 5 Jan 1780, to **Thankful Coon**, b. 16 Sep 1763; d. 5 Apr 1858, and he d. at Nassau, NY, 12 Jun 1835.

Charles R. Enos and his wife were married at St. Louis, Mo. He was a mechanic, farmer and physician, and about 1848 moved to Madison County, IL [NY?], where he remained until 1883, when he came to Jerseyville, and practiced medicine as long as his health permitted.

Dr. Joseph W. Enos attended the public schools of Madison County, and in 1879 matriculated at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Medical College, a year later entering Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1881. Immediately thereafter he entered upon a general practice at Jerseyville, but only remained there for three months, and then moved to Edwardsville, IL, and after six years went to Alton, IL, where he conducted a sanitarium for five years. On account of ill health, he sought outdoor life for a time and began conducting a farm in Jersey County, and after two years was sufficiently recovered to resume practice at Jerseyville, where he has since remained with the exception of three years spent in practice at Boulder, Colo., and three years spent at Denver, Colo. Of late years Dr. Enos has specialized in chronic diseases, and has been very successful in his treatment of them. Professionally he belongs to the American Association of Progressive Medicine, American Institute of Homeopathy and the Illinois Homeopathic State Association.

On 9 Feb 1882, Dr. Enos was married to Eva J. Cory at Jerseyville. She was a daughter of Abner and Margaret (Shellman) Cory, born at Jerseyville. Dr. and Mrs. Enos had the following children: Helen Augusta, who is Mrs. Albert Harral of East St. Louis, IL; Margaret Leone, who is Mrs. Loren Oscar Lendon of Alton, IL; Joseph Dudley, who lives at Bald Mountain, Colo., married Marian Viola Richards; Florence Elizabeth who is Mrs. George Albert Works of Vernon, TX; Edna Corey, who died at the age of six years, and Edith C., who died at the age of a few months. Mrs. Enos died 7 Jul 1900. On 3 Mar 1903, Dr. Enos was married (second) to Margaret J. Taylor, born 28 Aug 1874, at Topeka, KS, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Yerkes) Taylor of Illinois. Dr. Enos is

independent in his political views. **Fraternally he is a Chapter Mason, belonging to the Jerseyville lodge**, and he is also a member of Jerseyville Lodge No. 954, B. P. O. E.

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

Benjamin Enos b. 13 Feb 1788 Richmond, Washington, RI; d. 4 Feb 1868 DeRuyter, Madison, NY was a politician. He was the **son of Joseph Enos and Thankful (Coon) Enos**. On 5 Apr 1810, he married Sarah Doty (1788-1884) at Canaan, NY. In 1814, they settled in DeRuyter, NY.

He was a member from Madison County of the NY State Assembly in 1834, 1839 and 1840. He was Supervisor of the Town of DeRuyter in 1837. In 1842, he was elected by the NY State Legislature a canal commissioner. As a member of the Hunker faction of the Democratic Party, he was NY State Treasurer from 1845 to 1846.

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page 709.

SARAH DOTY, dau. of Samuel Doty and Anna Shepard, b. Canaan, NY, 21 Sep 1788; m. there 5 Apr 1810, **Benjamin Enos**, b. Richmond, RI, 13Feb 1788, **son Joseph Enos and Thankful Coon**. They removed, 1814, to De Ruyter. Madison, NY, where he d. 4 Feb 1868, and she d. 22 Jul 1884, aged nearly 96.

Mr. Enos was three times elected as one of the Representatives of Madison County in the Assembly of the State of New York and for three years was Canal Commissioner and one year State Treasurer.

Children;

- i. MATHEW WELLS, b. 14 Mar 1816; d. 14 Jan 1817.
- ii. SENA ANN, b. 17 Feb 1818.
- iii. SAMUEL DOTY, b. 02 Sep 1820.

9519. SAMUEL DOTY, son Simeon Doty, b. Sharon. CT, 4 Jun 1756; m. Chatham, NY, 1784, Anna Shepard or Shepherd, b. there 27 Sep 1704. He was a farmer. Chatham. She d. there May 1804. He d. Burtonville, Montgomery, NY, Aug 1843.

The town of Chatham. Columbia, NY, was not formed till 1795. Previous to that it was a part of the town of Canaan.

He was a Revolutionary soldier. Went first as a privateersman from Stonington, Ct ; was taken prisoner, carried to New York and imprisoned there on one of the old prison ships. In his later days he was accustomed to relate to his grandchildren how, at this time, he was obliged to eat wharf rats to appease his hunger. When released he went with Montgomery's expedition to Canada, and spoke of that winter as the happiest of his life. At Burgoyne's invasion again took his musket and arrived at Saratoga just in time to witness the surrender of Burgoyne.

In the Revolutionary records of State of New York at Albany, NY, it is recorded that he served in Captain Jacob Van Alen's company of Colonel Van Rensselaer's regiment.

Children, b. Chatham or Canaan. N.Y.

- i. Abijah, b. 03 Oct 1785.
- ii. ABNER, b. 21 Mar 1787.
- iii. **SARAH, b. 21 Sep 1788.**
- iv. ASENATH, b. 01 Jul 1790.
- v. SIMEON, b. 12 Jul 1792; d. Mar 1815, from disease contracted in the army.
- vi. JOSEPH SHEPARD, b. 04 Dec 1794.
- vii. ANNA SHEPARD, b. 12 Apr 1796.
- viii. SAMUEL, b. 11 Oct 1797.
- ix. MARTHA C, b. 30 Jun 1799; m. Elijah Davis: lived E Chatham.
- x. ELIZA, b. 25 Feb 1801.
- xi. RHODA, b. 10 Oct 1802.

9424. SIMEON DOTY, son John Doty and his wife, Elizabeth, b. Rochester, MA, about 1727.

The first record of Simeon Doty is found at Sharon, CT, where, in 1759 he is a witness to a deed signed by his brother, Captain Samuel Doty. He probably removed to Sharon from Rochester or Wareham, MA, with, or shortly after, his brother, who came there in 1747. About 1760 he removed to Chatham, in the town of Canaan, Columbia, NY. He was a deacon in the church there and died greatly respected, 3 Apr 1807, aged 80.

Children:

- i. JOHN. m. Fanny Mervin and removed to Johnstown, NY; nothing further known of him.
- ii. JOSEPH, m. Rhoda Beebe: lived Canaan. NY; 1819; no ch.
- iii. **SAMUEL, b. Sharon. Ct., 4 Jun 1756.**
- iv. SIMEON, not m.; killed accidentally when young.

9392. JOHN DOTY, son Joseph Doty and Deborah Hatch, b. Rochester, MA, 1 Mar 1688; m. prob. there, a wife, Elizabeth, whose family name has not been discovered.

