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REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

R.. W.. PETER Ross, Grand Historian, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:
M.'. W.'. CHARLES W. MEAD,
Grand Master of Masons in the State of Hew York.

M.'. W.'. *Sir and Dear Brother:* Having indicated in my recent reports to Grand Lodge the value and extent of the services rendered by the brethren in the three great military crises of the country—the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War—I take up this year a systematic study of the history of our Lodges themselves as they stand on our roll.

In doing this my purpose has been to compile what may -be called skeleton histories of each of these bodies of Craftsmen, leaving the story to be afterward filled up—if not already filled up—by the Lodges themselves. I believe that these skeleton sketches, brief as they are, will create in our Lodges a degree of interest in the study of past records and give our younger Craftsmen an idea, at least, of the splendid wealth of historical association which has been woven around our beloved Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges during the one hundred and seventy two years that have passed since Judge COXE lauded in New York with his patent as first Provincial Grand Master. These sketches simply aim to bring before the reader the most salient facts in the history of each Lodge, to give the names of the successive Masters, to enumerate the various brethren in each who have been honored by office in Grand Lodge, and to give brief lists of those who have distinguished themselves in other walks of life than that associated with our own circle.

This last feature I have tried to make as complete as possible. I believe that the best evidence we can give to the outside world as to the aims and plans and scope and beneficence of the Craft is to show what manner of men have been active in its ranks and believers in its motives. The Church, the learned professions, all adopt this idea in speaking of their leaders ; and it is only fitting and proper that we should claim that among the multitude of statesmen, soldiers, divines, teachers, thinkers, philanthropists, authors, and scientists who have held communion with Masonry and gathered around its altars, the teachings, the principles, the fellowship, and the philosophy of the Craft have had a share, at least, in molding their lives and sustaining them in the channels which won for them national fame or local distinction.

I would respectfully suggest that these skeleton sketches be continued from year to year until what may be called the historic period shall have passed, and then the story of defunct Lodges, now represented by blanks on our roll, or only recalled by a reference to earlier rolls, might be attempted. In this way there would be gathered together in systematic fashion, and in a manner readily accessible, reliable material upon which future historians might have their work.

In conclusion, it remains for me to thank you for my reappointment to the office of Historian, and to wish for you many years of pleasant and honored intercourse among the brethren over whom for two years you have ruled so wisely and so well.

PETER Ross,
Historian.



ROSTER OF LODGES.

ST. JOHN'S, NO. 1, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTERS: December 7, 1757, by GEORGE HARRISON (fourth) Provincial Grand Master.

LODGE NUMBERS: No. 2, Provincial Registry.

No. 272, English Registry. This naturally was dropped when, in 1784, the Lodge surrendered its warrant to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. On the English register it was, however, retained; and by the closing up, at successive times, of the vacant numbers on the roll it became, in 1770, No. 187; in 1781, No. 152; in 1792, No. 135. So it remained until 1813, when, never having made any return to the Mother Grand Lodge, it was erased.

On entering the Grand Lodge of New York (Ancient) after being healed, it retained its numerical designation, No. 2.

No. 1 was awarded to it by a majority vote of the Lodges in New York City, June 3, 1789, and the number acknowledged in the warrant issued to it by the Grand Lodge of the State, June 9, 1789.

HEALING: The warrant for this is found in the minutes of Grand Lodge, March 27, 1784, in the words here italicized:

"That St. John's Lodge, No. 2, having surrendered their warrant to the Grand Lodge the 3d of March, inst., *and agreed to conform to it» Regulations*, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members of said Grand Lodge and take rank of all Lodges that may be constituted by the Grand Lodge after said surrender."

"St. John's Lodge, being of modern origin, took no part in the formation either of the *inchoate* Grand Lodge or in the Provincial Grand Lodge organized by the Ancients in 1781-2."—*McClenachan*, "History," vol. i., page 188.

MINUTE BOOKS: No records extant prior to 1793.

BY-LAWS: The codes passed in 1772, 1784, and 1786 are all printed in the pamphlet issued by the Lodge under the title, "Proceedings on the Occasion of the Centennial Celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 1" (held December 7, 1857).

ANTIQUITIES: The priceless Bible on which GEORGE WASHINGTON took the oath of office on being first installed as President of the United States is in the possession of the Lodge, and is always used in the work of the third degree. Inscribed originally:

"God shall establish, St. John's Lodge constituted 5757. Burnt down 8th of March, 5770; rebuilt and opened November 28, 5770; officers then present: JONATHAN HAMPTON, Master; WILLIAM BUTLER, Senior Warden; ISAAC HERON, Junior Warden."

From Minutes, November 16, 1808:

"Worshipful BRO. OTTERSON remarked, that the Bible belonging to this Lodge is the very book on which General WASHINGTON first swore fidelity to the new Constitution of the United States, previous to entering upon its administration, and that it had long been contemplated to have that event inserted in some conspicuous part of the book. A committee of three were appointed, consisting of Worshipful BROS. OTTERSON and COCKS, both of whom had been thirty years members of this Lodge; and were present at the inauguration, and BRO. L. SEYMOUR, to attend to this business and have a likeness of that immortal patriot impressed on the same sheet recording that transaction."

"November 24: The committee just alluded to were sworn on that Bible to faithfully perform the duties to which they were assigned."

From Minutes, October 26, 1809:

"The committee appointed on the Kith of November last relative to the inscription, etc., in the Bible, reported that they had completed the object of their appointment. This duty was very handsomely executed by the committee. An impression from the plate of the Washington Benevolent Society, of this city, was kindly granted us by Isaac Sebring, Esq., their President, and underneath, Air. Thresher (celebrated for his excellence in penmanship) wrote the following, viz.:

"On this sacred volume, on the 30th day of April, A.L. 5789, in the City of New York, was administered to GEORGE WASHINGTON, the first President of the United States of America, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States. This important ceremony was performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of New York, the Hon. ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, Chancellor of the State.

"Fame spread her wings and loud her trumpet blew,
Great Washington is near, what praise his due?
What title shall he have? She paused—and said.
Not one—his name, alone, strikes every title dead.' "

SCHISMS: 1823, adhered to City Lodge.

F. G. TISDALL wrote: "January 17, 1823: The Lodge by vote rejected the new proposed constitution, and appointed 'a committee with power to act in behalf of the Lodge in the convention formed for the purpose of adopting measures respecting the aforementioned constitution.'

"It will be recollected that it was in June of this year the division of the State into two Masonic jurisdictions took place, when this Lodge adhered to the City Grand Lodge, June 1 moved to Union Hall. February 1, 1826, moved to Tammany Hall.

"I have hitherto referred to the action of this Lodge at the time of the division of Grand Lodge in June, 1823. The only other allusion I find to those difficulties is the following:

" June 8: At this meeting the members of this Lodge, on assembling at the usual hour, found the Lodge room in possession of one EBENEZER WADSWORTH and others, styling themselves the Grand Lodge; the doors being locked, we were unable to obtain admission. Subsequently, however, the brethren gained admission into the large room, but were then annoyed and interrupted by said WADSWORTH and several others of his party, and were thereby hindered and prevented from opening the Lodge till a late hour. These divisions, it is well known, were amicably arranged by the Union of 1827, and BRO. WADSWORTH is now an honored member of the united body then formed."

In 1849, St. John's assisted to form the Phillips Grand Lodge. Tisdall afterward wrote:

"The organization claiming to be a Grand Lodge, to which this Lodge attached itself in June, 1849, having been subsequently repudiated by many of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and in the early part of September, 1851, the decision of the Grand Lodge of England, as to its legality, by which this Lodge agreed to abide, having been received adverse to its claims, on September 16th, this large Lodge called on its sister Lodges to meet with it in Convention on October 10th, and 'report some action for the entire settlement of all matters in dispute, on true and honorable Masonic principles.' October 23, 1851: The proceedings of that Convention were made known to this Lodge, by which it appeared the representatives of the Lodges met in Convention, concurred in the recommendation 'of the Grand Lodge of England, and the well known wishes of the Masonic Fraternity of this country: that a perfect reunion with the Sons of Light, all over the world, should be consummated at as early a period as possible.' December 5: This Lodge reunited itself with the Grand Lodge of the State, and on the 11th was visited by the Grand Master, his officers, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren, and welcomed in the most affectionate manner on its return. December 11th: The Lodge moved to City Hotel. No. 429 Broadway.

"May 14, 1857: The Lodge by an unanimous vote, instructed its officers to oppose in the Grand Lodge, a plan for a union with a remnant of the seceders of 1849, which was then submitted to it, viewing the same to be humiliating to the Fraternity, and a violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York."

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES: 1794. The bill for a quarter of a year's supply of dip candles was £14 11s. 6d.

February 6, 1797: W. BRO. OTTERSON moved "that refreshments of all kinds be expunged from the Lodge," but the motion did not prevail. May 18th: The Treasurer reported amount of funds on hand to be £4 7s. 3d.

April, 4, 1799: " Mr. JAMES BROWN, a Modern Mason, was brought forward and healed in first, second, and third degrees of Masonry," for which he paid £4 and 16s. expenses. "The unhealthy state of the city forbidding," there were no meetings of the Lodge from August 15th to November 14th. December 26th: A Communication was received from "The Grand Lodge; expressive of their most ardent wish to pay their last tribute of respect to our illustrious chief and departed brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, and desiring our concurrence," which was " agreed to," and a committee appointed who made arrangements for attending his funeral obsequies, when the Bible of the Lodge, the same on which he took his inaugural oath, " was carried also at the funeral procession in the year A.L. 5799, by the citizens of New York, as the last tribute of respect to departed worth."

The Lodge moved from its old quarters, 89 William Street, to the City Hotel, the members of the Lodge subscribing \$295 toward fitting up the room.

May 20, 1802: The balance of funds belonging to St. John's Mark Lodge was paid over to the Treasurer of St. John's Lodge, No. 1. There were seven initiations and three affiliations during the year.

May 1, 1810: The Lodge was moved to 87 Nassau Street.

October 25, 1810: Several bills for furniture and supplies were presented to the Lodge by non-Masons, when the brethren were addressed by the Master "upon the propriety of purchasing in future from our own brethren."

February 9, 1815: JOHN W. ODDIE, a Modern Mason, was healed, and the same evening, the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Hon. DEWITT CLINTON and his officers visited the Lodge, who provided a banquet for them.

June 9, 1842: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, General MORGAN LEWIS, elected in 1830 to that high position still occupied by him and hitherto a non-affiliated Mason, agreeing upon the necessity and equity of drawing a distinction between nominal Masons, and such as were supporters of, and contributors to, the Institution, was proposed for membership, and on the 23d of June was elected a member of the Lodge, and continued so until his decease. On the latter date, the Lodge voted a sum of money "for the relief of suffering Masons at Hamburgh, caused by the late disastrous fire at that place." October 14th: The Lodge, on request of the Grand Lodge, loaned to it "the Washington Bible and the three architectural candlesticks, to be used by the Masonic Fraternity in the procession celebrating the introduction of the Croton water into the city." The Lodge under the banner of the Grand Lodge united with the city authorities on the occasion. This year four affiliations and six initiations.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS.

John Lawrence, Grand Secretary.
James Giles, Grand Secretary.
Wm. Malcolm, Deputy Grand Master
Oliver G. Brady, District Deputy Grand Master.
Abraham Skinner, Junior Grand Warden.
Jacob Morton, Grand Master.
Robert Cocks, Grand Treasurer.
F. G. Tisdall, Representing Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
Geo. P. Williams, Representing Grand Lodge of California.

Alex. H. Robertson, Grand Master.
Robt. R. Boyd, Grand Secretary.
Chas. L. Church, Grand Treasurer.
Francis Childs, Grand Treasurer.
F. R. Eiden, District Deputy Grand Master.
George H. Phillips, District Deputy Grand Master.
James Woods, Senior Grand Warden.
Morgan Lewis, Grand Muster.
James Herring, Grand Secretary.

PROMINENT MEMBERS (DECEASED) IN OTHER THAN MASONIC CIRCLES.

Wm. Malcolm, Brigadier-General.

Jacob Morton, General.

J. M. Hughes, Colonel.
 Robt. Hunter, Captain.
 Jas. Christie, Colonel.
 Benj. W. McCready, Physician.
 David L. Van Kleeck, Physician.
 E. R. V. Wright, Lawyer.
 Gen. Geo. P. Morris, Editor.
 Edw. C. Ward, Jr., Lieutenant U.S. Navy.
 George P. H. Loder, Professor.
 Thos. Gamble, Captain U. S. Navy.
 Thos. Picton, Editor.

C. Edward Lester, Author.
 Matthew C. Perry, Jr., Lieutenant U. S. Navy.
 Morgan Lewis, General; Chief Justice Supreme Court,
 and Governor of the State of New York.
 Geo. Peck, Surgeon U. S. Navy.
 John Brougham, Actor.
 David W. Fenton, Lawyer.
 Townsend Cox, Lawyer.
 Fred. W. Herring, Artist.
 Geo. W. Fitch, Lawyer.
 John M. Bradstreet, Mercantile Agency.

MASTERS.

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| 1766. M. W. Thodey. | 1820. Smith Ovutt. | 1862. George B. Melendy. |
| 1770. Jonathan Hampton. | 1821. Smith Ovutt. | 1863. Frederick F. Lockwood. |
| 1771. Jonathan Hampton. | 1822. Richard E. Purdy. | 1864. Frederick F. Lockwood. |
| 1772. Isaac Heron. | 1823. James E. Betts. | 1865. Morton C. Tomlius. |
| 1779. William Tapp. | 1824. Lewis Seymour. | 1866. Oliver G. Brady. |
| 1783. Charles Horton. | 1825. Cornelius P. McElwain. | 1867. Oliver G. Brady. |
| 1784. John Lawrence. | 1826. Cornelius P. McElwain. | 1868. Oliver G. Brady. |
| 1785. James Giles. | 1827. Cornelius P. McElwain. | 1869. Oliver G. Brady. |
| 1786. Adam Gilchrist. | 1828. William Van Norden. | 1870. Geo. E. Andrews. |
| 1787. William Malcolm. | 1829. William Van Norden. | 1871. Robert Edwards. |
| 1788. William Malcolm. | 1830. Alexander H. Robertson. | 1872. Oliver G. Brady. |
| 1789. Jacob Morton. | 1831. Alexander H. Robertson. | 1873. Samuel C. Lowndes. |
| 1790. Francis Childs. | 1832. Alexander H. Robertson. | 1874. Samuel C. Lowndes. |
| 1791. Francis Childs. | 1833. Alexander H. Robertson. | 1875. Stephen E. Gardner. |
| 1792. Andrew Otterson. | 1834. James Westervelt. | 1876. W. H. S. Martyn. |
| 1793. Andrew Otterson. | 1835. A. H. Robertson. | 1877. Galen C. Spencer. |
| 1794. Francis Childs. | 1836. W. H. Bunn. | 1878. Wm. N. Ballard. |
| 1795. John Morton. | 1837. Charles F. Lineback. | 1879. Wm. N. Ballard. |
| 1796. Robert Cocks. | 1838. H. F. Lombard. | 1880. Joseph B. Rose. |
| 1797. Abraham Skinner. | 1839. David A. Fowler. | 1881. John W. Graham. |
| 1798. Abraham Skinner. | 1840. R. R. Boyd. | 1882. Alex. R. Corbet. |
| 1799. Abraham Skinner. | 1841. W. W. Nexsen. | 1883. W. H. McDougall. |
| 1800. James Wood. | 1842. C. S. Rowell. | 1884. W. H. McDougall. |
| 1801. James Wood. | 1843. C. S. Rowell. | 1885. W. H. McDougall. |
| 1802. Ezra Weeks. | 1844. B. W. McCready. | 1886. Ambrose J. Agate. |
| 1803. Thomas Richards. | 1845. E. W. Nexsen. | 1887. Ambrose J. Agate. |
| 1804. James Wood. | 1846. E. W. Nexsen. | 1888. Ambrose J. Agate. |
| 1805. James Wood. | 1847. Geo. P. H. Loder. | 1889. Horace J. Arne. |
| 1806. John Sayre. | 1848. F. G. Tisdall. | 1890. Joseph B. Rose. |
| 1807. John Sayre. | 1849. F. G. Tisdall. | 1891. S. A. Suydam. |
| 1808. Elam Williams. | 1850. F. G. Tiedall. | 1892. S. A. Suydam. |
| 1809. John Van Nostrand. | 1851. Charles L. Church. | 1893. H. M. Meyer. |
| 1810. Stephen Kingsland. | 1852. Charles L. Church. | 1894. Ferdinand R. Eiden. |
| 1811. Daniel Sutherland. | 1853. James M. Baldwin. | 1895. Geo. H. Phillips. |
| 1812. Lewis Seymour. | 1854. James M. Baldwin. | 1896. Geo. H. Phillips. |
| 1813. Thaddeus Seymour. | 1855. Charles L. Church. | 1897. Geo. P. Williams. |
| 1814. S. S. S. Hoyt. | 1856. Edwin Smith. | 1898. Melvin L. White. |
| 1815. Stephen Cave. | 1857. F. G. Tisdall. | 1899. Adolph Geering. |
| 1816. George Carroll. | 1858. Alex. H. Drummond. | 1900. Richard C. Perry. |
| 1817. Jonas Brush. | 1859. Alex. H. Drummond. | 1901. E. J. Shipsey. |
| 1818. William Lawrence. | 1860. John C. Walker. | 1902. Geo. T. Montgomery. |
| 1819. Isaac M. Hand. | 1861. Napoleon B. Kukuck. | |

BIBLIOGRAPHY : Proceedings on the occasion of the centennial celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; including an address by M. W. WILLIAM H. MILNOR, Past Grand Master, and an historical sketch by R. W. BRO. F. G. TISDALL, Master, Monday evening, December 7, A.L. 5857. New York: Reprint together with continuation of history to December, 1869. 1870.

INDEPENDENT ROYAL ARCH, NO. 2, NEW YORK CITY.



Early seal of Independent Royal Arch, No. 2.
Original in possession of Lodge.



The original of this is in the foundation stone of the New York Masonic Temple.

INSTITUTED: Prior to 1761.

CHARTER: June 9, 1789.

PREVIOUS NAME AND NUMBER: Royal Arch Lodge, No. 8, prior to June 3, 1789, when at a meeting of Lodges in New York City, as a result of a ballot it became No. 2. In the new warrant thereupon issued (June 9, 1789) it was entitled, "Independent Royal Arch, No. 2."

The Lodge did not affiliate with the Provincial Grand Lodge until 1784, two years after the Grand Lodge had been organized.

Minutes of Grand Lodge, April 21, 1784 - "Bro. CLARK attended with the warrant of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 8, and surrendered the same to this Lodge praying a new warrant from this Lodge. It was moved that a committee of the Grand Stewards' Lodge be appointed to visit this Lodge and repeat their opinion on the propriety and regularity of their proceedings."



Tammany Hall, now the "Sun" Building, early meeting place of Grand Lodge and of many subordinate Lodges. St. John's Hall, a still earlier scene of the labors of the Fraternity, is the tall flat-roofed building on side street.