All the information we have of this family is obtained from the records of Plymouth Co., Mass., and its towns. Here we learn, February 28, 1714, Joseph Doty, Sr., of Rochester, " in consideration of love and affection which I have and do bear unto my dutiful son, John Doty, of the same town," conveys " all that thirty acres of land in Rochester, lying on the easterly branch of a certain brook which runs into Waywayantick River near the county bridge next to land of Edward Bumpus."

1731, November 5. (Acknowledged in person by John Doty, 1734.) John Doty of Rochester, conveys "his house lot and homestead, where he now lives, about thirty acres, beginning at northeast corner Edward Bumpus' land, upon a certain brook that runs into the east side of Waweantic River near the county bridge.

1736. John Doty bought at Wareham of Martha Bumpus. seventeen acres on the east side of Waweantic River, which was bought by her father, James Bumpus of Rochester, of Rodolphus Hatch.

June 7, 1739. Samuel Doty, laborer, and Ebenezer Briggs, houseright, of Rochester, buy near the Waweantic River.

1742, Sept. 21. John Doty and Eleb'the, his wife, sell to Thomas Whitting the 17 acres he bought 1736, together with his share of dwelling house, the east end, and a smith's shop. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Doty and Zerviah Dotv.

The same day, 1742, Sept. 21. Samuel Doty, mariner, and Zerviah, his wife, of Wareham, sell to Thomas Whitting, the land he bought 1739, together with his share of the house, being the west end, adjoining his father's house.

1745, March 9. Joseph Doty of Rochester sold to Samuel Doty, mariner, also of Rochester, part of land there which he bought of John Blackmer.

1747, Dec. 21. Samuel Doty of Sharon, in the County of New Haven, mariner, sells all his property at Wareham.

This covers all the records that have been found, no births of children and no deaths having been recorded at Rochester or Wareham.

It is probable that John Doty and wife left Rochester and Wareham about the time of selling his house lot, 1742-1745, and with his children he probably emigrated to Sharon, Ct., although no record exists there of his residence. But such records would be more likely omitted in a new settlement such as Sharon, rather than in the older towns in Massachusetts. There are no traditions in the family to help us on this point, and but two children have been discovered, though there may very possibly have been others, Children, b. Rochester:

i. SAMUEL, b. prob. 1713-5.

ii. SIMEON, b. about 1727.

JOSEPH DOTY, b. Plymouth, 30 Apr 1651; son of Edward Doty; m., 1st, there about 1674, Elizabeth Warren, b. there Sept. 5, 1654, dau. Nathaniel Warren and Sarah Walker. Her brother, James Warren, m. her niece, Sarah, dau. of Edward Doty. She prob. d. at Sandwich, MA, ca 1679. He prob. m., 2d, at Sandwich, about 1680, Deborah Hatch, b. Situate, MA, ca 1662, dau. Walter Hatch and Elizabeth Holbrook. She d. Rochester, MA, 21 Jun 1711. He m., 3d. at Rochester, 9 Mar 1711-2, Sarah Edwards. He d. at Rochester, ca 1732-5.

Children, by 1st wife:

i. THEOPHILAS, b. prob. Plymouth, 1674.

ii. ELIZABETH, b. prob. Sandwich, 1678-9; m. Rochester, 28 Feb 1705-6, John Lewis.

And by 2d wife:

iii. ELLIS, b. prob. Sandwich, 1681.

iv. JOSEPH, b. Rochester, 31 Mar 1683.

v. DEBORAH, b. Rochester, 30 Mar 1685.

vi. JOHN, b. Rochester, 01 Mar 1688.

vii. MERCY, b. Rochester, 12 Jan 1691-2.

viii. FAITH, b. Rochester, 18 Jan 1696-7; m. there 14 Apr 1719. James Shaw of Plympton, prob. son of Jonathan Shaw and Mehitabel Pratt

ix. MARY, b. Rochester, 28 Jul 1699.

http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/wills/edward_doty_will.htm

Edward Doty b. ca 1599; died at Plymouth on Thursday, 23 Aug 1655. Edward Doty came on the Mayflower in 1620 as a servant to Stephen Hopkins and was apparently still a servant in 1623 when the Division of Land was held, indicating he was under the age of 25 during that time. He signed the Mayflower Compact in November 1620, so he was likely over 21 at the time.

<http://bigelowsociety.com/rod/job6b261.htm>

Job Gardner BIGELOW, son of [Jabez](#)⁵ ([Jabez](#)⁴, [Gershom](#)³, [Joshua](#)², [John](#)¹) and Almy (GARDNER) BIGELOW, was born 31 Dec 1792 at New Lebanon, Columbia, NY. He married, late 1818, **Thankful Enos**, [dau. of **Joseph Enos m. 1780 Thankful Coon (1763-1858)**]. He lived for a few years at Lebanon, and circa 1826 moved to **West Eaton [NY]**, then in 1833 to Milford, Oakland, MI. He was a Methodist minister, and held several pastorates on the Michigan frontier, dying at Milford 29 Dec 1837. His widow **Thankful married (2) 1840 David Darrow, and returned to New York**, where she is found with some of her children in 1850. **She died 1882**, place not stated.

Children of Job G. and Thankful (Enos) Bigelow, born as stated:

i. [William Enos](#), b. 3 May 1820 New Lebanon; d. 8 Oct 1890 Millington, MI; m1. 5 Mar 1845 Daphne Mattison; m2. 2 Jul 1879 Mrs. Emma Shaw; a Methodist minister in MI. 3 children.

ii. [Jabez Gardner](#), b. 07 Mar 1822 New Lebanon, NY; d. 1895 Sandusky, Erie, OH; m. 6 Nov 1855 Sarah Hull; res Sandusky, OH. 3 children.

iii. Almy Ann, b. 25 Dec 1823 New Lebanon, NY; d. 1909 Milford, MI; m. Rev. Marcus Benson Wilsey. No issue.

iv. [Joseph Enos](#), b. 03 Jan 1826 New Lebanon, NY; d. bef. 1906; m. Mary Maynard; res Memphis, TN in 1888. 3 children.

v. [Harrison A.](#), b. 23 Dec 1828 W. Eaton, NY; d 2 May 1873 Milford, MI; m, ca 1864, Frances Elden. 2 children.

vi. [Andrew Jackson](#), b. 04 Jul 1832 W. Eaton, NY; d. 30 Jul 1906 Detroit, MI; bur. Adrian, MI; m1. 23 Jun 1856 Antha Mattison; m2. 21 May 1872 Emma A. Powers. 6 children.

vii. Mary Eveline, b. 12 Feb 1837 Milford, MI; d. aft. 1906; m. Henry W. Chubbuck, d. 21 Dec 1885; res Binghamton, NY.