Minutes of Grand Stewards' Lodge, May 19, 1784: W'. Bro. HORTON in behalf of the committee appointed the last Lodge night to examine into the propriety of the proceedings of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 8, report that they have visited the Lodge, found the members regular in their work and duly qualified, and recommend them to the Grand Lodge for renewal of their warrant. Report sustained by Grand Stewards' Lodge, and at meeting of Grand Lodge, June 2, 1784, the report was adopted and a warrant was ordered to be issued "gratis." In minutes of meeting of Grand Stewards' Lodge, June 16, 1784, it was called "Royal Arch Independent."

There seems to be no authority for prefixing "St. John's" to the name of this Lodge.

MINUTE BOOKS: No records exist prior to 1784. Old Lodge books destroyed by fire, February 22, 1836.

PLACES OF MEETING.

1798. No. 87 Nassau Street.

1816. Tammany Hall ("Sun" Building).

1820. City Hotel.

1831. Masonic Hall.

1835. Howard House.

1839. Shakespeare Hotel.

1841. Howard House.

1850. No. 396 Broadway.

1851. City Hotel.

1852. Masonic Temple.

1861. Broadway and 13th Street. 1867. No. 946 Broadway.

1883. Masonic Hall.

MASTERS.

1784. John Clark.	1824. Richard Pennell.	1864. Jno. N. Anthon.
1785. Joseph Morgan.	1825. William E. Ross.	1865. Jno. N. Anthon.
1786. Joseph Morgan.	1826. W. L. Morris.	1866. Jno. N. Anthon.
1787. John L. Welsh.	1827. Aaron R. Thompson.	1867. Chas. A. Budd.
1788. John L. Welsh.	1828. Jno. N. Hawthorn.	1868. Chas. A. Budd.
1789. Geo. Garland (?).	1829. H. II. Brown.	1869. Chas. A. Budd.
1790. Wm. Wright.	1830. Wm. Willis.	1870. Chas. A. Budd.
1791. Wm. Wright.	1831. Edw. N. Mead.	1871. Hy. D. Walker.
1792. Wm. Wright.	1832. Jno. V. Greenfield.	1872. Hy. D. Walker.
1793. Thos. N. Ming.	1833. Jas. J. Mapes.	1873. Chas. A. Budd.
1794. Enoch Ely.	1834. Wm. Willis.	1874. C. A. Jackson.
1795. Enoch Ely.	1835. Floyd F. Ferris.	1875. Claudius F. Beatty.
1796. William Wright.	1836. Lewis Feuchtwanger.	1876. Jay C. Young.
1797. John Pray.	1837. Frederick Leise.	1877. Chas. S. Arthur.
1798. Francis Lynch.	1838. Robt. B. Folger.	1878. Chas. S. Arthur.
1799. R. Hodge.	1839. Robt. B. Folger.	1879. Geo. W. Gilbert.
1800. E. Wright.	1840. Robt. B. Folger.	1880. William D. Everit.
1801. Jacob Van Wagener.	1841. Benj. C. Dutcher.	1881. J. V. Baldwin.
1802. William Wright.	1842. W. R. Goulding.	1882. Chas. C. Leeds.
1803. E. Pinkney.	1843. Jas. Allcock.	1883. Claudius F. Beatty.
1804. J. R. Winans.	1844. R. B. Folger.	1884. Hy. Martin.
1805. I. Lennington.	1845. R. Pennell.	1885. E. S. Whitman.
1806. I. Lennington.	1846. J. D. Stewart.	1886. Wayland Trask.
1807. Israel Pinkney.	1847. J. D. Stewart.	1887. Wayland Trask.
1808. L. Tibbals.	1848. Wm. Willis.	1888. Levi S. Venney.
1809. N. Roome.	1849. Jos. A. Jackson.	1889. Levi S. Venney.
1810. N. Roome.	1850. Jas. JN. Powell.	1890. Nathan W. Josselyn.
1811. N. Roome.	1851. Jas. N. Powell.	1891. Jno. Glass, Jr.
1812. John P. Roome.	1852. Jas. N. Powell.	1892. Thos. J. Falls.
1813. John P. Roome.	1853. Jas. N. Powell.	1893. Chas. W. Stinson.
1814. John N. Davenport.	1854. E. W. Whipple.	1894. Chas. W. Stinson.
1815. Levi Nathan.	1855. Thos. Hays.	1895. Warren Higley.
1816. Geo. D. Davenport.	1856. Thos. Hays.	1896. Warren Higley.
1817. Jas. Van Benschoten.	1857. John V. Henry.	1897. Wm. W. Browning.
1818. Geo. McKinley.	1858. E. P. Breed.	1898. Wm. W. Browning.
1819. Geo. McKinley.	1859. E. P. Breed.	1899. Wm. W. Browning.
1820. Geo. McKinley.	1860. E. P. Breed.	1900. Wm. W. Browning..
1821. Geo. McKinley.	1861. Jno. N. Anthon.	1901. Wm. A. Pothier.
1822. Hy. W. Ducachet.	1862. Jno. N. Anthon.	1902. Almet R. Latson.
1823. Hy. W. Ducachet.	1863. Jno. N. Anthon.	

RELIC IN POSSESSION OF LODGE: Bible presented by Bro. Joseph Ashton, June 4, 1703.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS CONNECTED WITH LODGE.

William Willis, Deputy Grand Master.
John H. Anthon, Grand Master.
Oscar Coles, Grand Master.
 James Herring, Grand Secretary.
 James W. Powell, Grand Secretary.

Henry D. Walker, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Claudius F. Beatty, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Enoch P. Breed, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Warren Higley, District Deputy Grand Master.

PROMINENT MEMBERS (DECEASED).

H. W. Duchalet, D.D., Author.
 Jas. J. Mapes, Professor of Chemistry.
 Lewis Feuchtwanger, Professor of Chemistry.
 Asher S. Mills, Editor.
 N. W. Joselyn, Editor.
 Wm. W. Browning, M.D., Prof. in L. I. College Hospital.
 Lorenzo De Ponte, Professor Columbia College.
 Rev. Dr. John Scudder, the famous Indian Missionary.
 G. W. Demarest, Bank President.
 Thomas W. Clerke, Justice Supreme Court.
 Rev. Ferdinand C. Ewer, Clergyman.
 Jas. H. Cafferty, Portrait Painter.
 James Herring, Portrait Painter.
 Sherwood Campbell, Vocalist.
 Gen. William Hull, N. Y. State Militia, War of 1812.

Augustus Braham, Singer and Composer.
 Barney Williams, Actor.
 J. C. Winans, Actor.
 Chas. A. Budd, M.D., Professor of Medicine.
 W. M. Noah, Editor.
 Stephen Allen, Mayor of New York.
 Jno. A. Kennedy, Superintendent of Police.
 Amos F. Eno, Banker.
 Rev. Royal Marshall, Clergyman.
 Rev. Geo. Nison, Clergyman.
 Commodore Isaac Chauncey, U. S. Navy.
 John Shaw, U. S. Navy.
 Capt. Joseph Savage, War of Independence.
 Geo. F. Briston, Composer.
 W. Rufus Blake, Actor.

W. D. Searles, Banker.
Geo. R. Jackson, Novelty Iron Works.
Major A. H. Thurston, Rebellion.
Major F. S. Allen, Rebellion.

Gen. Wm. De Lacy, Rebellion.
Gen. Henry L(angdon). Potter, Rebellion.
Col. Thomas B. Van Buren, Rebellion.

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CAFFERTY, James H(enry)., artist, born in 17 Jun 1819 of Albany, NY; died 9 Sep 1869, New York, NY. He began his professional life as a portrait-painter, in which branch he attained an excellent reputation, but his later years were given for the most part to game-pieces and still-life. He was chosen an associate member of the national academy of design in 1849, and in 1853 became an academican. His most notable paintings are "My Girl" (1868); "My Father" (1869); and "Brook-Trout" and several studies of fish (1869). With L. Wiles as his associate he painted the graveyard scene from "Hamlet," a picture that added to the reputation of both artists.



James H. Cafferty

The Inauguration of George Washington (collab. w/Charles Rosenberg)
Oil on Canvas, 30 x 25 in., 1860-1869

DR. A. HENRY THURSTON, of New York (Charles, John, John, Samuel, Edward). Married ELIZA S., daughter of Nathaniel B. and Lavinia H. Blunt, April 10, 1856.

Children:

- i. Nathaniel Blunt, born April 12, 1857.
- ii. Helen Barrington, born May 6, 1862.

Mrs. Lizzie B. Thurston died in Nashville September 8, 1862, aged 25 years. 2d wife, Mary S., daughter of James Bankhead, Esq., of Nashville. Married April 25, 1864.

- iii. Mary Bankhead, born March 18, 1865.

Dr. THURSTON, at the commencement of the rebellion, was Surgeon of the 12th regiment N. Y. S. M., and served with the regiment in 1861, for three months, in defense of Washington. He was appointed Surgeon of Volunteers, with the rank of Major, October 5, 1861, and ordered to the army of the Cumberland. He was placed in charge of University Hospital at Nashville, Tenn.,

March 8, 1862; was Medical Inspector on Major Gen. Rosencranz' staff, October 30, 1862; was Assistant Medical Director of the department of the Cumberland in 1863, and Medical Director of the 12th Army Corps, Major Gen. Slocum commanding, January 7, 1864. He was ordered to the Army of the Potomac, and stationed at Belle Plain in May, 1864, and afterwards placed in charge of Grant Hospital at Willets Point, New York harbor, July 5, 1864, remaining in command until the hospital was closed in June, 1865. He was appointed, June 15, 1865, "for faithful and meritorious service during the war," a Lieutenant-Colonel of Volunteers by Brevet, to rank as such from March 13, 1865. He died in New York, August 2, 1865, of disease contracted while in the public service, aged 32 years and 10 months.

[See list of Revolutionary soldiers in report of Grand Historian for 1900, and of the War of 1812, in report for 1901].

SCHISMS: 1823, adhered to City Grand Lodge; 1837 (St. John's Grand Lodge), adhered to Grand Lodge; 1849, took part in formation of Phillips Grand Lodge and remained in affiliation with it until the union with Grand Lodge in 1858.

HISTORICAL NOTES: From the minutes of the Lodge we glean that "the Lodge took part in the installation of EDWARD LIVINGSTON (then Mayor of New York) as Deputy Grand Master in 1801, after which they adjourned to Bro. MARTLING'S for supper, and appointed a committee to visit our distressed brothers in jail, to whom refreshments were also sent." The jail at that time was in the City Hall Park. Bro. MARTLING was raised in Royal Arch Independent in 1789, and his son in 1802. They were famous hotel men in their day, and it was in the long room of their tavern, corner of Frankfort and Chatham Streets, that the Tammany Society came into existence. On September 1 and 17, 1814, "the Lodge went to Brooklyn to work on the fortifications at Fort Greene." August 13, 1827, "gaslight was first used in the Lodge room." December 16, 1835, "the Lodge was burned out in the great fire in City Hotel, along with several other Masonic bodies," and November 4, 1852, they "celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of initiation of Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON." St. John's days were always observed and "a good dinner and rum punch" were frequently indulged in. Until 1841 the business of the Lodge was transacted in the first degree. Elections of officers were held by a show of hands, tellers being first appointed December 23, 1844. Previous to this date candidates for office had to leave the room during the election.

In 1840 and 1841 a series of incidents occurred in the history of the Lodge, which we transcribe from the minutes:

"On the 14th of December, 1840, at Shakespeare Hotel, corner William and Duane Streets, BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER was elected Master.

"1841, February 8th: WM. WILLIS, Deputy Grand Master (a member of this Lodge), with a number of friends, visited the Lodge, and being announced under the name of the Grand Lodge, were admitted and received as such. WILLIS, in his capacity of Deputy Grand Master, was seated in the East, rudely interrupted the work in progress, commanded the Secretary to deliver his books, censured the Lodge, and threatened the previous Master with punishment; also ordered the Senior Warden to be silent when he protested.

"1841, February 17th: The Master read his protest against the usurpation of WM. WILLIS, Deputy Grand Master, at the previous meeting, embracing the following points: 1st. That the Grand Lodge may not visit this Lodge in the capacity of a tribunal. 2d. That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York may preside in this Lodge whenever he may convene the same in a proper warrant, but not otherwise; which was ordered by vote of the Lodge to be entered at length on the minutes, a copy sent to the Grand Lodge, and a copy to each of the subordinate Lodges in the State.

"1841, February 22d: WM. WILLIS, Deputy Grand Master, was present, and a motion was made and carried that the protest be erased from the minutes and suppressed.

"The Worshipful Master then ordered the protest to be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

"A resolution being offered against such an order, the Worshipful Master refused to put the question, and in consequence of the disorder which ensued the Worshipful Master, 'by virtue of the power vested' in him, declared the Lodge closed.

"1841, March 8th: The minutes of last meeting being read, a controversy took place which prevented any definite action thereon.

"The resolution to erase the protest was again offered, and the Worshipful Master again refused to entertain it.

"1841, March 22: Bro. PHILLIPS, chairman of the Committee of the Grand Lodge, requested the book of minutes for examination. Refused.

"1841, May 24: Past Master FEUCHTWANGER asked if the Worshipful Master had requested the secretary not to notify Bro. WM. WILLIS of this meeting, which being answered in the affirmative, a discussion arose, and while Bro. WILLIS was addressing the brethren the Worshipful peremptorily closed the Lodge.

"Bro. WILLIS then as Deputy Grand Master took the chair, and declared the Lodge opened and at labor, and a motion was made and adopted that the Masonic conduct of the Worshipful Master is highly censurable, and he is hereby censured for ordering the secretary not to send P.'. M.'. WILLIS a notice to attend this meeting.

"A motion was offered that the protest ordered to be entered on the minutes February 22 be erased, which was carried.

"A committee was appointed to wait on W.'. M.'. DUTCHER and ask him to resign and surrender the warrant to the Senior Warden.

"1841, June 14th: Met under dispensation from the Grand Lodge, owing to DUTCHER'S refusal to deliver the warrant. In the dispensation DUTCHER is termed 'an expelled Mason.'

"1842, June 13th: New warrant received.

"1843, March 13th: Committee appointed to call on DUTCHER for the warrant."

Here the subject drops from minutes. In 1859, W.'. M.'. E. P. BREED was allowed to copy the warrant in DUTCHER'S possession, but could not induce him to return it to the Lodge, and soon after DUTCHER left New York City, and his residence was unknown until 1884, when it was found to be Newark, N. J. BRO. DUTCHER had carefully preserved the old warrant, desiring that it should be buried with him. As a result of a visit from CLAUDIUS F. BEATTY, who had spent considerable time in hunting up the whereabouts of this charter, BRO. DUTCHER finally agreed to return the warrant to the Lodge without any stipulation. The whole matter, however, was laid before the Grand Lodge in 1885, and BRO. DUTCHER was restored by an overwhelming vote; and on the 18th of June, 1885, BRO. DUTCHER visited the Lodge and presented to it the warrant which he had safely kept for forty-four years, and by permission of the Grand Lodge, 1886, the warrant issued in 1842 was surrendered, and the recovered warrant of 1787 is that under which the Lodge now works.

MOUNT VERNON, NO. 3, ALBANY.

CHARTERS: Original warrant, October 26, 1737; No. 74, Grand Lodge of Ireland in the First Regiment Foot, Second Battalion. In 1758 and 1750 there was stationed at Albany, NY, the second battalion of the 1st Royals (now Royal Scots), which had left Great Britain for Nova Scotia in 1757. "Its officers," says "The Albany Hand Book," "were scholars and gentlemen, as they brought with them, and kept up, a large and valuable library of rare books, which they left here when the battalion was ordered away. Many, if not all, of the volumes are now in the library of the Albany Female Academy." In the regiment was a Lodge of Freemasons, No. 74 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and as the soldiers and citizens were on the best of terms, it would seem that many of the latter were received into the Lodge and duly initiated into its mysteries. When the command was ordered to a new field of duty, they carried their Irish warrant with them, but in accordance with a custom which was then permitted they caused an exact copy of it to be made, which they endorsed as follows:

"We, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 74, Registry of Ireland, held in the Second Battalion Royal, adorned with all the honors and assembled in due form, do hereby declare, certify and attest that whereas, our body is very numerous by the addition of many new members, merchants and inhabitants of the City of Albany, they having earnestly requested and besought us to enable them to hold a Lodge during our absence from them, and we, knowing them to be men of undoubted reputations, and men of skill and ability in Masonry and desirous to promote the welfare of the Craft, « have therefore by unanimous consent and agreement given them an exact and true copy of our warrant as above, and have properly installed Mr. RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, Mr. HENRY BOSTWICK, and Mr. WILLIAM FERGUSON as Assistant Master and Wardens of our body, allowing them to sit and act during our absence, or until they, by our assistance, can procure a separate warrant for themselves from the Grand Lodge in Ireland.

"Given under our hands and seal of our Lodge, in the City of Albany, the eleventh day of April, in the year of Masonry 5759, and in the year of our Lord 1759.

ANIAS SUTHERLAND, Master.

CHARLES CALDER, Senior Warden.

THOS. PARKER, Junior Warden.

JOHN STEADMAN, Secretary, No. 74 of Ireland.

The regiment, or battalion rather, never returned to the good old Dutch city, and it does not seem likely that the "indorsed" brethren ever applied to Ireland for a warrant, or that their army friends thought any more about them; rather they recalled them with kindly memories and nothing more, for the business of a soldier in those days often thwarted good intentions and interrupted the smooth flow of the amenities of life. However all this may be, there is no doubt that the brethren left in Albany kept up their form of organization as a Lodge.

February 21, 1765: Above duplicate said to have been confirmed by, and new warrant issued by, Provincial Grand Master HARRISON as Union Lodge, July 30, 1773; reconfirmed by Sir JOHN JOHNSON, Provincial Grand Master. I have some doubt about the correctness of the word "confirmed" as used above. No. 74 was an Irish Lodge, and it seems strange that a Modern Provincial Grand Master would confirm such a document.

December 3, 1806: Warrant issued by Grand Lodge of the State of New York to Mount Vernon.

Minutes of Grand Lodge, December 3, 1806: "A petition from the officers of Mount Vernon Lodge in the City of Albany at present working under a dispensation from the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, stating that they had surrendered the colonial warrant under which they had previously worked' under a promise . . . that a new warrant should be granted to them free of expense, was read and granted."

The 1806 warrant was destroyed by fire in 1824, and in 1825 Grand Master VAN RENSSELAER issued the warrant now in use.

NUMBER: No. 1 (Union Lodge), until 1802, when Grand Lodge gave it the number 3.

1802, No. 3, Union Lodge under dispensation.

1806, No. 4, Mount Vernon Lodge; 1827, No. 3, Mount Vernon Lodge.

MINUTES: No minutes prior to 1833 extant, excepting some stray leaves between 1800 and 1835.

Roll of members seemingly complete from 1765.