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/a/r/Beverly-A-Darrow/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0226.html>

David Darrow (son of [George Darrow](#) and [Eunice Meachum](#)) was born November 05, 1782, and died 1870. **He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Enos. He married (2) Thankful [Enos].**

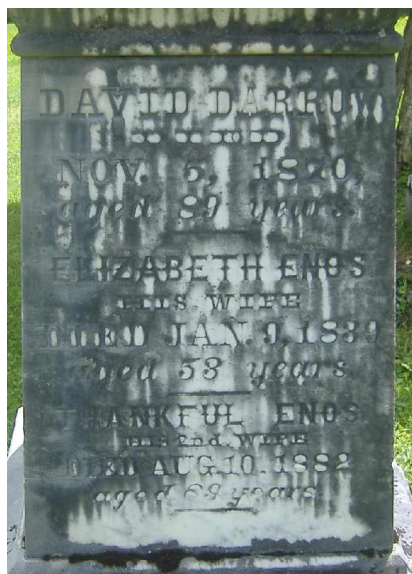
More About David Darrow: Bur. West Eaton Cemetery, NY. Grand Juror: 1827

Settled in West Eaton 1806; Occupation: 1854, Columbia Farmer.

Children of David Darrow and Elizabeth are:

- i. [George W. Darrow](#), b. 14 May 1814, d. 3 Oct 1871; shot on Tiff St. in Buffalo by an assassin while returning home.
- ii. [David M. Darrow](#), b. 04 Sep 1821; d. 1 Oct 1887.
- iii. [Sophronia Hawkins](#),
- iv. [Joseph E. Darrow](#), b. ca 1808; d. in Utica 13 Feb 1893 [most likely named Joseph Enos Darrow after Elizabeth's father.]
- v. [Henretta Darrow](#), d. 1871.
- vi. [Caroline Tayntor](#), d. 1857.
- vii. [Frederick Darrow](#), d. 1896.
- viii. [Mary E. Darrow](#), b. ca 1836; d. 1878.
- ix. [William Darrow](#), b. 1826, d. 1878.
- x. [John J. Darrow](#), b. 1830.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ourfamilyhistory2006/flbhistory/darrowbranch/p15.htm>



<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=33458260>

David Meacham Darrow b. 13 March 1782 at New Lebanon, Columbia, NY, d. 4 November 1870 at West Eaton, NY, at age 88; son of [George Darrow](#) and [Eunice Meacham](#); m1. [Elizabeth Enos](#) on 31 May 1804 at Columbia [Co.], NY; m2. [Thankful Bigelow](#) [nee Enos] on 2 June 1840 at West Eaton, NY.

[Note: his wives, Elizabeth and Thankful were both daughters of Joseph Enos and Thankful Coon; the Darrow Family is bur. in West Eaton Cemetery, West Eaton, Madison, NY– g.l.h]

Child of David Meacham Darrow and [Elizabeth Enos](#)
[George W Darrow](#) b. 14 May 1814, d. Oct 1871

"History of Madison County, state of New York," by Luna M. Hammond, Mrs. Luna M. Hammond Whitney, page 329.

http://books.google.com/books?id=JiUVAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA762&jpg=PA762&dq=%22david+darrow%22+eaton%22&source=bl&ots=TedfujrHw0&sig=06uKpw5FZNNX4n7Fk5DCbL0s3yg&hl=en&ei=jYTT0ONMIL_8Abx06j3CQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=4&ved=0CB4Q6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22david%20darrow%22%20'eaton%22&f=false

DAVID DARROW, Esq., the pioneer, was father of the large Darrow family who are prominent in West Eaton. At the time of his death the subjoined sketch was published:

One by one the last of our pioneers are moving from off the stage of action. Of this number was David Darrow, who **died at West Eaton on the morning of Nov. 5, 1870**. He was born in New Lebanon, Columbia, NY, in 1782. Through the days of his boyhood and youth he received the principles, virtually, of a thorough New England training, which prepared him for a vigorous and self-reliant manhood; just the material requisite for the pioneer. In the year 1808, having married, he removed with a rising family from New Lebanon to West Eaton. He had purposed removing hither in 1806, and had entered the town and taken up a small farm, and returned to his family, when he was taken sick and detained for two years. Just here we have an instance of the moral integrity of the man. His doctor's bills were large, which he was unable to pay, so he gave his notes, and afterwards drew wheat to Albany of his own raising in Eaton, and with the money thus acquired, went to New Lebanon and redeemed his notes, principal and interest. In his straightened circumstances and the poverty of the new country, it took him twelve years to accomplish this, but the notes which passed beyond all legal claim, with him, only insured his obligation. In the course of years he added to his farm in West Eaton, by the purchase of considerable land adjoining, and which embraced a goodly portion of the site upon which the village of West Eaton is built. Here, surrounded by his sons and daughters, and descendants of the fourth generation, many of whom are performing no unimportant part in the progress and achievements of the age, he has lived the wisely-spent years of an active, honorable life. He has witnessed remarkable changes such as the rising generation shall never behold.

He has seen the majestic wilderness sweeping down to the verge of the now busy streets of West Eaton, covering hill and dale, which the hardy woodman exerted his utmost energies to subdue. He has seen this forest melt away, and green fields and waving harvests take its place. He has seen the hamlet of Leeville (West Eaton,) with less than a half dozen houses, grow to be a fine manufacturing village, busy with its driving wheels, its artisan shops, its mercantile and mechanical establishments, and with its many homes and noble churches, evincing the industry, enterprise and prosperity of its people. In the early days of this town's history, David Darrow, who, for his pure principles and upright character, had won the respect of the people, was often by his fellow citizens placed in positions of public trust, and in matters of public welfare, his council and co-operation were deemed essential to the success of any enterprise. He was early chosen Justice of the Peace, and in this capacity served the interests of the people many years. The improvement and development of the resources of the new country had his attention; the welfare of schools, and the furtherance of education for the masses received his cordial support; but the interests of religion, as the basis of law and order, as the foundation which underlies the safety of society, and as the power in the world from which all blessings, temporal as well as spiritual, flow, this work claimed his chief energies.

Himself and wife were two of the seven members who composed the first M. E. Society of West Eaton, organized in 1841. He gave the land for the site, and gave liberally in building the first church edifice of this village. He has stood faithfully by the church of his affection, shared its many trials, and has lived to see it a substantial body, strong in numbers and in prosperity, and to see many of the vile avenues of evil overcome by its influence. Last year, during the building of the new M. E. Church, his heart was in the good work, and he then gave largely of his means for that purpose. He lived to see its completion, and to see a great harvest of souls gathered into its sanctuary. It seems that he might, with Simeon of old, exclaim, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." David Darrow was buried on Sabbath, November 6th; a very large congregation attended the funeral at the M. E. Church, and a most impressive and instructive sermon was delivered by Rev. B. W. Hamilton, from Job, 14th chap., 10th verse.

His widow, infirm and broken with years, still lingers on the shore of time, her serene face bearing the impress of tender and sacred memories, and bright with hopes of the better life.