EARLY TROUBLES: At the formation of the Grand Lodge of New York with Chancellor ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON as Grand Master, it was determined that all Lodges holding warrants granted by Provincial Grand Masters should surrender the same, and receive regular ones from the Grand Lodge. For some now unknown reason, Union Lodge refused to surrender its warrant or receive another in its stead.

In 1797 the minutes of the Grand Lodge show that "the Deputy Grand Master be requested to take charge of delinquent Lodges in Poughkeepsie and Albany." The minutes also show that the Deputy visited Union Lodge and found the only obstacle to the surrender of the old warrant was the question of "the rank they were to hold."

On January 6, 1800, Union Lodge acknowledged jurisdiction, and the Grand Master directed that a warrant should be delivered to them in clue form " under special promise that the warrants in possession of Union Lodge, three in number, should be delivered to the Grand Secretary," and "the Lodge being the third in the State that received a warrant (February 21, 1765), should be classed No. 3." The quoted statements are from the records of the Grand Lodge of New York.

It appears that this programme was not immediately carried out, for on September 19, 1800, a general committee, consisting of five members each from Union, Masters, and Temple Lodges of Albany, reported adversely to the new Grand Lodge constitution, and proposed a division of Grand Lodge meetings, that in New York to be under direction of the Grand Master, and that in Albany under the Deputy Grand Master. Great efforts seem to have been made at that time to establish a Grand Lodge at Albany, which should hold jurisdiction over all but New York City Lodges.

These troubles, as far as Union Lodge was concerned, culminated in December, 1803, when a split occurred, the majority favoring the working under the New York, and a small minority under the Harrison Charter of 1765. The differences were not settled until January 6, 1807, when "Union Lodge, No. 1, of Albany" held its last Communication, surrendered its warrant, and received one

from the Grand Lodge of New York, giving it a new name, "Mount Vernon. No. 3," thus maintaining its rank as the third oldest Lodge in the State. It also held the title of A. Y. M., or Ancient York Masons.

Its name was taken from the home of BRO. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

MASTERS.

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| 1759. Richard Cartwright. | 1810. John Cassidy. | 1857. J. F. Crosby. |
| 1765. Richard Cartwright. | 1811. John Cassidy. | 1858. T. J. Van Alstyne. |
| 1766. Peter W. Yates. | 1812. John Cassidy. | 1859. T. J. Van Alstyne. |
| 1767. Peter W. Yates. | 1813. John Vernor. | 1860. T. J. Van Alstyne. |
| 1708. Peter W. Yates. | 1814. Dennis Lancey. | 1861. T. J. Van Alstyne. |
| 1769. Peter W. Yates. | 1815. Dennis Lancey. | 1862. David Gribben. |
| 1770. Peter W. Yates. | 1816. Dennis Lancey. | 1863. August Bowers. |
| 1771. Peter W. Yates. | 1817. No record. | 1864. August Bowers. |
| 1772. Peter W. Yates. | 1818. William Epes. | 1865. Chas.W. Vandenburg. |
| 1773. Peter W. Yates. | 1819. William Epes. | 1866. John Fonda. |
| 1774. Peter W. Yates. | 1820. No record. | 1867. Alfred F. Chatfield. |
| 1775. Peter W. Yates. | 1821. Welcome Esleeck. | 1868. William B. Watson. |
| 1776. Peter W. Yates. | 1822. Welcome Esleeck. | 1869. William B. Watson. |
| 1777. Peter W. Yates. | 1823. Welcome Esleeck. | 1870. John Lomax. |
| 1778. Peter W. Yates. | 1824. Welcome Esleeck. | 1871. William H. Whish. |
| 1779. Peter W. Yates. | 1825. Welcome Esleeck. | 1872. William B. Watson. |
| 1780. Peter W. Yates. | 1826. James Hunter. | 1873. William H. Shoemaker. |
| 1781. Peter W. Yates. | 1827. James Hunter. | 1874. William H. Shoemaker. |
| 1782. Peter W. Yates. | 1828. Daniel McGlashen. | 1875. William H. Shoemaker. |
| 1783. Peter W. Yates. | 1829. Daniel McGlashen. | 1876. Horatio P. Prime. |
| 1784. Peter W. Yates. | 1830. Daniel McGlashen. | 1877. Horatio P. Prime. |
| 1785. Peter W. Yates. | 1831. John Evertson. | 1878. Levi H. Kaufman. |
| 1786. Peter W. Yates. | 1832. Josiah Winants. | 1879. Levi H. Kaufman. |
| 1787. Peter W. Yates. | 1833. Josiah Winants. | 1880. James E. Allanson. |
| 1788. Peter W. Yates. | 1834. Josiah Winants. | 1881. James E. Allanson. |
| 1789. Peter W. Yates. | 1835. Robert Martin. | 1882. William R. Hotaling. |
| 1790. Peter W. Yates. | 1836. Robert Martin. | 1883. William R. Hotaling. |
| 1791. Peter W. Yates. | 1837. Welcome Esleeck. | 1884. William H. Shoemaker. |
| 1792. Peter W. Yates. | 1838. Welcome Esleeck. | 1885. Charles E. Shelley. |
| 1793. Peter W. Yates. | 1839. L. G. Hoffman. | 1886. Charles E. Shelley. |
| 1794. Peter W. Yates. | 1840. L. G. Hoffman. | 1887. Solomon Strasser. |
| 1795. Peter W. Yates. | 1841. Elias Vanderlip. | 1888. Solomon Strasser. |
| 1796. Peter W. Yates. | 1842. Richard Parr. | 1889. Solomon Strasser. |
| 1797. Peter W. Yates. | 1843. Hiram Arnold. | 1890. James Taylor. |
| 1798. Peter W. Yates. | 1844. J. M. Hughes. | 1891. James Taylor. |
| 1799. Peter W. Yates. | 1845. O. M. Tomlinson. | 1892. James Taylor. |
| 1800. Peter W. Yates. | 1846. John Hurdis. | 1893. Henry R. Westcott. |
| 1801. Peter W. Yates. | 1847. James Jenkinson. | 1894. Henry R. Westcott. |
| 1802. C. C. Yates. | 1848. James Jenkinson. | 1895. George Godsmark. |
| 1803. Peter W. Yates. | 1849. William Gray. | 1896. George Godsmark. |
| 1804. Peter Fryer. | 1850. William A. Wharton. | 1897. Benjamin Strasser. |
| P. W. Yates. | 1851. William A. Wharton. | 1898. John T. Cook. |
| 1805. John Macaulay. | 1852. William A. Wharton. | 1899. Thomas Wareing, Jr. |
| 1806. Christopher C. Yates. | 1853. William A. Wharton. | 1900. Eugene P. Miller. |
| 1807. Christopher C. Yates. | 1854. William A. Wharton. | 1901. W. L. Lloyd. |
| 1808. John Vernor. | 1855. J. F. Crosby. | 1902. Luther C. Warner. |
| 1809. John Cassidy. | 1856. J. F. Crosby. | |

DISTINGUISHED BRETHERN.

- Peter W. Yates, Chancellor of State of New York; Grand Senior Warden, Delegate to Continental Congress 1785-6-7.
 Seth Warner, aide to General Montgomery, who died in his arms at Quebec.
 John Chipman, Colonel (Revolution) Grand Master of Vermont for eighteen years.
 Thomas Smith Webb, "Father of the American Masonic system."
 Ezra Ames, Portrait Painter.
 Solomon Southwick, a leader among the NY Anti-Masons in the Morgan persecution, Clerk of Assembly, State Printer, Sheriff.
 C. C. Yates, Surrogate in 1815.
 John V. N. Yates, Secretary of State, New York, 1818 to 1826. Lieut.-Gov. of New York.
 Eli Perry, Mayor of Albany, 1851, 1856, twice a Member of Congress; Member of Assembly, 1851.
 Lewis G. Hoffman, Masonic writer and publisher during the Morgan time, when such a business required considerable courage.
 Peter Gansevoort, Sheriff. 1790.
 John McEwan, Sheriff, 1852; County Clerk, 1809-71.
 William P. Brayton, Sheriff, 1855.
 Henry Fitch, Sheriff, 1864.
 Harris Parr, Sheriff, 1867.

Dirck Ten Broeck, Mayor, 1746; Member of House of Assembly, 1796, 1797, 1708, 1799, and 1800; was Speaker of the House the last three years.

Amos Adams, Sheriff, 1840.

Matthew Visscher, Member of State Assembly, 1784, 1787; County Clerk, 17,8.

Giles K. Winne, County Clerk, 1865.

Nathaniel C. Moak, District Attorney, 1871, 1872, 1873.

William Eslick, State Superintendent of Schools, 1821.

William H. Greene, Recorder of Albany, 1872-75; thereby Judge of the Mayor's Court and Member of Common Council.

John T. Viescher, Member of State Assembly, 1791.

James Winne, Member of State Assembly, 1800, 1801.

John W. Schermerhorn, Member of State Assembly, 1791.

Morgan L. Filkins, Member of State Assembly, 1859, 1864.

Thomas J. Van Alstyne, Master, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861; Albany County Judge twelve years, 1871 to 1883; Representative in Forty- eighth Congress, 1883 to 1885; Mayor of Albany, N. Y., 1898 to 1900.

John T. Cook, Master, 1898; Member of Common Council of the city of Albany, May 1, 1894, to January 1, 1896; Assistant District Attorney of Albany County, January 1, 1895, to April 14, 1898; District Attorney, April 14, 1898, to January 1, 1899.

Charles E. Shelley, Master, 1885; Member of the Common Council of Albany, January 1, 1902

James E. Allanson, Master, 1880, to 1881; Member of Board of Supervisors, Albany County, 1874.

Luther C. Warner, Master, 1902; Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Albany County, 1901 and 1902.

Solomon Strasser, Master, 1887, 1888, 1889; Grand Steward Grand Lodge; an earnest student of Masonic history and literature; presented to the Masonic Fraternity of Albany, NY, the unique, beautiful, and costly altar and representatives of the lesser lights now in use in the Ten Eyck Room, Masonic Temple, Albany. The altar and pedestals were constructed after original designs made by himself. He also discovered and brought to light a book which was formerly in the library of Lodge No. 74, Second Battalion Royal. Said library being referred to in Munsell's "Annals of Albany."

NOTES: An old document still extant, and entitled "The Charity Fund of Union Lodge, No. 1, of Albany," for 1765, shows that brethren, on entering, paid £3 4s, and the total cost of raising was £4 12s; yearly dues were twenty shillings, and there were "dues of the night eighteen pence, say thirty-six cents, from each member. These dues were undoubtedly spent for refreshments when the Craft was "called for labor."

Another ancient document, still preserved in Albany, has the following invitation from Masters' Lodge, No. 2, to join in procession in honor of St. John's Day, June 24, 1773.

"The W'p'l Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Masters' Lodge No. 2. present their respects to W'full Master, Wardens and Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 1; would be glad that as many as possibly can would join the procession to-morrow, and as many of this Lodge as think their circumstances will permit will do themselves the pleasure to sup with them.

"By order W. V. WEMPLE. Sec'y Lodge, No. 2, June 23, 1773."

Grand Lodge Minutes of meeting of June 23, 1784.

"BROTHERS BILLINGS, a representative of Solomon's Lodge at Pough keepsie, GRAHAM, Secretary of Union Lodge at Albany, and LANSING, Senior Warden of Masters' Lodge at same place appeared and in behalf of their respective Lodges acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and were ordered to take their seats accordingly."

BIBLIOGRAPHY : A condensed history of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3. of Ancient York Masons, A.L. 5705 to A.L. 5874, containing sketches, lists of members and officers, and the by-laws of A.L. 5705 and A.L. 5874 : instituted, February xxi, A.L. 5705 ; incorporated, March xvii, A.L. 5874.

ST. PATRICK'S LODGE, NO. 4, JOHNSTOWN.

[For most of the data in this outline and list of Masters, the Historian is indebted to R.'. W.'. PHILIP KECK, Commissioner of Appeals].

CHARTER AND NUMBER: The first charter of St. Patrick's Lodge was issued by GEORGE HARRISON, Provincial Grand Master of New York, on the 23d day of May, 1706, to Hon. Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet, as Master; GUY JOHNSON, Esq., as Senior Warden; DANIEL CLAUS, Esq., as Junior Warden ; and John BUTLER, Esq., as Secretary of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 8. Regular meetings of the Lodge continued from its organization until May 5, 1774, and from that time until July 31, 1785. a period of over eleven years, no meetings of the Lodge were held.

There was read in the Grand Lodge of New York, June 23, 1784, "A letter from R.'. W.'. PETER W. YATES, Esq., representing that the patent to St. Patrick's Lodge in Tryon County was taken off to Canada, or destroyed, and recommended ZEPHANIAH BATCHELLOR, as Master; ROBERT ADAMS, Senior Warden; and CHRISTOPHER P. YATES, Junior Warden, for a new one. In consequence of the above recommendation it was resolved that a new warrant be issued." Pursuant to said recommendation a new warrant was issued on July 20, 1784, and the Lodge was therein given a new number ; viz., No. 9, and so continued until June 4, 1819.

From the minutes of the Grand Lodge, September 3, 1817, we quote as follows: "To St. Patrick's Lodge at Johnstown, Montgomery County, which had it made its submission in proper season could have claimed the No. 8, which has only lately yielded to the authority of this Grand Lodge, No. 9, vacant by the surrender of the warrant of Howard Lodge, has been assigned." And it continued under that number until June 4, 1819; and from that time until June 4, 1828, it was No. 11.

On the 4th of June, 1828, under a new charter, No. 4 was given to said Lodge, and it still retains that number.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR: St. Patrick's Lodge, perhaps, was affected by the breaking out of the Revolutionary War as much as, or more than, any other Lodge within this State. Members, who had been neighbors, regular attendants at the Communications of the Lodge, warm personal friends, went forth divided in their sympathy and arrayed against each other in that struggle for independence. Colonel GUT JOHNSON, for several years its Master, and at its institution Senior Warden; DANIEL CLAUS, its Junior Warden for years ; and JOHN BUTLER, its Secretary, all were made Colonels in the British army, and sided with the Crown. On the other hand, such members of the Lodge as General NICHOLAS HERKIMER, Lieutenants BENJAMIN ROBERTS, GEORGE PHYN, TURBOTT

FRANCIS, HUGH FRASER, AUGUSTINE PROVOST, Majors PETER TEN BROECK. and JELLES FONDA were arrayed upon the side of the Colony, on the side of liberty and independence.

Sir John JOHNSON, son of Sir WILLIAM, who was a visitor at almost every Communication of the Lodge, from December 5, 1707. until May 3. 1773, and who was Provincial Grand Master, having been passed and raised in Royal Lodge of St. James, London, England, also allied him self with the Crown, and led the British troops and Indians in an invasion through New York State, and made the attack at the battle of Oriskany against that brave general, his former friend and brother, NICHOLAS HERKIMER. HERKIMER fell in that battle, but the result was a triumph for the Colony. The victory of Oriskany was the dawn of that liberty and freedom finally consummated by the Colonies, and which we now enjoy.

[See oration by M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS at dedication of Herkimer Monument near Little Falls, N. Y., November 12, 1896, and account of the attendant ceremonies, in volume of Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1897.]



Sir William Johnston. First Master of St. Patrick's

Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bart., died on the 11th day of July, 1774, and it has always been a mooted question had he lived as to which cause he would have taken up. But the consensus of opinion is that while he had been the subject of the Crown, his interests were centered, aside from the Six Nations, in the people of Central New York, and his course would not have been such as to have broken the silver cord of friendship with his old associates and neighbors.

The course pursued by Sir JOHN JOHNSON, Guy JOHNSON, and DANIEL CLAUS, Sir WILLIAM'S son and sons-in-law, to whom he had devised his large and valuable estate, located in and about Johnstown, and elsewhere in the Colony, rendered it impossible for them to return and reclaim their lands, and they fled to Canada. Their property was thereupon confiscated and afterward sold by the State. When Sir JOHN JOHNSON went to Canada, he carried with him the original charter of the Lodge, and the jewels of the officers. This was done during the Revolution, and for about fifty years thereafter they remained lost to the Lodge; but evidently in his latter days. Sir JOHN JOHNSON became desirous of returning to the Lodge the property which he had taken and so long held, and there appears on the records of the Lodge as of June 3, 1831, as follows: "Sir JOHN JOHNSON gave direction to have the old provincial warrant and jewels of the Lodge returned, and the Worshipful Master has received the same by direction of Sir JOHN JOHNSON."

VISITORS TO ST. PATRICK'S LODGE PREVIOUS TO THE REVOLUTION.

1767. February 7,	William Gamble, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1767. February 7,	Samuel Stringer, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1707. April 1,	John Service, James H. Clark.
1767. June 6,	James Mallet, Robert Knox.
1767. June 26,	Lieut. Carlton.
1768. April 7,	John Stedman.
1768. December 27,	John H. Bradt. Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany.
1768. December 27,	Hugh Denniston, Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany.
1769. April 4.	James Stevenson, Union Lodge. No. 1, Albany.
1769. September 7,	Zephaniah Batchellor, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1769. September 7,	Thomas Wynn.
1769. December 7,	Commodore Grant.
1769. December 27,	W. Hogan, Ineffable Lodge. Albany.
1769. December 27,	J. Van Rensselaer, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1769. December 27,	Stephen March, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1769. December 27,	D. Smith, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1769. December 27,	H. Beamsley, Ineffable Lodge, Albany.
1769. December 27,	James Bain, Masters Lodge, No. 2, Albany.
1770. March 7,	William Pemberton, Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany.
1770. March 7,	Richard Cartright, Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany.
1770. September 6,	B. Glazier, 60th Regiment.
1771. July 6,	Col. Maxwell. Capt. Sutherland.
1771. December 21,	John Collins.
1772. June 4,	Lieut. Donald Campbell, Union Lodge, No. 1, Albany.
1772. June 4,	Capt. Alex. Grant
1772. December 3,	John Mair.
1773. November 4,	Cornelius Van Dyck.
1774. March 3,	John Hogan.

CENTENNIAL: The centennial anniversary of this ancient Lodge was celebrated at Johnstown, on the 23d day of May, 1866. The Fraternity was represented by ten Lodges, by Royal Arch Masons, and by Utica Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templars. The line was formed in the then village, now city, of Johnstown, and contained about one thousand Masons, and presented one of the most imposing Masonic assemblages that was ever witnessed in central New York, and thence proceeded to Johnson Hall, which is situated within the now city of Johnstown, and was erected by Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON in 1763, and in which hall said St. Patrick's Lodge was instituted, and where its Communications, prior to the Revolutionary War, were always held. There W.'. DANIEL CAMERON gave a brief and interesting history of the Lodge, and M.'. W.'. JOHN L. LEWIS, Grand Master, delivered a very able historical address, tracing the institution of Masonry from the earliest settlement of the country to the time of the issuing of the warrant of St. Parick's Lodge.

One interesting feature of that occasion was that the officers of St. Patrick's Lodge wore the same jewels that were used at the time the Lodge was organized; and the same jewels are worn by the officers at their Communications to this day.