"American Masonic record, and Albany Saturday magazine," Volume 3, 19 Sep 1829, page 265.



MASONICK RECORD

AN APPEAL

We refer our readers (especially the anti-masonick part) to a communication below, **signed by forty-two Masons**, all but two residing in Eaton. At least ten of the number are Royal Arch Masons—eleven are professors of religion, in good standing. We venture to say that forty men in the town can not be found of better standing in community. Now we would ask—are these men to be believed? or Giddins, Stephen Chapman, & Co.? So far as we know any thing of Masonry, we concur fully with this communication.

[Madison Observer.]

We, the undersigned, have for many years been members of the Masonick Institution, and have witnessed with much regret the many false and slanderous publications which have appeared in the publick journals against the Institution. Masons have remained so long silent, that their silence has been construed into an admission of the charges against them. We do not appear before the publick to defend the principles of the Institution of Masonry; as to us it is of but little consequence whether the Institution is popular or not so. We come before the publick in the defence of our own reputation and characters, as men whose civil and religious rights are in common with the rest of our fellow-citizens. We ask no exclusive privileges, and we wish not to be deprived of those rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution.

Masons are charged with taking upon themselves oaths "to assist a brother whenever they see him in any difficulty, *whether he be right or wrong*": to "vote for a brother Mason in preference to any other person": to "keep the secrets of a Brother Mason, *murder and treason* not excepted."

We most solemnly affirm, and appeal to *Almighty God* for the truth of our declaration, that we know of no such obligations in the Institution of Masonry; that the principles of Free Masonry require no duties of its members incompatible with the laws of the land, or contrary to our moral or religious duty to man, our country, or our *God*.

Masonry has nothing to do with political affairs; we have differed as much in our politicks as we have in our religion. In the abduction and probable murder of Wm. Morgan, we had no knowledge, until it was announced in the publick papers.

David Hitchcock,	Orville Eldred,	Rufus Eldred,	Samuel Coman,	A. McStay.	Abiathar Gates,
Winsor Coman,	Jeremiah Wilber,	Lyman G. Hatch,	R. L. Choate,	Alfred Cornell,	Chad Brown,
Ephraim Gray,	Darius Morris,	Joseph Enos ,	Stephen Coman,	Amariah Williams,	Amariah Preston,
David Darrow ,	James Peterson,	Wm. D. Abbott,	Perly Munger,	Pardon Barnard,	Oliver Lucas,
Ellis Morse,	Micajah Cloyes,	James Anderson,	John C. Dunham,	Denison Herrick,	A. Knapp,
Richard Ward,	Ezra Cloyes,	Joseph Morse,	J. F. Chamberlain,	David Gaston,	James McIntosh
James McConnell,	John G. Curtis,	Matthew Pratt,	Heber Temple,		
Harry C. Gardiner,	Wm. T. Curtis,	John Pratt,	S. Bumpus,		

Eaton, 21th August, 1829

Appendix

Notations on Joseph Enos, Jr. from

"A Standard History of Freemasonry in the State of New York," Vol. I, by Peter Ross, page 259.

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Grand Master Joseph Enos, Jr.

The annual meeting of 1822 was held on June 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. On the opening day Grand Master Tompkins presided and fifty-two Lodges were represented by their officers and fifty-six by proxies. On the second day Tompkins sent a letter to the Grand Lodge declining a re-election, and by one of those unaccountable freaks which so often distinguish meetings of bodies of men. Past Grand Visitor Joseph **Enos** was elected Grand Master. If Tompkins was bad, **Enos** was worse. Whatever may have been his faults,

Tompkins was an honest man. **Enos** certainly was not—indeed at the very time he was elected his reputation in that respect was seriously under a cloud. Tompkins did some work for the Grand Lodge and the institution without drawing pay therefor. **Enos** had his hand out on all occasions. Tompkins held high official position. **Enos** held no position in the world, political or social, beyond the circle of Masonry. Tompkins used the Order as a stepping-stone; **Enos** used it as a sponge. While Tompkins used the craft to further his aims in other directions he at least did not lower its standing in the community, while **Enos** used the Order just as a knife-grinder uses a lathe.

Very little is known of the personal history of this man. He rose from obscurity into the ranks of Masonry and when he was cast aside by the Lodge he went to the Chapter, received high honors in Royal Arch Masonry, and then gradually shrank back into his original obscurity. He finally emerged from this in 1846, a poor, broken-down old man, confessing that he had appropriated money belonging to the Grand Lodge. He was then expelled from the Order, but the amount of his indebtedness was wiped off and he was afterwards restored. He died Oct. 31, 1866.

Ibid. page 255

Grand Visitors

The most serious trouble, however, arose in connection with the Grand Visitors. It will be remembered by the reader of this history that at a communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1820, these officials were legislated out of office. The meeting was an emergent one, attended by the actual representatives of eighteen Lodges, while fifteen brethren, three of whom were present, were Grand officers and one, a past and a prospective Grand officer, represented country Lodges by virtue of proxies. It was called for the purpose of receiving communication from the Grand Lodge officers elected earlier in the month, and it looks very much like, in view of all the circumstances, that the resolution abolishing the three "Grand Masonic districts" and the Grand Visitors was engineered by what would be called, in an ordinary political meeting, a snap vote. It was not long before it was discovered that a serious mistake had been made • and that the country Lodges were almost a unit in denouncing the arbitrary deposition of the Grand Visitors. Although there were many points in connection with the system under which these officials acted which the country brethren did not approve, were outspoken rather in their denunciation, they were still of service in many ways and were personally representative of the Grand Lodge, the only living and get-at-able representatives the bulk of the country ever saw, so they denounced the total abolition of a system which they had hoped might be improved by wise legislation. **Enos** and Wadsworth, the two Grand Visitors, rudely and suddenly thrown out of their dignities and bereft of their salaries, doubtless fostered and encouraged the feeling of discontent wherever their influence lay. Of this, however, there is no direct evidence in existence, although from what we know of the men's history we may accept it as true, for Wadsworth was not the man to submit tamely to any treatment he considered wrong or unwarranted, while **Enos** was not an individual who would loyally bow to the dictates of a Grand Lodge or any other power when his own petty little interests were at stake. However all this may be, there is no doubt that a serious mistake had been made by the Grand Lodge and that it was imperative that something should be done without delay to allay the discontent. In this crisis, for we can regard it as nothing short of that, a Lodge of Emergency was called, which met on Sept. 20, 1820. Grand Master Tompkins presided in person (one of the three occasions on which he so favored the institution), but the meeting only brought together the officers of fifteen Lodges and sixteen proxy voters. The Grand Master announced that the brethren had been summoned to consider the question of Grand Visitations, and we are told that there was a "full discussion of the same" and "a variety of propositions submitted. The following preamble and resolutions, evidently prepared very carefully and judiciously beforehand, were, however, presented and were passed by a large majority:

Whereas, The Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, as well as the regulation adopted in 5806 and collated in 5819, provide for the system of Grand Visitation, pursuant to which two different methods of carrying into effect those resolutions were adopted, both of which have been found inexpedient, and have been abolished, the first in 5814, and the second in June, 5820; and

Whereas, It appears from the accounts exhibited by the Grand Visitors appointed by the resolutions of 5814, and audited, that the country Lodges have paid large sums in 5819 to the funds of this Grand Lodge, that is to say, in the Second District, \$1,842.87 and in the **Third District**, \$3,572.21, of "which upon the auditing of the accounts of the Grand Visitors of the said Second and Third Districts, \$1,130 have been allowed to the Grand Visitor of the Second District, and \$1,300 to the Grand Visitor of the **Third District** for their services and expenses, which appear to be unreasonable deductions from the dues of the Lodges within said districts, without benefitting the funds of the Grand Lodge, or contributing to its ability, by means thereof to answer the charitable purposes of the institution; and

Whereas, It is the wish and intention of this Grand Lodge to continue the system of visitation by Grand Visitors under its jurisdiction as essential to the preservation of that intimate connection, and intercourse between the Grand Lodge and all the Lodges under its jurisdiction, on which the harmony, usefulness and dignity of the Order in this State, and its character and station in the great Masonic family must depend; therefore,

Resolved, That at the quarterly communication in December next the number of the Grand Visitors and the determination of their districts, duties, and compensations be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their final disposition, and that the Grand Secretary cause a copy of this resolution to be forthwith transmitted to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

It will be seen that this was not only a most comprehensive statement of the question, but a diplomatic surrender to the wishes of the malcontent Lodges. It furnished very substantial reasons for a change in the methods of the Grand Visitors, showed that the expense was too great in view of the financial returns, an argument that was most likely to carry a good deal of weight in the country, where money was scarce, than in the city; it signified the desire of the Grand Lodge to retain the "interests, connection and intercourse" which could only be done by visitation of some sort, and it expressed hope for the future. Having thus settled, as it was hoped, a knotty question on a satisfactory basis for the time at least, the meeting proceeded . . .

CHAPTER XVII.

Grand Master Joseph Enos, Jr. and
THE COUNTRY GRAND LODGE.

Ibid. page 287.

Grand Master **Enos**, according to the terms of his adjournment, called the Grand Lodge together in Tammany Hall on the forenoon of June 4, 1823.

He was supported by Deputy Grand Master John Brush and Senior Grand Warden John Greig, but the remainder of the official chairs was filled by temporary appointments. After appointing a committee on credentials the Grand Lodge again adjourned until the following day, mainly for the purpose of gaining time to see how the lines in the struggle were settling. At that meeting (on June 5) Grand Secretary Hicks and Grand Treasurer Bogert were summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge with "the books, papers, funds and vouchers" in their possession, a summons to which it may here be said they paid no attention, and both were in time suspended from Masonry for ten years, a sentence which gave neither of them any concern. The Lodge then went into the election of officers, their choice resulting as follows:

Joseph Enos,	Grand Master.	Aaron M. Merchant,	Grand Secretary.
John Brush,	Deputy Grand Master.	Welcome Eslecek,	Grand Treasurer.
Nathaniel Allen,	Senior Grand Warden.	Rev. Henry I. Feltus,	Grand Chaplain.
Thomas Barker,	Junior Grand Warden.	Rev. W. B. Lacy,	Assistant Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary and Senior Grand Chaplain, however, declined to serve, but the other officers were at once installed and a visit from Past Grand Master Tompkins and Brother Erastus Root, Lieutenant-Governor of the State, added eclat to the proceedings. The next business of importance was the removal of the decree of suspension against Ebenezer Wadsworth and that brother was not only received with open arms, but a committee reported that not only was he free of any indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, but that body was indebted to him \$24.50. How this conclusion was arrived at, in the absence of any data is a mystery, but there is no doubt of Wadsworth's personal honesty. On June 6 thirteen new Lodges were warranted, some of them also getting a warrant from the City Grand Lodge, and the official list was completed by the election of Charles G. Haines as Grand Secretary, and the Rev. Hooper Cummings as Grand Chaplain. But it was found that a serious mistake in tactics had been made, for, while the Country Grand Lodge had the members, the City Grand Lodge had the money and the records. Instead, even at this juncture, of using a little policy which might have been productive of profitable results, the Country Grand Lodge affected to deny the existence of any Grand Lodge in the State but itself and authorized the newly elected Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to demand and receive from Elias Hicks and Cornelius Bogert, whom • it was pleased to designate respectively as Past Grand Secretary and Past Grand Treasurer, "and of and from all other person and persons and corporate body or bodies, all the books, records, vouchers, parchments and papers, together with the seal and all the moneys of every description in the hands or possession or under the control of any such Past Grand Officer." Fearing that this demand might prove unavailing, or at all events to strengthen it, the following resolution was also passed:

That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of securing the legal and equitable rights of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in relation to the conduct of the late Grand Secretary and late Grand Treasurer, and that they be authorized to see such judicial proceedings instituted as they may think proper and to employ such counsel as they may deem proper, after finding judicial proceedings necessary and expedient.

The committee appointed under this resolution comprised Joseph **Enos**, John Brush, and Charles G. Haines, but neither the demand nor the resolution proved to be worth the paper on which they were originally written. It was "bad politics" to put at the head of such a committee, if serious results were intended, the man who had been the immediate cause of the division and about whose personal honesty grave doubts were entertained. After revising the constitution and ordering the revision sent to the Lodges for approval, arranging for the representatives to be paid by their Lodges, the amount so paid to be deducted from the Grand Lodge returns; authorizing several payments for rent and service—an item to **Enos** under the latter category—the Country Grand Lodge adjourned on June 10. Two Lodges of emergency were called the same month, one at New York on the 12th, when **Enos** made Hooper Cummings the new Grand Chaplain, a Mason at sight, and one at Poughkeepsie on the 23d, when Deputy Grand Master Brush performed the same office for the Rev. Dr. John Read, who afterward was also appointed a Grand Chaplain.