THE PRESENT: The present membership of St. Patrick's Lodge is about two hundred. The Lodge is owner of a very valuable property, situated on the north side of Main Street, in the city of Johnstown. The visitor entering the doors of that Lodge is always received with hospitality, and the members point with pride to the past history, hardships, and subsequent success of the Lodge.

NOTED BRETHREN : Among the brethren who have died members of St. Patrick's Lodge, in addition to those already mentioned, and in later time, were such as R.'. W.'. Bro. Hon. JAMES M. DUDLEY, who was also at one time District Deputy Grand Master, Hon. MCINTYRE FRASER, Hon. JOHN STEWART, Hon. JOHN M. CARROLL, and many others who were prominent, and who might be mentioned but for the lack of space. In later years Hon. PHILIP KECK, a member of said Lodge, has been District Deputy Grand Master, and is now a member of the Commission of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of this State, as has also W.'. BRO. F. L. CARROLL.

MASTERS.

1766. Sir William Johnson, Bart.	1823. Nicholas Yost.	1873. Daniel Cameron.
1770. Col. Guy Johnson.	1824. Joseph Cuyler.	1875. John G. Ferris.
1784. Zephaniah Batchellor.	1825. John W. Cady.	1876. Marcus Pierson.
1792. John McCarthy.	1826. Joseph Cuyler.	1878. John W. Ulinger.
1797. John Morgan.	1832. Benjamin Chamberlain.	1879. John W. Ulinger.
1801. John McCarthy.	1833. Joseph Cuyler.	1880. John W. Ulinger.
1802. Abizah Lobdell.	1843. Samuel Maxwell.	1881. John W. Ulinger.
1804. John McCarthy.	1844. Joseph Cuyler.	1882. John W. Ulinger.
1805. Gen. Richard Dodge.	1849. Samuel Maxwell.	1883. A. J. Nellie.
1806. Stephen Owen.	1850. John Frothingham.	1885. M. S. Northrup.
1807. Henry F. Yates.	1852. Nathan J. Johnson.	1887. James Stewart.
1808. Nicholas Philpot.	1855. Daniel Cameron.	1888. Sidney E. Trumbull.
1809. Stephen Owen.	1856. George Perkins.	1889. Philip Keck.
1810. Caleb Johnson.	1857. J. J. Whitehouse.	1891. Frank Miller.
1811. Peter Brooks, Jr.	1858. Samuel Hopgood.	1893. John J. Buchanan.
1812. Benjamin Chamberlain.	1860. Joseph J. Riton.	1894. George C. Potter.
1814. Joseph Cuyler.	1861. Francis Burdick.	1895. Fred L. Carroll.
1816. John W. Cady.	1862. Samuel Hopgood.	1898. Harwood Dudley.
1817. Joseph Cuyler.	1863. Daniel Cameron.	1900. William D. Ferris.
1818. Nicholas Yost.	1866. James M. Dudley.	1901. William D. Ferris.
1819. John W. Cady.	1867. Samuel Hopgood.	1902. William D. Ferris.
1820. John Lobdell.	1869. P. P. Argersinger.	
1821. Joseph Cuyler.	1871. John G. Ferris.	

HARRISON'S WARRANT TO SAINT PATRICK'S: To all and every our right Worshipful worshipful and loving Brethren, we, GEORGE HARRISON, Esq., of the city of New York, in the province of New York, in America, Provincial Grand Master of the ancient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons send Greeting:

Know ye that we, of the great trust and confidence reposed in our worthy and well-beloved brother, the Honorable Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet, do hereby constitute and appoint him to be our Master, GUY JOHNSON, Esq., Senior Warden, DANIEL CLAUS, Esq., Junior Warden ; and JOHN BUTLER, secretary of the Saint Patrick's Lodge. No. 8, to be held at Johnson ball, in the county of Albany, in the Province of New York, in America, with full power and authority in due form to make Masons and constitute a regular lodge, at Johnson hall aforesaid, and also to do all and every such other acts and things appertaining to the said office, as usually have been, and ought to be done by other our Masters, he, our said Master, taking especial care that all the members of his lodge have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform and keep all and every the rules, orders and regulations contained in the book of constitutions (except such as have been or may be repealed at any quarterly communication or other general meeting), together with all such other rules, orders and regulations and instructions, ns shall from time to time be transmitted by us, or by any of our successors, provincial grand masters, or his deputy for the time being. And we do hereby will and require your, our said Master, to cause four quarterly communications to be held yearly ; one whereof to be upon, or as near the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, as conveniently may be, and that you promote on those and all other occasions, whatever may be for the honor and advantage of Masonry, and the benefit of the grand charity, and that you send unto us, or our successors, grand masters (as often as may be), an account in writing, of the proceedings of your lodge with a list of the members thereof, and copies of such rules, orders and regulations as shall be made for the good government thereof, with whatever else you shall do by virtue of these presents, and that you remit (out of the first money you shall receive for initiation fees) to the treasurer of the society for the time being at New York, three pounds, three shillings sterling, to be by him remitted to the treasurer of the grand lodge at London (being the fee due for constituting your lodge), for the use of the grand charity and other necessary purposes. Given at New York under our hand and seal of Masonry this twenty third day of May, Anno Domini 1706, A. Lux. 5766.

GEORGE HARRISON,
Provincial Grand Master.

Rt. MORRIS, *Provincial Grand Secretary.*

Witness, PETER MIDDLETON, S.G.W., GEORGE BANYAR, J.G.W.

MASTERS', NO. 5, ALBANY.

CHARTER: As No. 2, granted by authority of the Grand Lodge of England, by Provincial Grand Master GEORGE HARRISON, March 5, 1708. Received new charter from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, April 4, 1793.

NUMBER: No. 2 until 1798; then No. 4, which it retained until a rearrangement of numbers in 1810, when it became No. 5.

MINUTES : Intact from beginning, except from April 27, 1795, to October 21, 1824, and from April 9, 1828, to March 9, 1843.

Minutes of December 29, 1800; January 12 and 26, and February 0, 1807, are still intact.

MORGAN TROUBLE: One brother raised in 1828. No record of any other business, except opening and closing the Lodge.

MASTERS.

1768. William Gamble. Samuel Stringer.	1825. Rufus Brown. 1826. John W. Bay.	1866. Edmund L. Judson. 1867. Edmund L. Judson.
1769. Samuel Stringer.	1827. Jacob T. B. Van Vechten.	1868. Eli C. Clark, Jr.
1770. Samuel Stringer.	1828. Garrit W. Ryckman.	1869. Eli C. Clark, Jr.
1771. Samuel Stringer.	1829. Jonathan Eights,	1870. William H. Haskell.
1772. James Bain.	1830 to 1834 no record.	1871. William H. Haskell.
1773. Samuel Stringer. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.	1834. Jonathan Eights, 1835 to 1837 no record.	1872. John De P. Townsend.
1774. Samuel Stringer.	1837. Jonathan Eights.	1873. James Ten Eyck.
1775. Samuel Stringer.	1838. Jonathan Eights.	1874. James Ten Eyck.
1776. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.	1839. Jonathan Eights.	1875. James Ten Eyck.
1777. Samuel Stringer.	1840. Jonathan Eights.	1876. James Ten Eyck.
1778. Samuel Stringer.	1841. Jonathan Eights.	1877. James Ten Eyck.
1779. Samuel Stringer.	1842. Jonathan Eights.	1878. Clarence Rathbone.
1780. Samuel Stringer.	1843. Jonathan Eights.	1879. S. D. M. Goodwin.
1781. Leonard Gansevoort, Sr.	1844. Jonathan Eights.	1880. S. D. M. Goodwin.
1782. Leonard Gansevoort, Sr.	1845. Samuel Van Vechten.	1881. Robert D. Williams.
1783. John Lansing, Jr.	1846. John Keyes Paige.	1882. Robert D. Williams.
1784. John Lansing, Jr. Jos. John Lansing.	1847. William Seymour.	1883. John Boyd Thacher.
1785. Jos. John Lansing.	1848. William Seymour.	1884. Edward L. Taylor.
1786. John Fondey, Jr.	1849. William Seymour.	1885. John H. Quinby.
1787. Leonard Gansevoort.	1850. William Seymour.	1886. John H. Quinby.
1788. Leonard Gansevoort.	1851. William Seymour.	1887. Eugene Burlingame.
1789. Leonard Gansevoort.	1852. Cornelius Ten Broeck.	1888. William Story.
1790. Stephen Van Rensselaer.	1853. George H. Thacher.	1889. William Story.
1791. Stephen Van Rensselaer.	1854. Lewis Rathbone.	1890. George H. Benjamin.
1792. Leonard Gansevoort, Sr.	1855. R. Emmet Churchill.	1891. Joseph A. Lawson.
1793. Philip S. Van Rensselaer.	1856. R. Emmet Churchill.	1892. Calvin W. Eaton.
1794. Philip S. Van Rensselaer.	1857. R. Emmet Churchill.	1893. Calvin W. Eaton.
1795. Philip S. Van Rensselaer.	1858. Edmund L. Judson.	1894. Calvin W. Eaton.
1798. Sebastian Visscher.	1859. Edmund L. Judson.	1895. Joseph D. Craig.
1799 to 1806 no record.	1860. Frank Chamberlain.	1896. Joseph D. Craig.
1806. Rufus Brown.	1861. Jefferson Peterman.	1897. Stuart G. Speir.
1807. Rufus Brown.	1862. Jefferson Peterman.	1898. James F. Barker.
1808 to 1824 no record.	1863. Edmund L. Judson.	1899. James F. Barker.
1824. Jonathan Eights.	1864. Edmund L. Judson.	1900. William S. Hackett.
	1865. Edmund L. Judson.	1901. William S. Hackett.
		1902. Frederick W. White.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Stephen Van Rensselaer, Grand Master, 1825 to 1829. 1892.
Edmund L. Judson, Grand Master,

James Ten Eyck, Grand Master, 1878.
Frank Chamberlain, District Deputy Grand Master, 1862.

DECEASED BRETHREN PROMINENT IN VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE.

Samuel Stringer.	T. Romeyn Beck.
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.	John W. Bay.
Peter Schuyler.	Eli Perry.
Peter W. Yates.	George H. Thacher.
John S. Van Rensselaer.	John F. Rathbone.
Brig.-Gen. John Stark.	Charles E. Bleecker.

Many interesting extracts from the old minutes of this Lodge are given in Barker's "Early History and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York," Vol. I., pp. xxi-xxx.

ST. GEORGE'S, NO. 6, SCHENECTADY.

CHARTER: Dispensation, June 21, 1774, by Sir JOHN JOHNSON, Provincial Grand Master. December 13, 1774. dispensation renewed. Charter, September 14, 1774. April 29, 1822, warrant from Grand Lodge. June 8, 1844, warrant from Grand Lodge.

NUMBER: No. 1 to 1800. No. 7 to 1819. No. 8 to 1839. No. 6 to date.

GRAND LODGE: First representation on April 6, 1792, when JACOB MORTON, then Grand Secretary, was accepted as its proxy.

MEETING PLACES : Met first at BRO. ROBERT CLENCH'S tavern; removed December 20, 1777, to "the house of BRO. ABM. TRUAX who has provided a Room for the purpose at the Exspence of Ye Lodge"; in 1784, removed to "Widow CLENCH'S house," afterward to that of Bro. JOHN A. BRADT. In 1790, purchased a lot on State Street, where the New York Central now passes, and fixed up the dwelling-house on the lot for a Lodge room, the lower floor occupied by the Tiler, ANDREW RYNEX. Occupied this house until the Utica and Schenectady railroad was constructed, when it was taken by the railroad company in 1835. January 27. 1844, met at the "New Lodge Room in the Lyceum Building, on the corner of Yates and Union Streets." They leased the upper floor of this building (still standing, and occupied by a college Greek letter society), paying for it the money received from the railroad company, in return having the use of the upper story, \$030 of the Schenectady Lyceum and Academy stock, and also the free education of four boys or girls, children of Masons. Occupied this site until January 23, 1856, when they sold their stock in the Lyceum, and leased the upper floor of the Van Home building, State Street, paying \$150 per year rent. In 1868, the present Masonic Temple, No. 12 South Church Street, was built. It is owned by the Lodge, and used for Masonic purposes only. St. George's Chapter, No. 157, and St. George's Commandery, No. 37, occupy the building jointly with the Lodge, paying each one-third of the current expense (light, fuel, and Tiler). The Temple was refitted and refurnished in the summer of 1896, at a cost of over \$5.000, and is now one of the finest Lodge buildings in the State. It is also entirely free from debt.

MINUTE BOOKS: Intact from October 1, 1774, to January 22, 1814. No other minutes of 1814, or to December 21, 1818. No records, 1810, 1820, 1821, to September 12, 1822, from which records are complete to date.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: Met once a year, the annual meeting for the election of officers, from December 17, 1827, to June 20, 1834, when meetings were resumed. There is a record of an "extra Lodge," held March 17. 1828, "to investigate the charges against RICHARD McMICHAEL." Can find no account of yearly receipts and disbursements, except a bill of the Tiler: "To 6 nights Tying from Oct. 1828, to Dec. 1829, at 70c. per night, 4.50" (so in the original). "To 5 pounds candles at 62". Total, 5.12½. "There are no records, by the way, of these six nights. No candidates raised from December 15, 1827, "extra Lodge"—when JOHN C. CROWLEY was raised—until March 22, 1844, when JEROME N. BARHYDT and FRANK R. MUDGE were raised. From copy of a return to the Grand Lodge in the possession of the Lodge, and dated December 27, 1825, the membership was 27; from December 27, 1825, to December 15, 1827, 19 members were raised or affiliated, making a total of 40. Number of members as per return to Grand Lodge, December, 1839, 9. The nine survivors were

Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	J. C. Burnham.
Gilee F. Yates.	J. Lascells.
Roswell Perry.	John F. Yates.
John Allen.	A. L. Linn.
John S. Ten Eyck.	

MASTERS.

1774. Christopher Yates.	1809. John V. Van Ingen.	1845. Giles F. Yates.
1775. Christopher Yates.	1810. Henry Yates, Jr.	1846. Stephen H. Johnson.
1776. Christopher Yates.	1811. Thomas B. Clench.	1847. S. B. Burnham.
1777. John A. Bradt.	1812. Thomas B. Clench.	1848. Levi H. Willard.
1778. Christopher Yates.	1813. Thomas B. Clench.	1849. Jos. H. Horsfall, oldest PM on GL rolls.
1779. Christopher Yates.	1814. Thomas B. Clench.	1850. E. S. McCamus.
1780. Christopher Yates.	1815. Henry Yates, Jr.	1851. F. R. Mudge.
1781. Christopher Yates.	1816. Henry Yates, Jr.	1852. Joseph Y. Brower.
1782. Christopher Yates.	1817. Henry Yates, Jr.	1853. James E. Van Home.
1783. Christopher Yates.	1818. Henry Yates, Jr.	1854. S. O. Durkee.
1784. Christopher Yates.	1819. Henry Yates, Jr.	1855. Abram A. Van Vorst.
1785. Christopher Yates, d. Sep '85; term finished by Robert Alexander.	1820. Henry Yates, Jr.	1856. Abram A. Van Vorst.
1786. Robert Alexander.	1821. Henry Yates, Jr.	1857. Wm. J. Van Home.
1787. Cornelius Van Dyck.	1822. Henry Yates, Jr.	1858. Wm. J. Van Home.
1788. Cornelius Van Dyck.	1823. Henry Yates, Jr.	1859. Charles S. Vedder.
1789. Robert Alexander.	1824. Henry Yates, Jr.	1860. John N. Banker.
1790. Robert Alexander.	1825. Richard McMichael.	1861. John N. Banker
1791. Joseph C. Yates.	1826. Giles F. Yates.	1862. Horace Goodrich.
1792. Joseph C. Yates.	1827. Giles F. Yates.	1863. Horace Goodrich.
1793. Joseph C. Yates.	1828. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1864. James Comstock.
1794. Joseph C. Yates.	1829. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1865. Robert Lent.
1795. Joseph C. Yates.	1830. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1866. S. L. R. Buchanan.
1796. Joseph C. Yates.	1831. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1867. S. L. R. Buchanan.
1797. Jellis A. Fonda.	1832. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1868. S. L. R. Buchanan.
1798. Joseph C. Yates.	1833. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1869. Edgar M. Jenkins.
1799. Jellis A. Fonda.	1834. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1870. Edgar M. Jenkins.
1800. Jellis A. Fonda.	1835. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1871. W. J. Van Home.
1801. Jellis A. Fonda.	1836. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1872. J. A. De Remer.
1802. Jellis A. Fonda.	1837. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1873. J. A. De Remer.
1803. Henry Yates, Jr.	1838. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1874. J. Keyes Paige.
1804. James Teller.	1839. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1875. J. Keyes Paige.
1805. Jellis A. Fonda.	1840. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1876. J. Keyes Paige.
1806. Jellis A. Fonda.	1841. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1877. Cady Staley.
1807. Jellis A. Fonda.	1842. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1878. W. S. Hunter.
1808. Thomas B. Clench.	1843. Isaac M. Schermerhorn.	1879. W. S. Hunter.
	1844. Giles F. Yates.	

1880. Isaac B. Price.
1881. Isaac B. Price
1882. Wm. H. Peckham.
1883. Wm. H. Peckham.
1884. T. L. Barhydt.
1885. T. L. Barhydt.
1886. John H. White.
1887. John H. White.

1888. Peter M. Doty.
1889. Peter M. Doty.
1890. Francis Williamson.
1891. Chas. E. Palmer.
1892. Chas. b. Palmer.
1893. T. W. Wright
1894. T. W. Wright.
1895. W. Howes Smith.

1896. W. Howes Smith.
1897. David Engleman.
1898. M. B. McKinley.
1899. M. B. McKinley.
1900. W. W. Wemple.
1901. H. S. Van Voast.
1902. George Wood.

<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/families/hmgfm/yates.html>

Christopher Yates, commonly called "Colonel Stoeffel," eldest son of Joseph and Eva (Fonda) Yates, was born 8 Jul 1737. He was a surveyor by profession, served as captain under Sir William Johnson and was wounded, was lieutenant-colonel of Second Regiment, New York troop, under Colonel Abraham Wemple, was detached as assistant deputy quartermaster-general under General Philip Schuyler and as a member of his staff with him at Saratoga, when Gates took command, and "one of the best informed and most efficient patriots of the Mohawk Valley." He was a member of the provincial congress of the committee of public safety and of the first board of state regents. He married, 16 Oct 1760, Jannetje, daughter of Andries Bratt.

Children:

1. Eva, baptized February 14, 1762.
2. **Elisabeth, baptized May 7, 1763; married Bro. Jillis Fonda (below).**
3. Eva, baptized January 13, 1764; married William Johnson Butler, of Niagara.
4. Helena, baptized November 16, 1766; married Colonel McDonald, of the British army.
5. **Joseph C.**, born 9 Nov 1768, died 19 Mar 1837, full of honors and with a state wide reputation for industry and integrity; he was an attorney-at-law with an extensive practice; was the first mayor of Schenectady, a state senator in 1807, judge of the supreme court in 1808 and governor of New York from 1823 to 1824; he married (first) 30 Sep 1791, Ann, widow of James Ellice; (second) Maria, daughter of John Kane, of Schenectady; (third) Elizabeth, daughter of John De Lancey, of Westchester county (see further biography and painting below). He had no male issue but daughters,
 1. Helen Maria, married John Keyes Paige;
 2. Anna Alida, married John D. Watkins, of the state of Georgia;
 3. Jane Josepha, married Samuel Neil, of New York.

Joseph Yates, father of Christopher and eldest son of Christoffel and Cataleyntje (Winne) Yates, was baptized in Albany, 20 Apr 1707, and about 1734 settled in Schenectady, where he owned a plantation reaching from Aesplaus [Aelplaus?] creek to Freemans bridge, and was the largest slave owner in the county. He married, 17 Jan 1730, Eva, daughter of Jellis Fonda.

Children:

1. Catalyna, baptized January 17, 1731, in Albany; married Cornelis Peek.
2. Rachel, baptized May 7, 1733, in Albany; married Cornelis Barheit.
3. Huybertje, baptized June 15, 1735; married Samuel S. Bratt.
4. **Christopher (colonel), above.**
5. Tarineke; baptized April 29, 1739; married Colonel Cornelis Van Dyck.
6. Eva, baptized October 4, 1741; married Johannes H. Peek (2).
7. Gillis (Jellis), baptized April 22, 1744; married Ariantje Bratt, March 16, 1768.
8. Annatje, baptized October 5, 1746.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_C._Yates

Joseph Christopher Yates



Joseph Christopher Yates ([November 9, 1768](#)–[March 19, 1837](#)) was an [American](#) lawyer, politician, statesman, and founding trustee of [Union College](#). Born in [Schenectady, New York](#), Yates catapulted himself up the ranks of his day, becoming successively the mayor of Schenectady (1798), state senator (1805), state Supreme Court justice (1808), and the seventh governor of [New York](#) (1823–1824).

The home he inhabited in Schenectady while the state's chief executive still exists on Front Street in the city's Historic Stockade District.

As Governor, Yates sat for a portrait by [John Vanderlyn](#), famed for his rendition of such eminent historical figures as [George Washington](#), [Aaron Burr](#), [James Monroe](#), [George Clinton](#), [Andrew Jackson](#) and [Zachary Taylor](#). The painting is owned by the City of New York.^[1]

Joseph was born to Christopher "Colonel Stoeffel" Yates and his wife Jannetje Bratt in the autumn of 1768. In the course of his days he took three wives: the first was for love: Ann, widow of James Ellice; the second was for money, Maria, daughter of John Kane; the last was for clout, as he required it to further his ambitious political career, Elizabeth De Lancey, a daughter of [John De Lancey](#), of [Westchester County, New York](#).

Yates had three children, all daughters: Helen Maria, the oldest, was born on September 28th, 1797. She was married to Colonel John K. Paige and died January 25th, 1829. Anna Alida was born September 14th 1806, married to John D. Watkins, a resident of [Georgia](#). Jane Josepha was born November 6th, 1811, married to Samuel Neil of New York.

Joseph C. Yates died on March 19th, 1837 at the age of 69. He was initially buried in a family cemetery in [Schenectady County, New York](#). In 1889, his daughter Jane reinterred the remains of Joseph Yates and those of several other family members to the Neil family mausoleum in the churchyard of [St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#) in [Bronx County, New York](#). At present, there are no markers on the Neil family mausoleum to indicate that Gov. Yates is buried there. In recognition of his contributions to public life in his native state [Yates County, New York](#) and the [Town of Yates](#) are named after Governor Yates.

<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/yates/gen-fonda.html>

Jellis A. Fonda, a son of Abraham, was born 27 Oct 1759, married Elizabeth, daughter of Bro. Christopher Yates. He held the commission of Lieutenant in Van Schaick's regiment, which he resigned for a captaincy in Colonel Willet's Independent Corps, under whom he served to the close of the war. He was for many years clerk of Schenectady County, and died 27 Aug 1834.

Abraham, a son of Jellis, Sr., born 17 Jul 1715, married first, 30 Jul 1746, Maria, daughter of Abram Mebie; secondly, 22 Feb 1755, Susanna, daughter of Alexander Glen; and thirdly, 22 Nov 1774, Rachel Vrooman, widow of Abraham Wemp. Abraham Fonda lived in the house No. 27 Front Street, built by himself in 1752, later occupied by his great grandson, Nicholas Yates, Esq. He died 13 Feb 1805, aged nearly ninety years.

OFFICIALS OF GRAND LODGE.

Stephen H. Johnson, Grand Master.	Wm. H. Peckham, District Deputy Grand Master.
W. J. Van Home, District Deputy Grand Master.	Charles E. Palmer, District Deputy Grand Master.
John A. De Remer, Commissioner of Appeals.	W. Howes Smith, Representative of Grand Lodge of Maine.
John Keyes Paige, District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Steward.	

BRETHREN (DECEASED) DISTINGUISHED IN OTHER WALKS or LIFE:

JOSEPH C. YATES, Governor of New York, and first Mayor of Schenectady.

ROBERT CLENCH, hotel keeper and one of the founders of the Lodge. In 1780 Gen. WASHINGTON, then on a visit to Schenectady, lodged at his hotel; was drum-major under Braddock.

HENRY YATES (son of first Master of St. George's), State Senator; and Mayor of Schenectady.

HISTORICAL NOTES: Over thirty members of St. George's served in the Revolutionary War. See Report of Grand Historian, Transactions. 1900. The Lodge met regularly all through that crisis in the history of civil liberty. This is noticed because the statement in Barker's "Early History and Proceedings," that the Lodge meetings were interrupted has several times been repeated. The minutes show that the meetings were held with their wonted regularity, and were attended by many of those who belonged to the Continental army.

CIVIL WAR: See names in Report of Grand Historian in Transactions, 1899.

Up to 1790. the annual election was held in June. First election near Day of Evangelist, June 20, 1790.

HUDSON, NO. 7, HUDSON CITY.

CHARTER: Petition presented on March 17, 1787; in May following a warrant was issued by the Grand Lodge, and the first officers were installed at Albany in June, 1787, by the Senior Grand Warden, PETER W. YATES, as follows:

Seth Jenkins, Worshipful Master.	Thomas Frothingham, Senior Deacon.
Jared Coffin, Senior Warden.	Simeon Stoddard, Junior Deacon.
David Lawrence, Junior Warden.	Shubal Worth, Steward.
Samuel Mansfield, Treasurer.	Benj. Chace, Steward.
Daniel Gano, Secretary.	

NUMBER: No. 13, 1787; No. 15, 1823; No. 12, 1831; No. 7, 1839.

MINUTES: From December 4, 1797, to December, 1823, lost. Said to have been destroyed by fire. Names of Masters for those years, on list which follows, taken from an old copy of Lodge's by-laws.

MASTERS

1787. Seth Jenkins.	1825. Thomas F. King.	1847. Ichabod Rogers.
1788. Seth Jenkins.	1826. Thomas F. King.	1848. Cornelius Bortle.
1789. Seth Jenkins.	1827. Cyrus Curtiss.	1849. Cornelius Bortle.
1790. Seth Jenkins.	1828. Cyrus Curtiss.	1850. Cornelius Bortle.
1791. Thomas Frothingham.	1829. Philip White.	1851. James Batchellor.
1792. Thomas Frothingham.	1830. Philip White.	1852. James Batchellor.
1793. Thomas Frothingham.	1831. L. U. Lawrence.	1853. James Batchellor.
1794. Thomas Frothingham.	1832. E. C. Thurston.	1854. George Barker.
1795. Thomas Frothingham.	1833. E. C. Thurston.	1855. William A. Carpenter.
1796. Samuel Edmonds.	1834. Philip White.	1856. Cornelius Bortle.
1797. Thomas Frothingham.	1835. Cyrus Curtiss.	1857. George C. Tolley.
1798. Benjamin Allen.	1836. Cyrus Curtiss.	1858. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1799. Daniel Fowler.	1837. Stephen A. Coffin.	1859. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1800. Daniel Fowler.	1838. Stephen A. Coffin.	1860. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1801. John W. Edmonds.	1839. Richard Carrique.	1861. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1802. Thomas Blank.	1840. Richard Carrique.	1862. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1803. A. G. Barnard.	1841. Richard Carrique.	1863. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1804. Philip White.	1842. Richard Carrique.	1864. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1805. Philip White.	1843. Richard Carrique.	1865. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1806. Campbell Bushnell.	1844. Peter G. Coffin.	1866. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1823. Philip White.	1845. Peter G. Coffin.	1867. Cornelius Esselstyn.
1824. Philip White.	1846. Ichabod Rogers.	1868. Frederick M. Best.

1869. Frederick M. Best.	1881. Samuel G. Bowles.	1893. H. A. Hallenbeck.
1870. Frederick M. Best.	1882. Samuel G. Bowles.	1894. H. A. Halleubeck.
1871. Almon Snyder.	1883. Samuel G. Bowles.	1895. Morris Van De Bogart.
1872. Almon Snyder.	1884. Samuel G. Bowles.	1896. Morris Van De Bogart.
1873. Edward P. Magoun.	1885. Samuel G. Bowles.	1897. Ruluf Neefus.
1874. Edward P. Magoun.	1886. Frank T. Punderson.	1898. Ruluf Neefus.
1875. Henry Kertz.	1887. Frank T. Punderson.	1899. Ruluf Neefus.
1876. Henry Kertz.	1888. George G. Miller.	1900. Weasel Ten Broeck.
1877. Aaron Colton.	1889. George G. Miller.	1901. Wessel Ten Broeck.
1878. Aaron Colton.	1890. George G. Miller.	1902. Alonzo M. Briggs.
1879. Richard Kidney.	1891. Bert Speed.	
1880. Aaron Colton.	1892. George G. Miller.	

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS.

Richard Carrique, Senior Grand Warden.	Edward P. Magoun, District Deputy Grand Master.
Cornelius Esselstyn, Commissioner of Appeals.	Samuel G. Bowles, District Deputy Grand Master.
Edward L. Gaul, Commissioner of Appeals.	George G. Miller, District Deputy Grand Master.

HISTORICAL NOTES: Copy of Minutes of meeting, December 18, 1786:

"A number of Antient Free and Accepted Masons having removed to this city which is at so great a distance from the Lodges to which they belonged that it is impossible for most, and very inconvenient for others, to give a due attendance and are thereby deprived of the many benefits which result from an Intercourse with a well regulated Lodge; from a desire to remove these obstacles as well as the advancement of the Royal Craft they met at the house of BRO. JOHN MCKINSTRY and agreed to draught (and forward by BRO. DANIEL GANO) a petition to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, praying that a warrant be granted for the purpose of making, passing, and raising Free Masons."

The second meeting was held at the house of BRO. MCKINSTRY, March 25, 1787. The following brethren were present:

Jared Coffin.	Wm. Wall.
Joseph Hamilton.	Dan'l Gano.
John Mclunstry.	Root. Worth.
John Thurston.	Seth Jenkins.
John Penoyer.	Robert Folger.
Shubal Worth.	David Lawrence.
Theo. Worthingham.	Benj. Chace.
Joseph Olney.	Samuel Jenkins.
Isaac Bateman.	Samuel Mansfield.
Thos. Worth.	

There is in possession of the Lodge a Russian sword with the following inscription: "This sword was presented by the Empress of Russia in 1802 to Capt. JUDAH PADDOCK, for relieving a Russian man-of-war when in distress, as memento of honor and by him to Hudson Lodge, No. 7, in 1809 or 1810, as a token of his high regard for Masonry. Vivat Catharina."

SAINT JOHN'S DAY: The first celebration of the Festival of St. John

the Evangelist was in 1787. "An elegant oration" was delivered by EZEKIEL GILBERT, after which Lodge proceeded to the house of Bro. JOSEPH GORDON, where dinner was served. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was first celebrated in 1788, "At which time, a sensible and well adapted oration" was delivered by Dr. LEVI WHEATON.

Up to 1840, one—and some years both—festivals were observed. Since that date, we find but one record, 1842, when the Lodge joined with a Lodge in Troy, NY.

ST. JOHN'S HALL: The corner-stone of St. John's Hall was laid June 12, 1795, by Bro. EBEN RAND; W.'. THOMAS FROTHINGHAM delivered an oration and thirty-three brethren attended. The building was dedicated with imposing ceremonies, December 27, 1796. "After which procession moved to the Presbyterian meeting house, the use of which had been granted by the trustees after much hesitation, and not until after the Lodge agreed that an oration should be delivered instead of the preaching of a sermon as at first intended, where prayer was offered by Bro. EBNEST; followed by an oration by Bro. GARDNER. From church they proceeded to house of Bro. GARDNER, where dinner was served; then to Lodge room, where the Lodge was closed. BRO. ANDREW MAYFIELD CARSHOBE was master of ceremonies for the day." In early years the installation of officers was public, always followed by a dinner.

HOLLAND LODGE, NO. 8, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: September 15, 1787. This was the first warrant granted by Grand Lodge of State of New York.

NUMBER: No number until 1789, when, at a meeting of City Lodges, it received by a vote the numerical designation of No. 8. 1819 (June 4), it became No. 16: No. 8 going to St. George's, Poughkeepsie. 1830, (December 1), it became No. 13. 1839 (June 7), received its original number, 8, again.

MINUTES: Intact, with slight exceptions.

SCHISMS: In 1823, adhered to City Grand Lodge. In 1855, left Grand Lodge and united after a while with Phillips Grand Lodge, returning to Grand Lodge with the other Phillips Lodges in 1858. See Prince of Orange Lodge, No. 16.

MASTERS.

1787. John Meyer.	1792. John Adams.	1797. Elias Hicks.
1788. R. J. Vanden Broek.	1793. John V. Roorbach.	1798. John Jacob Astor.
1789. R. J. Vanden Broek.	1794. De Witt Clinton.	1799. Wm. Irving, Jr.
1790. John Stagg, Jr.	1795. Wm. Henderson.	1800. Wm. Irving, Jr.
1791. John Pintard.	1796. John Abrams.	1801. Alexander S. Glass.

1802. Elias Hicks.	1836. B. R. Winthrop.	1870. J. P. P. White.
1803. Nathan Sandford.	1837. B. R. Winthrop.	1871. J. P. P. White.
1804. John Rodman.	1888. B. R. Winthrop.	1872. John D. Prince.
1805. Ad. C. Van Slyck.	1839. B. R. Winthrop.	1873. Lawrence Wells.
1806. Alexander S. Glass.	1840. B. R. Winthrop.	1874. Lawrence Wells.
1807. Ebenezer Irving.	1841. B. R. Winthrop.	1875. Cadwalader Evans.
1808. Elias Hicks.	1842. B. R. Winthrop.	1876. Cadwalader Evans.
1809. Elias Hicks.	1843. B. R. Winthrop.	1877. John Benjamin.
1810. Elias Hicks.	1844. B. R. Winthrop.	1878. John Benjamin.
1811. Elias Hicks.	1845. B. R. Winthrop.	1879. H. I. Nicholas.
1812. Elias Hicks.	1846. J. Horton Rodgers.	1880. Chas. A. Minton.
1813. Elias Hicks.	1847. W. H. Milnor.	1881. Chas. A. Minton.
1814. Elias Hicks.	1848. W. H. Milnor.	1882. Warren A. Conover.
1815. Elias Hicks.	1849. W. H. Milnor.	1883. Thos. B. Williams.
1816. Elias Hicks.	1850. N. N. Halsted.	1884. Lewis M. Brown.
1817. Elias Hicks.	1851. Fredk. Fawcett.	1885. James Benkart.
1818. Abm. Lott.	1852. J. J. Crane.	1886. Edward Anthon.
1819. Abm. Lott.	1853. J. J. Crane.	1887. William B. Williams.
1820. Abm. Lott.	1854. J. J. Crane.	1888. James G. Janeway.
1821. Elias Hicks.	1855. Saml. A. Rollo.	1889. William S. Alley.
1822. Stephen Price.	1856. J. J. Crane.	1890. Augustin Monroe.
1823. Elias Hicks.	1857. Alex. Frear.	1891. Timothy M. Cheesman.
1824. Wm. Delafield.	1858. J. J. Crane.	1892. Glover C. Arnold.
1825. Edmund Kortright.	1859. J. J. Crane.	1893. Stanley W. Dexter.
1826. Edmund Kortright.	1860. Joseph N. Balestier.	1894. Rob't M. Bull.
1827. Edward Seaman.	1861. Jotham Post.	1895. J. Howard Wainwright.
1828. Edward Seaman.	1862. Jotham Post.	1896. J. Howard Wainwright.
1829. Thomas Longworth.	1863. Horace S. Taylor.	1897. Joseph H. Sterling.
1830. Thomas Longworth.	1864. Horace S. Taylor.	1898. William B. Coster.
1831. George Davie.	1865. Chas. A. Rapallo.	1899. David I. Jackson.
1832. George Davis.	1866. Chas. A. Rapallo.	1900. Chester C. Munroe.
1833. B. R. Winthrop.	1867. Jno. J. Townsend.	1901. Timothy M. Cheesman.
1834. B. R. Winthrop.	1868. Samuel Jones.	
1835. B. R. Winthrop.	1869. Samuel Jones.	

1789, Lodge consecrated at residence of JOHN MEYER, No. 30 John Street.

PLACES OF MEETING: 1788, residence of Mr. BEEKMAN, Courtlandt Street. Then in (1790), Crown Street (Liberty Street), in building "erected for their particular accommodation." Cedar Street. City Hotel (destroyed by fire, April 23, 1833). Masonic Temple, corner Broome and Crosby Streets ; and in 1860 leased Lodge rooms at 8 Union Place (destroyed by fire, March, 1861) ; Broadway and Twenty-second Street, until May, 1874; Masonic Hall.
 LODGE COLOR : Orange since 1800 ; formerly green.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

De Witt Clinton, Grand Master.
John H. Anthon, Grand Master.
W. H. Milnor, Grand Master.
Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master.
J. J. Crane, Grand Master.
Cadwalader D. Golden, Senior Grand Warden.
William Irving, Senior Grand Warden.
John Meyer, Junior Grand Warden.
John Jacob Aetor, Grand Treasurer.
John Pintard, Grand Treasurer.
Gerardus Boyce, Grand Treasurer.
John Abrams, Grand Secretary.
Rinier Jan Vanden Broek, Grand Secretary
John Wells, Grand Secretary.

Elias Hicks, Grand Secretary.,
Robert R. Boyd, Grand Secretary.
 Edward Livingston, Deputy Grand Master.
 Cadwalader Evans, Grand Sword Bearer, and Representative of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
 Samuel Jones, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Lawrence Wells, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Joseph N. Balestier, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Jas. G. Janeway, DDGM & Chief Commissioner of Appeals.
 A. G. Goodall, Representative of Grand Lodge of England.
 John Benjamin, Grand Representative.
 Saml. Jones, Jr., Grand Representative.
 Charles A. Miaton, Grand Representative.
 T. M. Cheesman, Rep. of Grand Orient of Belgium.

BRETHREN (DECEASED) PROMINENT IN VARIOUS WALKS IN LIFE.