In spite of the long agitation for the Grand Lodge to meet at Albany or some place other than New York it is a significant sign of the real weakness and lack of cohesion on the part of the Country Grand Lodge that its second meeting, June 2, 1824, should be convened in the same city. Of course one reason for this may have been that the sinews of war were in New York and hope may have been nourished that by meeting in this city the Grand Lodge here existing might be brought into submission, if not into union. But whatever the reason, it was a token of weakness which would not have been exhibited except under the most slipshod sort of leadership. According to the records, when the Grand Lodge was called to order by **Enos** on the morning of June 2, 1824, the following Lodges were represented in Tammany Hall by their officers or duly appointed proxies. We give the list in full, as we did that of the City Grand Lodge, as it shows the strength of the country forces:

Solomon's, No. 6.	Montgomery, No. 42.	Mount Vernon, No. 97.	Constellation, No. 103.
St. Patrick's, No. 11.	Orange, No. 43.	Roman, No. 79.	Charity, No. 114.
Washington, No. 13.	Apollo, No. 49.	Federal, No. 80.	Hamilton, No. 121.
Hudson, No. 15.	Temple, No. 53.	Horizontal, No. 82.	Rising Sun, No. 126.
Unity, No. 17.	St. Paul's, No. 64.	St. John's, No. 90.	Hiram, No. 131.
Union, No. 30.	Homer, No. 74.	Phoebus, No. 94.	Genesee, No. 138.
Otsego, No. 41.	Wadsworth, No. 78.	Friendship, No. 95.	Hamilton, No. 144.

North'n Constellation, No. 148.	Rising Sun, No. 228.	Ark, No. 271.	Parma, No. 340.
Farmers', No. 149.	Augusta, No. 233.	Hamilton, No. 274.	Jamesville, No. 341.
Clinton, No. 151.	Washington, No. 234.	Cherry Valley, No. 276.	Laurens, No. 347.
Warren, No. 155.	Oxford, No. 235.	Alleghany, No. 277.	Paris, No. 348.
Warren, No. 157.	Star, No. 241.	Clinton, No. 278.	Cameron, No. 349.
North Star, No. 162.	Mount Moriah, No. 245.	Sprig, No. 279.	Tompkins, No. 350.
Eagle, No. 169.	Jerusalem Temple, No. 247.	Meridian Sun, No. 282.	Phillipstown, No. 352.
Zion, No. 172.	Macdonough, No. 248.	Watertown, No. 289.	Mount Olive, No. 353.
Yates, No. 178.	Charity, No. 249.	Morning Star, No. 290.	Center, No. 356.
Richfield, No. 182.	Morning Star, No. 250.	Junius, No. 291.	Mount Vernon, No. 4.
Rising Sun, No. 185.	Dutchess, No. 253.	Harmony, No. 293.	Phoenix, No. 361.
Hampton, No. 198.	Alluvion, No. 257.	Hoffman, No. 300.	Byron, No. 365.
Painted Post, No. 203.	Clinton, No. 258.	Athol, No. 308.	Norwich, No. 360.
Gilboa, No. 210.	Evening Star, No. 259.	Newcomb, No. 311.	Aurora, No. 364.
Harmony, No. 212.	Le Roy, No. 260.	Whitesborough, No. 315.	Fort Plain, No. 370.
Genoa, No. 213.	Union, No. 261.	Brownsville, No. 318. ,	Prattsburgh Union, No. 372.
Farmers', No. 214.	Mohawk, No. 266.	Enos, No. 323.	Abeff [Abiff], No. 373.
Selected Friends, No. 219.	Galway, No. 267.	Salina, No. 327.	
Washington, No. 220.	Manchester, No. 269.	Hector, No. 331.	
Olive Branch, No. 221.	Utica, No. 270.	Genesee Union, No. 332.	

[Lodges in **bold** are 5 of the 14 Onondaga Lodges]

Thus the roll included, actually, 105 Lodges. As the City Grand Lodge at a like period in its career had only thirty-one, the numerical strength of the two parties can be seen at a glance. Of these thirty-one Rensselaer attended the first meeting and then, apparently, became defunct, while Homer, No. 74; Horizontal, No. 82, and Phillipstown, No. 351, dropped off after the first meeting and joined the Country, leaving practically twenty seven Lodges. But these twenty-seven carried with them the funds, the records and all that made up a Grand Lodge, while the others started out with nothing but their numbers. Had the numbers been ably led they might have accomplished much, but generalship was lacking, and, although claiming to be the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, they failed even to win recognition to any extent among the sister Grand bodies. Besides, even in point of numerical strength, they were comparatively weak. Out of the 105 Lodges enumerated in the above list ninety-eight were existent at the time of the division and enlisted under their banner, and these, with the thirty-one under that of the City, made up together 129 Lodges. When the split took place there were 358 Lodges on the roll. Thus 229 Lodges are not found enrolled on either side. Owing to the confused condition of the data these figures may not be absolutely correct, but they are approximately so, and close enough to show that, while the City Grand Lodge carried with it all the Lodges in its territory, the Country Grand Lodge did not. Allowing on a liberal estimate that out of the 229 Lodges unaccounted for on the roll of either, 100 were either defunct or so reduced in numbers or vitality as to be in what a modern American statesman has described as a condition of "innocuous desuetude," there still remained 129 Lodges unaccounted for, all of which should by their geographical position have been found in the Country Grand Lodge.

At this meeting, on June 3, **Enos** was again elected Grand Master, receiving 212 votes to 71 cast for Stephen Van Rensselaer and 20 for Joseph Brush. The other officers were practically the same as in the former years, except that, Charles G. Haines having declined the Grand Secretaryship, John W. Oakley was elected in his place. The new constitution was adopted, 1,000 copies ordered printed, and thirty warrants constituting new Lodges were granted. As before, however, some of these Lodges had appeared on the City roll. So far as can be learned from the minutes the committee appointed to demand the funds and records from Messrs. Hicks and Bogert were so unsuccessful, if they ever seriously attempted their task, which is doubtful, that they did not submit a report of their doings, or refer, except indirectly, to the legal assistance they had been authorized to employ. This meeting was much more friendly disposed toward the city brethren than its predecessor and probably the influence of De Witt Clinton, who was present at the session of June 10 did much toward bringing about that happier sentiment. At that same session the good **Brother Oliver Rose** [of Selected Friends Lodge No. 219, Camillus, NY – Past Grand Visitor for the 6th Masonic District] introduced the following:

Whereas, Sundry brethren, members of this Grand Lodge, have seceded and organized themselves into a body and assumed the title of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; and

Whereas, This Grand Lodge while it highly disapproves of their proceedings, still acknowledges them as members of the great Masonic family acting under erroneous views and impressions; and

Whereas, Masonic charity induces the belief that some well-meaning brethren are misled by them; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of members be appointed to confer with those brethren, ascertain the cause of difference, and what steps (not inconsistent with the dignity of this Grand Lodge) it will be prudent to take toward healing the differences; and report their doings and opinions to this Grand Lodge.

This was rejected after some debate and the following, submitted by John O. Cole, Master of Temple Lodge, Albany, was substituted and accepted:

Whereas, Certain Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have seceded from the same;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report to this Grand Lodge what course it is advisable to pursue in relation to the said Lodges.