Baron Steuben (Honorary Member).
George Washington (Honorary Member).
 Ogden Edwards, Judge.
Samuel Fraunces, Tavern Keeper; Patriot in Rev. War.
 Peter Maverick, Engraver.
 John Pintard, Secretary Historical Society.
 J. F. Roorbach, Lawyer, Civil Justice.
 Saml. L. M. Barlow, Lawyer.

Dr. Hugh McLean.
 Isaac Bell, Merchant.
 Nathan Sandford, Chancellor of New York State.
 Albert Bierstadt, Artist.
 John Rodman, District Attorney.
 Daniel Lord, Lawyer.
 Ebenezer Irving (Brother of Washington Irving).
 Adrian C. Van Slyck, Grand Sachem of Tammany, 1885.

Stephen Price, Actor and Theatrical Manager.
 Thomas Hilson, Actor.
 William Dunlap, Historian.
 Chas. A. Rapallo, Judge Court of Appeals.
 Thos. A. Cooper, Actor.
 John J. Wheatley, Actor.
 Fitz-Greene Halleck, Poet.
 Geo. F. Woodward, Physician.

Saml. A. Rollo, Publisher.
 Chas. G. Halpine (Miles O'Reilly), Poet.
 Samuel Ward, Wit.
 John H. Wainwright (son of Bishop Wainwright).
 Wm. O. Stone, Artist.
 Alexander Frear, Member State Assembly.
 John T. Conover, "Builder of the Temple."

NOTES FROM LODGE HISTORY: Dedication of meeting place in Crown (Liberty) Street, June 24, 1790, from the minutes:

"Holland Lodge, June 24, 1790, convened in Crown Street.

"The anniversary of St. John the Baptist being on this day, this Lodge, and Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, met at the new building erected for their convenience. Previous to opening the Lodge they performed the solemn ceremonies of consecration, agreeably to a resolution of April 27, 1790.

"Present, the Right Worshipful the officers of the Grand Lodge of this State, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and Grand Master of Georgia, BROTHERS SMITH and JACKSON, and several members of Congress; also the Masters and Wardens of some of the warranted Lodges of this city, together with the New York Musical Society.

"As the Brothers entered the Lodge Room a solemn march was performed on various instruments of music. 'Tis said that P. A. VAN HAGEN, Jr., who had not yet attained his ninth year, composed the march. He was also one of the performers in the concert of music.

"A solemn sound of music from the organ by Mr. P. A. VAN HAGEN was followed by a well adapted address from the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, after which the presiding officers of the Chapter and Lodge stood around an altar, on which a temple was placed, supported by five pillars, covered with embroidered cloth.

"The most Worshipful BROTHER VANDEN BROEK, presiding officer of Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, delivered the consecration prayer, after which the temple was removed, and warrants of Chapter and Lodge with the Holy Bible were handed to the presiding officers of each.

"The Worshipful BROTHER STAGG, in the name of the Most High, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever, declared this building set apart for Masonic purposes; which declaration was answered by a solemn touch of the organ.

"The most Worshipful BROTHER VANDEN BROEK, in manner as before, declared this building set apart to virtue. Answered by solemn sounds from the organ.

"The Worshipful Master BROTHER STAGG, in the same form of solemn declaration, observed this building was set apart for the promotion of universal charity and benevolence.

"Then was answered by the most Worshipful BROTHER VANDEN BROEK, 'Glory be to God on high, on Earth peace, and good will towards men.'

"To which the presiding officers replied, 'Amen.'

"The organ closed the ceremony with solemn music.

"The most Worshipful Master, VANDEN BROEK, presiding officer of the Chapter, agreeably to previous arrangement, delivered a discourse on Masonry, in the course of which he addressed the Grand Lodge, the Chapter, and the Lodge.

"The whole concluded in a delightful concert of music, set to an elegant ode composed by BROTHER Low. and performed vocally and instrumentally by the Musical Society of New York."

SEAL OF LODGE: On the minutes of the 14th of March, 1788, a description of the Lodge seal (which was engraved or sunk by PETER MAVERICK) is entered in these words:

"The following is a description of the seal of the Holland Lodge, which, by the minutes of the 2d of November last, is ordered to be recorded, to wit:

"ARMS: Argent; a book proper charged with a compass and square.

"SUPPORTERS: On the dexter side an American eagle, resting her sinister foot on a globe proper. On the sinister a lion rampant, holding in his dexter paw a sword, in his sinister seven arrows, all proper.

"CREST: An eye, emitting rays, encircled with thirteen stars.

"MOTTO: *Deugd zy uw cieraad*, in a scroll on which the supporters stand.

"BELOW THE MOTTO: Hand in union.

"ROUND THE WHOLE: Hollandsche Loge, Staat van Nieuw York, 1787."



< John Jacob Astor, Grand Treasurer, 1798-1800.

A GROUP OF NOTED CRAFTSMEN.

"JOHN JACOB ASTOR was another of the most prominent sons of Holland Lodge. On examining the minutes, I have been surprised to see how regularly this wonderful man, whose enterprises were on a scale of grandeur which dwarfed all rivalry, attended the meetings of the Lodge, and devoted himself to its interests. While Master, he omitted the performance of no duty, and he still took an active part after he had passed the chair. We naturally associate anything but sentiment with the composition of great merchants. But that BRO. ASTOR acted in the Lodge from a full heart, none can doubt who read the history of his zealous Masonic career; and we find it recorded, in December, 1798, that 'our Worshipful Master then delivered a pathetic and truly applicable discourse on his retirement from the chair.' Immediately afterward the Lodge passed a resolution highly complimentary to their late Master, and voted him a Past Master's jewel."

"WILLIAM IRVING, Jr., was another of the 'early Masters worthy of especial mention. He succeeded Worshipful BRO. ASTOR as Master in 1799, and served as such two full terms. He was one of the editors of 'Salmagundi,' and author of all the poetry contained in that humorous publication. He was also the projector of 'Knickerbocker's History of New York,' and wrote some portion of that veracious book, which, however, was remodeled and chiefly written by his brother, WASHINGTON IRVING. He became a member of Congress, and sacrificed to political life a literary career which promised great results. WASHINGTON IRVING often declared that his brother WILLIAM was the ablest man in the IRVING family, and to such praise little can be added. The sons of WILLIAM IRVING are among our most respected fellow-citizens, and the social position of his daughter is second to that of no lady in the land."

"No less than eleven members of the LIVINGSTON family, so famous in the Masonic annals of the State, have belonged to Holland Lodge. One of them was EDWARD LIVINGSTON, who holds a prominent rank among American statesmen and jurists. He achieved high distinction as Mayor of New York, member of Congress, Secretary of State of the United States, and Minister to France; and the immortalized himself by his celebrated Code of Louisiana. On the night he was proposed, his eminent elder brother, Chancellor ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, then Grand Master, and who served as such from 1874 until 1800, visited the Lodge. EDWARD LIVINGSTON was our third Junior Warden, but never aspired to any higher position."

"The historical name of SAMUEL FRAUNCES, the swarthy publican and patriot, will be found in the list of early members. He was the keeper of Fraunces's tavern (sometimes called Black Sam's), at the corner of Broad and Pearl Streets, where WASHINGTON established his headquarters when the British troops evacuated the city in 1783. It was here that the immortal hero took that heart-breaking farewell of his officers, the recital of which yet draws tears even from eyes unused to the melting mood."

"BARON STEUREN was an honorary member of the Lodge, and took part occasionally in the proceedings. He is mentioned on the 6th of February, 1789, as a member of the Lodge, by the title of BRO. Past Master BARON STEUREN. He was on the same evening appointed a member of a committee to communicate to President WASHINGTON that he had been elected an honorary member of Holland Lodge."

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in 1788, the Baron dined with the Lodge, and addressed the brethren in French, of which the following is a translation:

"The favorable reception with which you have honored me is sufficient to ensure my most lively acknowledgments. But sentiments more sublime, more equal to yourselves, engage me to express the veneration with which I have contemplated the organization and government of your Lodge, under the direction of your Worshipful Master.

"Veterans of the royal art, I flatter myself that I am acquainted with Masonry, and able to judge of the propriety of working, without being deceived by the performance of external ceremonies.

"Your working bears the stamp of true Masonry. It is decorated with wisdom, strength, and beauty. The choice of your materials evinces the perfection of the building under your care.

"With great satisfaction I see the rapid progress you have made. Your zeal and perseverance will crown you with full success.

"My ardent wish will always be, that this Lodge may be as flourishing as its virtues are respectable."

To this address the Worshipful Master, VANDEN BROEK, made an extempore reply in the same language, of which the following is a translation substantially:

"Worshipful Brother:

"The very polite and eloquent address with which you have honored Holland Lodge, manifests those noble virtues which characterize a Mason, and which adorn and distinguish you.

"It affords me great pleasure to learn that the proceedings of Holland Lodge are approved by a brother of so much experience, and so well acquainted with true Masonry.

"Knowing the rectitude of your heart, and having experienced your zeal for the welfare of the Craft, we were as much influenced by sentiments of respect and attachment for you, as by a desire to add to the dignity of our Lodge, when we did ourselves the honor to elect you an honorary member. Your ready acceptance assures us that the welfare of the Lodge is your sincere wish.

"Permit me to recommend Holland Lodge and every member thereof to your care and protection, and be persuaded that every mark of kindness shown to us will be acknowledged with sentiments of gratitude and veneration.

"May the great Architect of the universe bestow on you his most precious blessings. May you reap a reward due to your virtues and faithful services, and at the end of a life which has been eminently useful to society and honorable to yourself, may you leave this world for a better uttering these words: 'Farewell, my friends; I go to our God—my struggle is at an end—I leave this earth with a joyful heart, to meet the great Architect above.'"

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UNITY, NO. 9, NEW LEBANON.

CHARTER September 18, 1788. "There was a tradition among the old Masons as long ago as 1800 that a Lodge existed in the old King's District previously to 1780, and that the charter of 1788 was issued in lieu of one then surrendered."—*Manuscript History*.

NUMBER: Seems to have had no numerical designation at first, but in 1817 it appears on the roll as No. 17. In 1830 it received 13 as its number. In 1839 it received its present number.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: "The Master elected in 1827 was HARRY PIERCE, and the whole amount of work upon the minutes, done at seven Communications during the year succeeding was the balloting for and accepting LUTHER C. NORTON as a member of the Lodge. This was the last business done by the Lodge, by way of making members or initiations, standing upon the minutes up to November 6, 1845, at which time DAVID KENDALL was proposed for the degrees in Masonry. In 1828 there were but four meetings, ELISHA GILBERT being the Master, ELIAS GATES, S.W., and CHARLES W. HULL, J.W. In 1829 there was but one meeting, and that in

December, when they proceeded to elect ELISHA GILBERT, Master, HARRY PIERCE, S.W., and JOHN MURDOCK, J.W. This practice continued from year to year until 1844, the same Master being annually elected, with occasional changes in the names of the Wardens. In 1843, doubts existing respecting the legality of their proceedings and the lawful standing of the Lodge, a delegate was sent to the Grand Lodge with a petition asking the Grand Lodge to put Unity Lodge in good standing, which was granted on condition of payment of two years' dues. This condition was complied with."—*Official Record of Lodge*.

OFFSHOOTS: 1796, twenty-three members of Unity petitioned for a charter, which was granted to Caanan Lodge, No. 44. at New Concord. It ceased to work about 1827, and the charter was declared forfeited in 1833.

1798, thirteen members of Unity petitioned for a charter, which was granted to Schodack Lodge, No. 81, at Nassau Village. In 1818 the name was changed to Wadsworth Lodge, its number became 78, and it moved to Brainard's Bridge. Charter declared forfeited in 1835. In 1841 some of the old members of this Lodge uniting with former members of Yates Lodge formed the present Schodack Union Lodge, No. 87.

1801, sixteen members of Unity Lodge, residing in or near Stephen- town, petitioned for a charter, which was issued to Friendship Lodge. No. 96. It ceased to work about 1828, was revived in 1834; became No. 24 in 1839, but was afterward removed from Grand Lodge roll.

MASTERS

1788. Eleazer Grant.	1826. John Murdoch.	1864. Hampton C. Bull.
1789. Eleazer Grant.	1827. Harry Pierce.	1865. Jeriah H. Reed.
1790. Unknown.	1828. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1866. Samuel P. Skinner.
1791. Unknown.	1829. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1867. John G. Field.
1792. Unknown.	1830. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1868. Hampton C. Bull.
1793. Unknown.	1831. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1869. Hampton C. Bull.
1794. Elihu Finney.	1832. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1870. Caleb C. Bedell.
1795. Ephraim Hunt.	1833. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1871. Charles E. Seger.
1796. Eleazar Grant.	1834. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1872. Charles E. Seger.
1797. Nathan Hand.	1835. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1873. Charles H. Chapin.
1798. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1836. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1874. Cornelius J. Richmond.
1799. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1837. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1875. Xyris T. Bates.
1800. Daniel Green.	1838. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1876. George B. Kendall.
1801. Seth Hill.	1839. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1877. Cornelius J. Richmond.
1802. Peleg Spencer.	1840. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1878. Cornelius J. Richmond.
1803. Joseph Enos.	1841. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1879. Leonard Wagner.
1804. Joseph Enos.	1842. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1880. Samuel J. Tilden, Jr.
1805. Joseph Enoe.	1843. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1881. Peter S. Garvey.
1806. Ebenezer Wadsworth.	1844. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1882. William E. Merry.
1807. Peter Barker.	1845. John Murdoch.	1883. John G. Field.
1808. Peter Barker.	1846. John Murdoch.	1884. John G. Field.
1809. David W. Patterson.	1847. Josiah Wait.	1885. Amos H. Peabody.
1810. David W. Patterson.	1848. Esek C. King.	1886. Amos H. Peabody.
1811. David Vv. Patterson.	1849. Esek C. King.	1887. John C. Murdoch.
1812. Benjamin Enos.	1850. Elias Gates.	1888. John C. Murdoch.
1813. John Bull, Jr.	1851. Hampton C. Bull.	1889. W. A. Morin.
1814. John Bull, Jr.	1852. Henry D. Gay.	1890. W. A. Morin.
1815. Reuben Barker.	1853. Henry D. Gay.	1891. W. A. Morin.
1816. Reuben Barker.	1854. Nelson Tanner.	1892. W. A. Morin.
1817. David Johnson.	1855. Nelson Tanner.	1893. W. H. McKeen.
1818. Peter Barker.	1856. Loren S. Kingsley.	1894. J. C. McGonigal.
1819. Abel K Andrews.	1857. Loren S. Kingsley.	1895. G. J. Richmond.
1820. John Bull, Jr.	1858. Joseph K. Royce.	1896. George W. Bristol.
1821. Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	1859. Joseph K. Royce.	1897. John M. Adams.
1822. Josiah Wait.	1860. John C. Clark.	1898. John M. Adams.
1823. Elisha Gilbert.	1861. Hampton C. Bull.	1899. John M. Adams.
1824. William Tobey.	1862. Hampton C. Bull.	1900. H. P. Whitehead.
1825. John Murdoch.	1863. Hampton C. Bull.	1901. H. P. Whitehead.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~george/b16393.htm>

Peleg SPENCER was born on 12 Feb 1758 in Wallingford, New Haven Co., CT. He died on 19 Jan 1841 in New Lebanon, Columbia Co., NY. [4c5r of the present compiler]

Resided New Lebanon, Columbia Co., NY; will 11 May 1831, proved 5 July 1842.

He came from CT and settled at New Lebanon; served in the Revolution for which his widow received a pension.

For a son "Allen" (1783-1851), not named in his will, see "American Ancestry", 2:119. In that he had this son, Allen, b. 1783, he must have had a previous wife.

Rev. Pension W19393. 8 Aug 1832. Peleg Spencer, res. of New Lebanon, Columbia, NY, ae 73. Resided in Richmond, MA, when he entered the service, services, etc, in MA and NY. In 1779 resided in New Lebanon; b. in Washington Co, NY, in 1759.

17 Sep 1832, Samuel Jones of New Lebanon deposes that he knew Peleg Spencer in 1780 in New Lebanon which was then a part of the town of Cannan, etc.

10 Sep 1832, Joseph Potter, Esq, 72, deposes ... etc ... [that] Peleg [was] a spinning wheel maker, -testified to- Susquehanna, PA.

He is most likely the Peleg Spencer who belonged to Unity Lodge No. 9, F&AM, New Lebanon, NY, which met at the home of Elisha Gilbert there between 1794 and 1850. Peleg's name appears in the Transactions of the American Lodge of Research, Vol. XIII, No. 3 - 1977: "There are a number of letters on file at Grand Lodge with notification of lodge elections: . . . June 1, 1822 (Peleg Spencer on December 5, 1802 . . .). Peleg was Master of Unity Lodge No. 9 in 1802, per the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1902, in which a brief history of the Lodge is recorded.

PROMINENT MEMBERS: "The Lodge has numbered among its members many persons who have occupied honorable and prominent positions in the political world, as well as in the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Those who have held offices in the National and State governments it is not necessary to note. But it is not improper at this time to mention those who have been prominent in Masonry. Our late BRO. Rev. SILAS CHURCHILL held the office of Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter during 1803, 1804, and 1805. He was made a Mason in Unity Lodge, in 1794. JOSEPH ENOS was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1822, 1823, and 1824. He was made a Mason in Unity Lodge in 1804. He also held the office of Grand Scribe in the Grand Chapter four years from 1815. He was also for many years Grand Visitor of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter. ELISHA GILBERT, Jr., was Junior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge from 1812 to 1821; Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter in 1804 ; Grand King in 1805 ; and Grand High Priest in 1845. EBENEZER WADSWORTH was Grand Scribe in 1800 and 1838, and Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter from 1818 to 1824. He was also Grand Visitor and Grand Lecturer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for many years. He was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1825 and 1827. BRO. WADSWORTH was made a Mason in Unity Lodge in 1802. JOHN BULL, Jr., was Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter from 1818 to 1847, holding the office at the time of his decease. He was made a Mason in Unity Lodge in 1810. BENJAMIN ENOS was Grand Scribe of Grand Chapter in 1828, and Grand High Priest in 1844. He was made a Mason in Unity Lodge in 1809." — *Lodge History*.

CHARLES L. BEALE, representative of the district in Congress, and W. H. TOBEY, State Senator, were also members at one time of Unity.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: "Brief History of Unity Lodge, No. 9, for 100 years, 1788-1888," compiled by Lodge Committee. Manuscript history compiled in 1862, in possession of Grand Historian.

KINGSTON, NO. 10, KINGSTON.

CHARTER: November 13, 1850.

PREVIOUS LODGES: Kingston Lodge, No. 24, warranted December 8, 1790; became No. 20 in 1819.

MASTERS OF No. 24.

1790. John Addison.	1796. Moses Cantine.	1802. Moses Cantine.
1791. John Addison.	1797. Moses Cantine.	1803. Moses Cantine.
1792. John Addison.	1798. Peter Elmendorf, Jr.	1804. John Beekman.
1793. Moses Yeomans.	1799. Peter Elmendorf, Jr.	1805. John Beekman.
1794. Moses Yeomans.	1800. Moses Cantine.	
1795. Moses Yeomans.	1801. Moses Cantine.	

December 26, 1805, warrant surrendered to Grand Lodge by vote of the brethren. Kingston Lodge, No. 23, instituted by dispensation, August 29, 1808, MOSES CANTINE being named as Master. Charter issued December 27, 1808.

MASTERS, KINGSTON, No. 23.

1808. Moses Cantine.	1816. John Sudam.	1824. John Chipp.
1809. Conradt E. Elmendorf.	1817. John Chipp.	1825. Seth Couch.
1810. Conradt E. Elmendorf.	1818. Nash Couch.	1826. Abram Myer.
1811. Samuel Hawkins.	1819. Nash Couch.	1827. Dr. H. Van Hoevenbergh.
1812. John Sudam.	1820. Seth Couch.	1828. Edward Green.
1813. John Sudam.	1821. Abram Meyer.	1829. John Van Buren.
1814. Conradt E. Elmendorf.	1822. Abram Myer.	
1815. Conradt E. Elmendorf.	1823. Dr. H. Van Hoevenbergh.	

Last Regular Meeting under this Charter held March 20, 1829.

MASTERS UNDER PRESENT WARRANT, KINGSTON, No. 10.

1851. John Vim Buren.	1864. James M. Cooper.	1877. Warren Chipp.
1852. John Van Buren.	1865. Lucas V. H. Miner.	1878. Alton B. Parker.
1853. Warren Chipp.	1866. Warren Chipp.	1879. Alton B. Parker.
1854. Warren Chipp.	1867. William M. Hayes.	1880. John E. Kraft.
1855. Warren Chipp.	1868. John P. Curtis.	1881. John E. Kraft.
1856. Warren Chipp.	1869. Dr. F. W. Ingalls.	1882. C. C. Ten Broeck.
1857. Warren Chipp.	1870. Christopher Agar.	1883. Rev. C. W. Camp.
1858. Jacob H. Du Bois.	1871. Warren Chipp.	1884. Rev. C. W. Camp.
1859. Warren Chipp.	1872. Christopher Agar.	1885. Hyman Roosa.
1860. Warren Chipp.	1873. Alex. J. Forbes.	1886. Hyman Roosa.
1861. Henry B. Luther.	1874. George M. Brown.	1887. Levi Rosa.
1862. Warren Chipp.	1875. George M. Brown.	1888. Levi Rosa.
1863. Warren Chipp.	1876. George M. Brown.	1889. N. T. Brodhead.

1890. N. T. Brodhead.
1891. Everett Fowler.
1892. A. H. Van Buren.
1893. A. H. Van Buren.
1894. C. D. Roosa.

1895. C. N. De Witt.
1896. C. N. De Witt.
1897. S. D. Scudder.
1898. A. C. Connelly.
1899. A. Van Nostrand.

1900. A. Van Nostrand.
1901. John P. Roosa.
1902. Joseph Drake.

MINUTES: Intact from the institution of Kingston Lodge in 1790.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: In 1829, BRO. JOHN VAN BUREN was elected Master. Regular Communications were held until the 20th of March, that year, when the Lodge ceased to work regularly. Occasional meetings were held, however, at long intervals, until the 26th of December,

1833, after which date no record of its proceedings can be found. It is supposed that at about this time the Lodge closed up its affairs and ceased working altogether, in consequence of anti-Masonic persecutions. Bro. VAN BUREN was the last regularly elected Master of old Kingston Lodge, No. 23, and at the time of its suspension filled the chair in the "East." The books and papers of the Lodge were taken possession of by Bro. JOHN BEEKMAN, who kept them in his custody for upward of twenty years. After BRO. BEEKMAN'S death, they were handed over to the Masonic Fraternity of Kingston by a member of his family.

There were upon the roll of Kingston Lodge, No. 20, at the date of its suspension, about one hundred and sixty members in good and regular standing, all of whom have been summoned into the immediate presence of the Grand Master of the universe, and rest from their labors. They were a noble band of brethren, and firm adherents to the principles of their beloved order throughout the entire period of anti-Masonic terror, and they looked forward to the day when persecution would cease, and they be permitted once more to assemble in secret council, with " none to molest or make them afraid." The anticipations of some of them were at length realized, and the bright star of Masonry again dawned in the " East," and he who had filled the Master's chair with so much " honor to himself and profit to the Fraternity " in 1833. had the pleasure of being installed as the first Master of Kingston Lodge, No. 10, in 1850.

HISTORIC NOTES: An era of prosperity. From the renewal of the charter in 1850, to the first of January, 1870, four hundred and fifty nine Masons had been made in Kingston Lodge, No. 10; and of that number there stood upon the books three hundred and thirteen members in good and regular standing. The remainder had either died, withdrawn, or been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues.

PRINTED RECORD: "A history of the order in Kingston " in a souvenir pamphlet, issued in 1888, in connection with a Lodge Fair gotten up to assist the Lodge in paying off it quota of the Hall and Asylum debt.

BRETHREN (DECEASED) PROMINENT IN VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE.

John Van Buren.	Theodoric S. Westbrook, Member Congress and Justice Supreme Court.
Geo. W. Pratt, Colonel 20th New York State Militia.	General George H. Sharpe, Speaker New York Assembly.
Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook.	Jacob Hardenberg, State Senator.
Lieut. C. W. Chipp, United States Navy.	Hon. John Steele, Member of Congress.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Warren Chipp, District Deputy.
John E. Kraft, District Deputy 10th District.

Christopher N. De Witt, District Deputy.

DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL: "In 1820, Bro. ABM. MYER was again chosen Master. Nothing unusual occurred until the 26th of November, when the Lodge was invited by the managers of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company to take part in their canal completion celebration. The invitation was accepted, and the brethren proceeded to Eddyville in carriages, formed in procession after arriving (headed by the Master), proceeded to the tide-water lock, and there laid the cap-stone in due Masonic form, which completed this great artificial channel from the Delaware to the Hudson River. BRO. MYER delivered the address upon this occasion, which was extremely able, and listened to by the vast crowd of spectators with marked attention. At the conclusion of these services the members of the Lodge and other guests were invited by the managers of the canal on board of a boat fitted up expressly for the occasion, and proceeded several miles up the canal. A band accompanied the party and discoursed sweet music for the excursionists, and upon their return to tide-water the whole party partook of a bountiful repast provided at the house of Mr. H. RADCLIFF. This latter entertainment, we think, must have been at the expense of the Lodge, as we find by their proceedings the "full moon" following that \$75.90 was appropriated from the Lodge fund to pay for dinners at Eddyville, written in the bold, legible handwriting of JOHN VAN BUREN, then secretary of Kingston Lodge."—*Lodge Record*.

On the 15th of February, 1828, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"WHEREAS, In the afflictive dispensations of Divine Providence, our worthy Bro. DE WITT CLINTON has been removed from us by death ;

"Resolved, That in token of our high respect for his exalted individual and Masonic virtues, and our sincere and deep regret for his loss, this Lodge be clothed in mourning for sixty days."

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, NO. 11, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: July 30, 1858. See History of St. John's, No. 1. In 1851, St. John's, No. 1, by a majority vote determined to throw off its connection with the Phillips Grand Lodge and was received into Grand Lodge.

A minority of the, brethren, however, abandoned the old Lodge and received a dispensation under the name of St. John's, No. 1, from the Phillips Grand Lodge.

When the Phillips Grand Lodge surrendered, the Lodge on its roll called "St. John's. No. 1," was received into the Grand Lodge with the other Phillips Lodges, in accordance with the terms of union, and asked to be known as Kane Lodge (June, 1858).

This was refused, and August 27, 1858, it adopted the name of Antiquity, and received the number 11, being the lowest vacant number then on the roll of Grand Lodge.

"A memorial from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, informs us that the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 11 have adopted the seal of said St. John's Lodge, with such additions as to infringe upon the rights and interests of the memorialists. One of these additions is in the following words on the seal of the Lodge of Antiquity, to wit: 'Formerly St. John's Lodge, No. 1.' Another objection, as claimed, is the addition of the words:

'Instituted December 7, 1757' and in addition the seal is claimed to be objectionable as it embraces the same crest and shield. The first two, viz.: 'Formerly St. John's Lodge, No. 1' and 'instituted December 7, 1757.' Antiquity, No. 11, consented to remove, which being done, your committee are of the opinion that the two seals will be sufficiently distinct." Adopted by Grand Lodge, 1858.

MEETING PLACES: September 12, 1861, No. 8 Union Square. May 11, 1869, Egyptian room, Odd Fellows' Hall. May 11, 1871, No. 8 Union Square. May 1, 1875, Masonic Hall.

MINUTES: Intact.

MASTERS.

1859. John G. Beck.	1874. Peter Mabie.	1889. J. A. Bollmeyer.
1860. V. W. Bate.	1875. Isaac Simonson.	1890. J. A. Bollmeyer.
1861. V. W. Bate.	1876. Benj. Chambers.	1891. W. S. Miller.
1862. John Martin.	1877. Benj. Chambers.	1892. W. b. Miller.
1863. Thomas Dugard.	1878. Thomas J. Githens.	1893. W. T. Armstrong.
1864. Thomas Dugard.	1879. Thomas J. Githens.	1894. W. T. Armstrong.
1865. E. Zacharie.	1880. R. Bishop.	1895. F. V. Osthoff.
1866. E. Zacharie.	1881. R. Bishop.	1896. F. V. Osthoff.
1867. A. W. Miller.	1882. A. C. Wolf.	1897. Daniel Bing.
1868. A. W. Miller.	1883. A. C. Wolf.	1898. Daniel Bing.
1869. Isaac Simonson.	1884. A. C. Wolf.	1899. Geo. W. Wade.
1870. Isaac Simonson.	1885. A. C. Wolf.	1900. Geo. W. Wade.
1871. Thomas Dugard.	1886. John S. Miller.	1901. Ernest B. Latham.
1872. Chas. D. Evans.	1887. W. E. Bergmann.	1902. Ernest B. Latham.
1873. Chas. D. Evans.	1888. W. E. Bergmann.	

TRINITY, NO. 12, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: March 23, 1795, to JOHN HARRISON, Worshipful Master ; JONATHAN LINNY, Senior Warden ; PETER YOULE, Junior Warden.

NUMBERS: No. 10, 1795, to June 4, 1819, when it became No. 39, and so continued until June 7, 1839, when it became No. 12.

MINUTES: All lost between 1795 and 1802, and 1822-1824. Intact, with these exceptions.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: Met regularly. Its German membership did not mingle freely with the English-speaking brethren, and so the persecution affected it little, if at all.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS: OTTO F. JENTZ, District Deputy Grand Master ; AUGUST F. FRECH [FRENCH?], District Deputy Grand Master ; CARL MOEBIUS. Representative of Grand Lodge of Saxony.

[Data compiled by OTTO F. JENTZ, M.D., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., Past Master of Trinity Lodge.]

The origin of Trinity Lodge can be traced back to the year 1779, when a warrant was granted to a Masonic Lodge located in the city of New York by the Athol Grand Lodge of England [Ancients], and bearing the number 210 (no name). The history of this Lodge is given in "History of Freemasonry in New York," Vol. I. In 1780. JOHN HARRISON (subsequently the first Master of Trinity Lodge, No. 10) was Master of No. 210. After the formation of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in which formation No. 210 played a very important part, the several Lodges were accorded their respective ranks, and No. 210 was ranked fourth; and as new warrants were issued, the designation Temple Lodge, No. 4, was inserted in the new warrant of No. 210. Dissensions arose within the body of the Lodge which could not be healed, so that a petition was presented praying that the old warrant be cancelled and a new one issued ; a committee reported that either the Lodge should be dissolved or the warrant renewed to one of the contending parties that seemed most worthy. Thereupon, Bro. HARRISON became one of the petitioners, and the committee declared that the interest and honor of Masonry would be best promoted by the granting of a warrant to BRO. HARRISON and his associates. Accordingly Temple Lodge was dissolved in 1780, and a warrant granted to BRO. HARRISON and associates under the name of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 4. Difficulties and dissensions again began to prevail, so that the Deputy Grand Master reported to the Grand Lodge, in 1794. that grave dissensions had arisen among the members of Jerusalem Lodge, and that the troubles had reached such a height that the dissolution of the Lodge had actually been effected by a resolve of a majority of the members present at the time the dispute culminated, and that the Master intended to surrender the warrant. The matter was referred to a committee, which reported at a subsequent meeting when the Grand Lodge resolved, "To clear up all doubt, that Jerusalem Lodge is hereby dissolved." At the same meeting both parties in the controversy presented petitions each praying for the establishment of a new Lodge, or the restoration of the old warrant. The Grand Lodge resolved that its officers be empowered to issue warrants to the said applicants (one application was signed by BRO. JOHN HARRISON and twenty-three associates) for the establishment of new Lodges, and that the property of the late Jerusalem Lodge, in possession of the Grand Secretary, ought to be divided equally between the Lodges so proposed to be established. Thus Jerusalem Lodge, No. 4, disappeared March 4, 1795, and from its ashes arose Trinity Lodge, No. 10, March 23, 1795, and Phoenix Lodge, No. 11, March 30, 1795. The Deputy Grand Master authorized JAMES MORTON "to establish a Lodge to be held in the city, by the name of Trinity, No. 10, and to install thereof as Master JOHN HARRISON ; as Senior Warden, JONATHAN PENNY; and as Junior Warden, PETER YOULE," on March 23, 1795.

The minutes of the Lodge are lost from 1795-1802, and from 1822-1824. In the latter case the prevalence of an epidemic of yellow fever during these years may account for their absence, for it is recorded in the minutes that the brethren took solemn leave

of each other, dreading that they would not again meet alive. With these exceptions the minutes are continuous and in a well-preserved condition. The MORGAN affair appeared to have no effect upon the regular gatherings of the members.

In 1806, Benevolent Lodge, 142, sprang from Trinity; in 1818, German Union Lodge, No. 54; in 1848, Germania Lodge, No. 182, and in 1805, Socrates Lodge, No. 595.

Trinity worked in the English language from 1795-1841; from 1841 in the German language, for the German element began to preponderate gradually during the previous few years.

Trinity has been in the habit of celebrating both festivals of St. John's, and to hold at regular intervals a Lodge of Sorrow. It has celebrated its fiftieth, seventy-fifth, and one hundredth anniversary, by appropriate Masonic ceremonies (Jubilee Lodges) for brethren only, and other festivities for the members of their families. A medal was struck at its fiftieth and one hundredth anniversary, and an elaborate souvenir containing a complete history of the Lodge. It has taken an active part in all important Masonic movements, such as the founding of the German Masonic Temple, the German Masonic Home, at Tappan, NY, the great Masonic Fair in 1888. The Lodge possesses a Widows' and Orphans' Fund of over \$13,000.

General MAX WEBER of Civil War fame was a member of Trinity from 1851 to the time of his death in 1901. A short time previous to his death the brethren celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a member of the Lodge, and presented him with an honorary diploma, commemorating his half-century of devotion to the cause of Masonry. Also Major GEORGE W. SAUER, BROS. JOHN KLEIN, HERMAN BARTCH, JOHN UNGER, and JOHN P. A. KEDENBURG served in this memorable war.

WEBER, MAX.—Age, 41 years. Enrolled, 6 May 1861, at New York city, to serve two years; mustered in as colonel, 9 May 1861; discharged, 10 May 1862 for promotion to brigadier-general; commissioned colonel, 20 Jun 1861, with rank from 16 May 1861.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Weber_\(general\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Weber_(general))



Max Weber (August 27, 1824 – June 15, 1901) was a military officer in the armies of Germany and later the United States, most known for serving as a brigadier general in the Union army during the American Civil War. Born in Baden-Baden, in the German state of Baden, Weber served as an infantry lieutenant in the Grand Duke's army before the Revolutions of 1848 caused him to emigrate to America, one of a large group of political refugees who came to be known as the Forty-Eighters. He was a graduate of the German military academy he became involved in radical politics and after the failed 1848 German Revolution, where he fought under [Franz Sigel](#). He settled in New York City and worked in a hotel that became an important gathering point for fellow German immigrants.

Weber volunteered to fight in the Civil War in May 1861, raising a German-American unit known as the "Turner Rifles," a company that eventually became a part of the **20th New York Infantry**. Promoted to brigadier general, Weber commanded the Union garrison at Fort Monroe in Virginia. He commanded various other units with neither outstanding distinction nor unusual failure, eventually rising to command the Third

Brigade, Second Division, Second Army Corps in the Army of the Potomac.

He served with his brigade during the Peninsula Campaign in Virginia. His arm was grievously wounded at the Battle of Antietam in an ill-fated attack on Confederate positions in the Sunken Road. He continued on active duty and served under [David Hunter](#) and [Franz Sigel](#) in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864. The injury forced Weber off to a series of desk assignments for the duration of the conflict. He served on administrative and recruiting duty in Washington, DC, in 1863. The following year, he was the garrison commander of Harpers Ferry and those Federal troops between Sleepy Creek and the Monocacy River. He briefly returned to the field and fought against Jubal A. Early's 1864 raid on Washington, and then returned to administrative duty. After the war, Weber served as U.S. counsel in Nantes, France, and in several tax-collecting capacities.

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WEBER, MAX, brigadier-general of volunteers in the US army, born in Baden, Germany, 24 Aug 1824. He entered the military school of Karlsruhe in 1841, was graduated in 1844, and until 1849 held a commission in the Badenese service. During the Baden revolution of 1849 he served in the revolutionary army under the command of Gen. Sigel, and in 1850 emigrated to America and took up his residence in New York. In April, 1861, he was elected colonel of the 20th New York ("Turner") regiment of volunteers, and proceeded with his command to Fortress Monroe. In the succeeding August he accompanied a portion of his regiment to Fort Hatteras under orders from Gen. Butler, and from September until May, 1862, was in command at Camp Hamilton near Fortress Monroe, having in the interval been appointed a brigadier-general of volunteers. During the fight between the Monitor and Merrimac he was stationed at Newport News in anticipation of an attack by the rebel forces from Yorktown. On May 11 he occupied Norfolk with his brigade, and was afterward stationed at Suffolk, Va. In the battle of Antietam he commanded a brigade in French's division of Gen. Sumner's army corps, and was slightly wounded.

MASTERS.

1795. John Harrison.
1796. John Harrison.
1797. John Taylor.
1798. John Taylor.
1799. Isaac Pierson.
1800. Peter Clark.
1801. John Harrison.
1802. John Harrison.
1803. Israel Navarro.
1804. Israel Navarro.
1805. Israel Navarro.
1806. Jonathan Vanderbilt.

1807. Jonathan Vanderbilt.
1808. Israel Navarro.
1809. John Taylor.
1810. John Westerfield.
1811. John Westerfield.
1812. John S. Delemater.
1813. John E. Russel.
1814. John Utt.
1815. Philip Earle.
1816. Philip Earle.
1817. William Munroe.
1818. Sewell Dodge.