In accordance with this Brothers Cole, Ezra S. Cozier (Utica), Grove Lawrence (Camillus), Jacob Van Benthuyzen, K. H. Van Rensselaer (Otisco), Henry Waterhouse, and D. E. Brown, Junior Grand Deacon, were chosen as the committee. Had **Enos** not

been reelected the course of that committee might have been easy, but that obstacle still remained, and while it did so formed a barrier to all hopes of progress in the path of union. The committee, in fact, accomplished nothing. This was probably foreseen by some—certainly it was perfectly understood by **Enos**—and just before the Grand Lodge adjourned another committee was ordered—the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer—"to take such measures as they shall think expedient to recover the funds and property which of right belong to this Grand Lodge and to employ such counsel and institute such proceedings as they shall think proper for the recovery of the same." This was undoubtedly prompted by **Enos**, who seems to have had perfect control over the meeting. Indeed it is wonderful how this man, with his personal character besmirched, should have exerted the undoubtedly great amount of influence he wielded over a body of men one of whose first principles was rectitude of conduct and purpose. But the moment when his power seemed greatest in reality marked the beginning of his downfall. He was, Masonically speaking, living a double life, and when the truth as to his personal honesty began to be apparent his descent was rapid. The stories of his financial dealings began to be brought home to all the Lodges which owned his sway and their repudiation of him came so fast that, although he remained Grand Master until the close of the term for which he was last elected, it was because no meeting took place at which he could be deposed. But he never presided again over a meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when the country forces once more assembled the gavel was wielded by his subordinate official.

Before that meeting the brethren had to a great extent broken away from his influence and had informally taken steps to bring about a union. On Feb. 4, 1825, a meeting of forty seven representatives of Lodges throughout the State (seven being from the city) was held in the rooms of Temple Lodge, Albany, to discuss the existing state of affairs and try to restore harmony. The spirit of this gathering can best be understood from the following preamble and resolutions, which it discussed and adopted:

Whereas, This meeting deeply deplores the unhappy differences which at present exist between the Lodges and Masons in this State; therefore,

Resolved, That Clarkson Crolius, Elisha Gilbert, Jonathan Eights, Joshua Bradley, Jacob Van Benthuyzen, Lebbeus Chapman, John F. Sibell and John B. Scott be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee for the purpose of conferring together upon the aforesaid unhappy differences and, if practicable, devise such measures as may be necessary and proper to be adopted in order to restore harmony among the Masonic family of the State.

Resolved, unanimously, That the committee named in the preceding resolution be requested to meet at Washington Hall, in the city of New York, on the Monday next preceding the first Wednesday in June next, at 12 o'clock at noon, and in case any member of said committee does not attend said meeting, that the members of said committee then present shall fill such vacancy.

Resolved, That this meeting will use all their individual influence and exertions to bring about a union of the Masons of the State of New York.

As a result of this the committee met in New York on May 30, 1825, two days prior to the opening of the annual meetings of the rival Grand Lodges, and adopted the following:

Whereas, This committee feeling a deep interest in the prosperity of the Fraternity throughout the world and more especially in the restoration of harmony among the great Masonic family in the State of New York, do profess and pledge themselves to be actuated by the pure motives of brotherly love and friendship in the discharge of the high and responsible duties which devolve upon them; and while they recommend the following resolutions to the unbiased consideration of the brethren in general and more particularly for the consideration of those brethren who are members of and compose the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, this committee would earnestly beseech that, whatever may have been the cause of dissension and disagreement out of which have grown so many difficulties and conflicting interests, the brethren should now lay aside for a moment all improper feelings, if any exist, and endeavor by the united exertions of every brother to place the Fraternity and its concerns on its true foundation, which, if accomplished, will not only be the means of producing love and harmony at home, but of conferring honor and respectability on the Fraternity abroad.

Resolved, That it is desirable that all animosities heretofore existing among the great body of Masons in this State be forever obliterated.

Resolved, That a general meeting of the representatives of Lodges be held to-morrow evening, Tuesday, May 31, at 8 o'clock, at Tammany Hall.

Resolved, That we cordially and respectfully recommend to that meeting that a committee, to consist of four members from the city of New York and four from other parts of the State, be appointed for the purpose of nominating suitable persons for Grand officers for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this committee, the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge should be permanently fixed in the city of New York.

Resolved, That this committee has viewed with feelings of the most anxious solicitude the attempts to reconcile the conflicting differences that unhappily exist in the Masonic family of this State and do earnestly desire that every brother will use his best exertions and influence in putting an end thereto.

The meeting of representatives was duly held on the evening before the Grand Lodge meetings and adopted the following as the result of quite a lengthy discussion:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the two bodies styling themselves the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to appoint a committee of conference on the subject of the differences now existing; that the committee consist of five from each body.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be presented to each of the said bodies by the committee of eight.

The third meeting of the Country Grand Lodge opened in Tammany Hall on June 1, 1825, 116 Lodges being represented, the list being headed by Mount Vernon and Masters', of Albany, the latter appearing for the first time. Deputy Grand Master Brush presided,

and after the Committee on Credentials had made a report and that report had been accepted the first business, apparently, that came before the meeting had reference to the question of union—the question which was then undoubtedly uppermost in the minds of the brethren, city and country alike. Ezra S. Cozier submitted the resolutions of the meetings of representatives at Albany and New York, and the efforts for effecting a healing of the division, and when he concluded the following preamble and resolution were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Whereas, Certain differences exist between the Lodges in the city of New York and this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That Brothers Ezra S. Cozier, Leland Howard, Joseph Cuyler, John O. Cole, and Platt Adams be a committee to confer with such brethren as may be appointed on behalf of said Lodges respecting the said differences, with a view to a settlement of the same.

This was hardly the spirit, however, in which a union could be effected and "the Lodges in the city of New York," although they engaged in several conferences on the subject, would not come to terms, so this committee was in time discharged and the efforts for union, apparently, ceased. Even the paper effort to acquire the funds, property and records in the hands of the city brethren was renewed, but the committee appointed at this meeting to attend to the same was reduced to a solitary individual, the Grand Treasurer, yet a significant indication of the sentiment of the meeting was seen when on a motion to substitute Albany for New York as the regular meeting place of the Grand Lodge the change elicited only a single favorable vote.

A committee was appointed to nominate the officers for the year, so as to "maintain good order and harmony," and this committee seems to have been made up of those who were strongly in favor of union on equitable terms and those who appear to have simply been willing that the Lodges in the city of New York should come into their fold as Lodges. The latter, however, predominated and seemed anxious to preserve the prestige of **Enos**. At all events, as they could not, under the circumstances, present that individual's name for re-election, they did the next best thing, and, being a majority of the committee, presented a slate made up of those more or less friendly disposed to him. John Brush (Poughkeepsie) was nominated for Grand Master, Clarkson Crolius for Deputy. Nathaniel Allen (Genesee) for Senior Warden, and Jonathan Eights (Albany) for Junior, while Ebenezer Wadsworth (Brainard's Bridge) was nominated for Grand Secretary and Welcome Esleeck (Albany) for Grand Treasurer. When the election, however, came before the Grand Lodge, the slate was badly smashed and Stephen Van Rensselaer of Albany (who was not present) was elected Grand Master, John Brush had to be content with second place, Ezra S. Cozier of Utica was chosen as Senior Grand Warden, and Eliel T. Foote of Jamestown as Junior Grand Warden. The rest of the slate went through.

The Warranting of Lockport Lodge No. 73. – 5 Jun 1824

<http://www.niagara-orleans.com/nod/Lockport73-175th.pdf>

In February, 1823 a petition was drafted and signed by Master Masons residing here, praying the Grand Lodge to grant a Warrant for Lockport Lodge.

Niagara Lodge No. 345, of Lewiston, recommended the Petition thus:

"At a meeting of Niagara Lodge No. 345, duly assembled at the Lodge Room in the Village of Lewiston, County of Niagara, on Thursday evening of the 20th day of February, 1823;

"Resolved unanimously that the petition of the Brethren of the Village of Lockport for a Charter to hold a Lodge at that place be recommended to the Grand Lodge of this state.

"I certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution passed by said Lodge.

(SEAL)

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Lodge.

"(signed) Samuel Barton, Secretary"

The Petition and Recommendation were mailed to the Grand Lodge in March 1823.

Unfortunately they were due for consideration by the Grand Lodge at a time of dissension between the New York City and the Country Lodges.

The Grand Lodge Meeting was called to order June 13, 1823, by **G.M. Joseph Enos**. He saw at once that serious trouble was brewing and adjourned the session until the next morning. **Joseph Enos** was, of course, in sympathy with the Country Lodges, as he was from Albany.

Thirty-one of the New York City Lodges, believing the only solution was two Grand Lodges, reorganized in St. John's Masonic Hall and elected John Wells as Grand Master, and Martin Hoffman as Deputy Grand Master. They had possession of the Grand Lodge Archives, and the Petition of the Lockport Masons being therein, was read June 13, 1823, and immediately granted. These thirty-one City Lodges became known as the City Grand Lodge.

The Country Lodges to the number of 100 met as per agreement the next morning, June 14, and ignoring the action of the City Lodges proceeded to do business. They became known as the Country Grand Lodge. They planned to meet in the future in Albany, but for some reason, I believe, only had a few quarterly meetings there.

The Lockport Brethren naturally considered the Country Grand Lodge the true and legal body, and were much disappointed when their warrant for Lockport Lodge No. 361 reached them many months later from the City Grand Lodge signed by Martin Hoffman, Deputy Grand Master. Their disappointment is voiced in the following letter to Grand Master Enos of the Country Grand Lodge:

"To the R. W. **Joseph Enos**, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

"The undersigned would respectfully represent that sometime in the month of March last, a number of Master Masons of the Town of Lockport, Niagara County, signed a petition to the Grand Lodge of the State and obtained the requisite recommendation from a neighboring Lodge for the purpose of obtaining a Charter or Warrant to authorize them to work and transact such other business as pertained to Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

"The subscriber as named in said Petition for Master of said Lodge, Bro. Alfred Barrett for Senior, and Bro. Norman L. Southworth for Junior Warden and the petition directed by mail to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge at New York. Nothing was heard from the petition since the subscriber has been at Albany as Legislator and he is now informed that a Charter has arrived, signed by Martin Hoffman, Esq., as Grand Master, Together with the other officers who were irregularly elected at the June communication of the Grand Lodge.

The subscriber and other petitioners being unwilling to commence work under officers signing the Charter, they not being considered the legal officers of the Grand Lodge, and being anxious immediately to obtain proper authority and to commence work as a Lodge, the subscriber would respectfully request that a dispensation might be immediately granted to the Petitioners for that purpose by the regular Officers of the Grand Lodge.

"Albany, February 9, 1824
Daniel Washburn"

The following Petition was enclosed presumably with the above letter and both must have been delivered the next day, February 10th, since Brother Washburn was in Albany as Assemblyman from Niagara County and Grand Master Enos lived there and, as will be seen later, **Grand Master Enos** took action on February 10th.

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, assembled at the City of Albany, for Masonic Purposes:

"We, your humble petitioners respectfully represent:

"That we are Free and Accepted Masons; that we are, at present, members of regular Lodges; that, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, we are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that, for the convenience of our respective dwellings and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the Village of Lockport, County of Niagara, to be named Lockport Lodge; that, in consequence of this desire, we pray that a Charter be granted us (should it be the practice of the Grand Lodge or consistent with its Laws and Regulations) to empower us to assemble as a Legal Lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"That we have nominated and do recommend:

Daniel Washburn, Esq., to be the first Master, Alfred Barrett, to be the first Senior Warden and Norman L. Southworth to be the first Junior Warden, of the said Lodge; that if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, we promise a strict conformity to all the Constitutional Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Cotton Nash	Levi Taylor
J. G. Bond	Isaac Briggs
Jas. McKain, Jr.	John Gilbert
Norman L. Southworth	Levi B. Pratt
Almon H. Millard	Jonathan Child
Oliver Culver	Daniel Washburn
Alfred Barrett	

Recently there has come to light, after lying hidden since 1854 in a package of Lodge Records, a most interesting and historically valuable document, the text of which Follows in full, and is self explanatory.

"To the Worshipful Brother, Jesse Hawley

"Whereas, a warrant has been granted to Daniel Washburn, Master, Alfred Barrett, Senior Warden, and Norman Southworth, Junior Warden of a Lodge of Master Masons, to be held at Lockport in the county of Niagara, by the name of Lockport Lodge, and it being inconvenient for the GRAND OFFICERS to install the same; You are hereby authorized to summon as many Brethren as may be convenient, and install the said officers in manner and form as is prescribed by the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Lodge, and make return of your proceedings to the Grand Secretary.

"Given under my hand, at Albany this 10th day of February 1824

(Signed)

Joseph Enos, Grand Master"

"By virtue of authority vested in me as above, I have summoned a suitable Number of Brethren to assist on the occasion and proceeded (according to previous notice) to install the following Brethren as officers of Lockport Lodge in manner and form – To wit—

Brother Harvey W. Campbell as proxy – in place of Daniel Washburn – Master
Brother Alfred Barrett – Senior Warden
Brother Isaac Southworth as proxy – in place of Norman L. Southworth – Junior Warden
Brother Joel N. Parks – Treasurer
Brother Stephen N. Potter – Secretary
Brothers John Gooding and Levi Taylor – Stewards
Brothers Levi E. Rounds and Lloyd Smith – Deacons
Brother Joel Gould – Tyler

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of February 1824

(Signed) J. Hawley"

This you will note is the record of our first meeting, February 26, 1824 and was held by the authority of the Country Grand Lodge, our ancestors having refused to use the Warrant sent them by the City Grand Lodge.