1819. Sewell Dodge.
1820. Archibald McCoulim.
1821. Thomas Clark.
1822. Thomas Clark.
1823. James G. Finn.
1824. James G. Finn.
1825. Ephraim Beemann.
1826. Ephraim Beemann.
1827. James G. Finn.
1828. George Jay.
1829. John Ridden.
1830. John Hidden.

1831. Luke Doyle.	1855. Jacob Finck.	1879. Franz Broemer.
1832. Stephen McCormick.	1856. Jacob Finck.	1880. Franz Broemer.
1833. James G. Finn.	1857. George Snyder.	1881. Hugo H. Hoenack.
1834. James McBride.	1858. George Snyder.	1882. Hugo H. Hoenack.
1835. James McBride.	1859. Adam Weber.	1883. Hugo H. Hoenack.
1836. Timothy P. Willard.	1860. Adam Weber.	1884. Henry Ganzenmueller.
1837. Luke Doyle.	1861. Peter Gorth.	1885. William Hassloch.
1838. Thomas S. Brady.	1862. Peter Gorth.	1886. Otto F. Jentz.
1839. James G. Finn.	1863. George Snyder.	1887. Otto F. Jentz.
1840. J. P. Willard.	1864. Peter Puels.	1888. August Freeh.
1841. George Gausmann.	1865. Peter Puels.	1889. Henry J. Behrens.
1842. George Gausmann.	1866. Edward Miebling.	1890. Henry J. Behrens.
1843. Balthazar Kreisler.	1867. Edward Miebling.	1891. Oscar R. W. Worm.
1844. Balthazar Kreisler.	1868. George Joeckel.	1892. Oscar R. W. Worm.
1845. Louis Ziegler.	1869. George Joeckel.	1893. Carl Moebius.
1846. Iman'l F. Breitmeyer.	1870. George Reimher.	1894. Carl Moebius.
1847. Iman'l F. Breitmeyer.	1871. George Reimher.	1895. Carl Moebius.
1848. Anton C. Cron.	1872. George Joeckel.	1896. August Freeh.
1849. Balthazar Kreisler.	1873. Karl Schwarz.	1897. Henry Schneider.
1850. Andreas Schilling.	1874. George Joeckel.	1898. Henry Schneider.
1851. Andreas Schilling.	1875. Henry F. Michel.	1899. Carl Moebius.
1852. Peter Kauth.	1876. Henry F. Michel.	1900. John A. Beuermann.
1853. Peter Kauth.	1877. John Klein.	1901. Gotthardt A. Litthauer.
1854. Baltazar Kreisler.	1878. John Klein.	1902. Gotthardt A. Litthauer.

NOTES: It is said that Baron STEUBEN, DE WITT CLINTON, and Chancellor LIVINGSTON were members of Lodge No. 210.—*Old Manuscript Record.*

PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF WARRANT, 1795.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The petition of the subscribers lately members of Jerusalem Lodge SHEWITH

That your petitioners on account of the differences arisen in said Lodge originating in some imprudent conduct of the Master, and a minority of the members have been deprived for a considerable time of all Masonic Communication.

That from the time they became Masons they have strictly adhered to the punctual observance of those principles as established by the Constitution and the ancient uses of the Craft.

That even at the period when confusion and disorder arose these have been far from committing anything which could prove detrimental, but on the contrary submitted themselves immediately to the authority of the Grand Lodge without interfering in the least in the proceedings of the minority.

Your petitioners further represent that they acknowledge the zeal of the Grand Committee in examining the source of the differences; that they have seen with satisfaction the Master ROLLINSON acknowledge the errors of his ways and made an open concession of his faults; Masonic duty and brotherly love dictates your petitioners to forget and forgive the failings of a brother how grieving they might have been and with such sentiments they bury into oblivion what has passed—but the duty of prudence, which they are bound to exercise toward themselves, will lead them to conclude that no unmasonic conduct can be imputed to them when they endeavor to be guarded against all what could have a tendency to disturb that harmony which ought to prevail within the walls of a Masonic assembly; and those notions are the sole and only one which induce your petitioners to declare that, notwithstanding they forgive the failings, they wish to be cautious, and cannot unite with the minority in one body.

Your petitioners having never failed in their duties, but acted constantly conformable to the Masonic rules, flatter themselves to have a claim on the countenance and support of the Grand Lodge.

The warrant of Jerusalem Lodge being now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, together with the jewels and furniture, your petitioners are convinced that they cannot be stiled to make unwarrantable application, when they pray that the warrant, with all what is in the possession of the Grand Lodge belonging to Jerusalem Lodge, may be granted to them as forming the majority who never misbehaved—in order to have the power of assembling, electing their officers, and to work.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

JOHN HARRISON.

Jonathan Penny.	Geo. Paget.
John Taylor.	Benj. Tanck.
James I. Fontenberg.	Conroddis Vanderbeak.
Mich. Coffey.	James Lacey.
Peter Youle.	John Wilhelms.
Benj'n Jones.	John Sauxay.
Jno. Marvin.	Jno. Foott.
J. Canaud.	J. Greenfield.
Jam's Collins.	William Ward.
Tho'e West.	Peter Shackerty.
Jon'th Williams.	John Ross.
John S. Delemater.	

PETITION FOR NEW WARRANT.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The Petition of the Subscribers in behalf of ourselves and a number of others all lately members of Jerusalem Lodge SHEWITH

That your Petitioners find themselves much hurt by being deprived of Brotherly Communication for more than eight months ; we therefore beg the Grand Lodge to Grant us a warrant to hold a Lodge under the name of Trinity Lodge—JOHN HARRISON, Master; JONATHAN PENNY, Senior Warden; PETER YOULE, Junior Warden—

and as we have always behaved ourselves as ancient and upright
Masons, always in Subjection to the Grand Lodge, we beg you
will Grant our Petition and we will ever pray.

JOHN HARRISON.
JONATHAN PENNY.
PETER YOULE.

NEW YORK, March 6, 1795.

DISPENSATION TO MEET AS TRINITY LODGE.

By PETER McDougall, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

To the R. W. JACOB MORTON, Esquire, Senior Grand Warden.

These are to authorize you to assemble together at such time and place as shall be convenient to you, such members of Master Masons as you shall judge proper, and then and there to proceed to establish a Lodge to be held in this city by the name of Trinity Lodge, No. 10, and to install a* Master thereof JOHN HARRISON ; as Senior Warden, JONATHAN PENNY; and as Junior Warden, PETER YOULE—agreeable to a resolve of the Grand Lodge of this State made at their last meeting. And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and private seal at New York, the 23d day of March, 1795.

PETER MCDOUGALL.

In virtue of my office of Secretary of the Grand Lodge of this State of New York, I hereby proclaim Trinity Lodge, No. 10, duly and legally constituted, agreeably to ancient usage and custom, and the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge.

JOHN ABRAMS,
Grand Secretary.

The regular warrant was afterward issued, bearing date, March 23, 1795.

APOLLO, NO. 13, TROY.

WARRANT; June 19, 1796. Organized December 12, 1796.

NUMBER: No. 49 to 1830 ; official notification June 1, 1840 ; No. 13 to date.

MINUTES: Records destroyed by fire, June 20, 1820. Intact from that date.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: "For several years during that period of gloom and persecution only five or seven members would assemble at the annual elections, and this small number frequently constituted the officers and active members of the Lodge. Occasionally during these stormy times a candidate received the degrees, and when there was no work the time was spent in lecturing."—JESSE B. ANTHONY.

"The Lodge continued active during that trying ordeal and permitted nothing to interfere with the usual course of procedure, with the single exception that less frequent Communications were held. During each year there was work done, or favorable action taken on applications for membership. Liberal appropriations from its funds were bestowed on the library, schools, and private charities. The Lodge was, practically, one of the most beneficent Institutions in Troy, and, as such, commanded the respect and won the appreciation of the citizens."—W. NELSON GILLESPIE, the Historian of the Lodge.

MASTERS.

1796. John Bird.	1816. Ira M. Wells.	1836. A. J. Rousseau.
1797. John Bird.	1817. Ira M. Wells.	1837. A. J. Rousseau.
1798. John Bird.	1818. Paul Pomeroy.	1838. A. J. Rousseau.
1799. John Woodworth.	1819. Ira M. Wells.	1839. John S. Perry.
1800. John Woodworth.	1820. Ebenezer Wilson.	1840. John S. Perry.
1801. Jesse Bacon.	1821. Achille J. Rousseau.	1841. John D. Willard.
1802. Jesse Bacon.	1822. Achille J. Rousseau.	1842. Abel Wetherbee.
1803. Jesse Bacon.	1823. Samuel Pitcher.	1843. Abel Wetherbee.
1804. John Bird.	1824. Samuel Pitcher.	1844. Ebenezer Wadsworth.
1805. Nathaniel Adams.	1825. Rev. Leland Howard.	1845. Ebenezer Wadsworth.
1806. Nathaniel Adams.	1826. Rev. Leland Howard.	1846. James Hegeman.
1807. Nathaniel Adams.	1827. Adna Treat.	1847. James Hegeman.
1808. Rufus Richards.	1828. John D. Willard.	1848. James Hegeman.
1809. Gurdon Corning.	1829. John D. Willard.	1849. James Hegeman.
1810. Gurdon Corning.	1830. John D. Willard.	1850. James Hegeman.
1811. Gurdon Corning.	1831. John D. Willard.	1851. Stephen C. Leggett.
1812. Gurdon Corning.	1832. John D. Willard.	1852. F. J. J. Keeney.
1813. Nathaniel Chapman.	1833. John D. Willard.	1853. Joseph W. Churchill.
1814. Hon. David Buel, Jr.	1834. A. J. Rousseau.	1854. Lyman Powers.
1815. Hon. David Buel, Jr.	1835. A. J. Rousseau.	1855. Lyman Powers.

1856. Lyman Powers.
 1857. Lyman Powers.
 1858. Lyman Powers.
 1859. Charles Teson.
 1860. Charles Teson.
 1861. Levi H. Button.
 1862. Levi H. Button.
 1863. Stephen M. Dutcher.
 1864. Stephen M. Dutcher.
 1865. Egbert H. Dyer.
 1866. Stephen M. Dutcher.
 1867. L. H. Button.
 1868. Robert B. Ranken.
 1869. Robert B. Ranken.
 1870. Robert B. Ranken.
 1871. Robert B. Ranken.

1872. Aaron Wager.
 1873. James R. Draper.
 1874. James R. Draper.
 1875. Robert Wood.
 1876. Ransom H. Noble.
 1877. Ransom H. Noble.
 1878. John A. Macdonald.
 1879. Ransom H. Noble.
 1880. James B. MacLellan.
 1881. William H. Munn.
 1882. William H. Munn.
 1883. Abel G. Goldthwait.
 1884. Werner Strecker.
 1885. Nelson Gillespie.
 1886. Edward W. Loth.
 1887. James Heatly.

1888. James Heatly.
 1889. N. B. Lewis.
 1890. Henry Schneider.
 1891. Henry Schneider.
 1892. S. N. Hutchinson.
 1893. W. S. Hicks.
 1894. Adam Ross.
 1895. James H. Lloyd.
 1896. James H. Lloyd.
 1897. William E. Martin.
 1898. Geo. F. Page.
 1899. Richard V. Page.
 1900. William C. Beckett.
 1901. John H. Yetto.
 1902. Edward H. Lisk.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS.

John D. Willard, Grand Master.
 Ebenezer Wadsworth, Grand Lecturer; Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, 1826-1827.
 John S. Perry, Grand Visitor.
 Rev. Leland Howard, Grand Chaplain, 1825; Pastor of First Baptist Church, Troy.
 Samuel Pitcher, Grand Steward, 1824, 1825.

BRETHREN NOTED IN OTHER WALKS OF LIFE.

John Bird, Lawyer, Member of Congress and Assemblyman.
 Dr. Samuel bale, Physician; Captain in War of the Revolution.
 Gurdon Corning, Mayor of Troy.
 John Woodworth, Chief Justice. David Buel, Jr., Judge; Regent of University, New York.
 Ebenezer Wilson, City Attorney.
 Adna A. Treat.

NOTES FROM MINUTES: Printed in W.'. BRO. GILLESPIE'S "Centennial History."

1826, April 4.—The Lodge recommended to the officers of Grand Lodge the granting of a charter to the Masonic brethren of Gibbonsville, in Watervliet, under the title of Evening Star Lodge.

April 25.—BRO. WILLIAM FRASER died, aged 74 years. His funeral was largely attended by the Masonic Fraternity. BRO. FRASER was a native of Scotland, and settled in Troy at a very early date in its history. "Uncle Billy," as he was frequently addressed, was respected by the entire community, and his name occupies a prominent position among the distinguished characters in the annals of Troy. During the period connected with the introduction of public religious worship in the village, service' on Sundays was for some time conducted without ,the aid of a clergyman ; several of the townsmen took part in reading sermons, while there was but one (WILLIAM FRASER) who could, or would, lead in opening the meetings with prayer.

June 24.—Evening Star Lodge was instituted, and the officers installed by R.'. W.'. EBENEZER WADSWORTH. Apollo Lodge went over in procession to assist in the ceremonies and join in celebrating the day. W.'. BRO. Rev. LELAND HOWARD, Master of Apollo, delivered an appropriate address before a large assembly of Masons and citizens.



< First seal of Apollo Lodge, No. 49.

September 6.—The Lodge audited a bill of \$18 for tuition of poor children.

1827, May 26.—The body of Bro. JAMES TERWILLAGER, who was drowned in Newburgh bay on the night of May 13th, from on board the sloop Franklin, of which he was master, while on her passage from New York to Troy, having been recovered, was buried with Masonic ceremonies.

June 22.—Extra Lodge convened to receive a communication from BRO. JOHN D. WILLARD, representative to the Grand Lodge. This report reviewed the transactions of a representative committee from each of the two Grand lodges of New York, appointed with power to receive and discuss any proposition for restoring the harmony of the Masonic body in this State. Their agreement on the following proposition was reported:

"*First:* That there ought to be but one Grand Lodge in the State of New York, and that it ought to be held in the city of New York, and be considered as a continuation of the old Grand Lodge; that all allusion to former difficulties shall be avoided, as far as possible.

"*Second.* That the proceedings of the two bodies, known by the name of the Grand Lodge, shall be confirmed, and that the warrants granted to subordinate Lodges by the two bodies, and the proceedings of said bodies, shall be deemed regular. The records and archives of the Grand Lodge being in the city of New York, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be chosen from the city; that when the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from the city of New York, the other shall be from the country: the two Wardens from some portion of the State other than the city of New York.

"*Third.* That the permanent fund be managed by five trustees, viz.: The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the two Wardens and the Grand Secretary—whose duty it shall be to invest all funds over \$3,000, annually, after paying representatives, salaries and rents.

"*Fourth.* That the number of Lodges which one Master or Past Master may represent shall not exceed three; that Past Masters shall not be represented by proxy, and that representatives be paid as heretofore."

These propositions were agreed to by the two Grand Lodges, and formed what is known as the "Compact of 1827." This effected the union of the two Grand Lodges. At the conclusion of BRO. WILLARD'S report, it was unanimously adopted. There being no further business, the Lodge, having accepted the invitation of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 242, of Sandlake, to join with them in celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, adjourned, to meet at the house of WILLIAM F. AVERILL, at Sandlake, on Monday, June 25th, at 9 o'clock A.M.

The announcement of an intention on the part of one WILLIAM MORGAN, a person of no social or moral standing in the community where he resided, to publish an exposé of Freemasonry, so aroused the indignation of a few overzealous Masons in the western counties of the State, that they attempted to obtain possession of the manuscript at all hazards. The printing office of D. C. MILLER, at Batavia, NY, where it was announced the exposition would be published, was nearly destroyed during the excitement that ensued. In order to intimidate MORGAN, he was arrested on petty charges of theft and debt and imprisoned in Fort Niagara. When released from the Fort, he was, in company with some members of the Fraternity, taken away in a carriage and was never publicly recognized afterwards. When it was discovered that MORGAN had left the United States, rumors of abduction and murder flew thick and fast and created intense excitement in the central and western sections of this State. Anti-Masonic societies were formed and affiliated with political organizations having in view the extermination of Masonic associations in this and adjoining States. Vile denunciation of the Fraternity of Freemasonry emanated from the partisan press and from the pulpit, and resounded in the streets and workshops. So viciously were the Lodges in central and western New York assailed, that nearly all of them were compelled to succumb to the opposition. The effect on the Lodges of Rensselaer County was severely felt; although no acts of violence are recorded, false representations and other opposing influences caused the withdrawal of so great a number of members from eight of the ten Lodges then in the county, that it was impossible for them to exist, and their warrants were declared forfeited. Apollo Lodge continued active during the trying ordeal. Star Lodge, reported dormant, was granted further time, which enabled it to resume labor in 1837.

Bro. John S. PERRY, Grand Visitor for Rensselaer County in 1830, made the following report to the Grand Lodge:

No.		Last return.	Warrant forfeited by resolution.
No. 33.	Federal, Hoosick . .	June, 1822	1832
49.	Apollo, Troy	June, 1836
74.	Homer, Schaghticoke	" 1828	1834
78.	Wadsworth, Brainard's Bridge	" 1830	1835
95.	Friendship, Stephentown	" 1824	1834
178.	Yates, Schodack	" 1828	1834
241.	Star, Petersburg	" 1832
242.	Zerubbabel, Sandlake	" 1829	1835
248.	McDonough, Greenbush	Dec., 1828	1835
361.	Phœnix, Lansingburgh	June, 1833	1836
399.	Franklin, Pittstown	" 1828	1834
493.	Lafayette, Nassau	No returns.	1832

The Masonic brethren of Lansingburgh and Stephentown were undismayed regarding the future, and their charters were soon restored.

At the beginning of the anti-Masonic excitement, there were about 475 Lodges in the State, numbered up to 500, with an estimated membership of 20,000. At the date of the above report, there were but 69 Lodges, with a total membership of about 4,000. The experience of Apollo Lodge during the ordeal was a severe test of endurance. The first noticeable effect of the disturbance was during the administration of W. BRO. ADNA TREAT, in 1827, when withdrawals of membership became numerous and Lodge attendance diminished. Business considerations and timidity exerted a powerful influence among many of the members, who reluctantly withdrew their support: while apathy, the bane of all organizations, folded the arms of many who unconcernedly awaited the course of events. That the act of withdrawal was, in some instances, done with unwillingness is evidenced by several applications for reinstatement, within a brief space of time, from noble Craftsmen who were both to submit the Lodge to the chances of fate. These examples undoubtedly stimulated the score or more of the faithful brothers in their efforts to steadfastly maintain their right to assemble as Masons and protect the interests of the Lodge. In reviewing the history of Apollo Lodge during this period, we trace a line of record embracing much practical work in this community—commendable examples of true Masonic charity—and a general interest in the welfare of the inhabitants of the city. Liberal appropriations from its funds were bestowed on the library, schools and private charities.

In the month of October, 1828, BROS. SAMUEL PITCHER, A. J. ROUSSEAU and JOHN D. WILLARD were a committee from the Lodge to purchase a large quantity of firewood, to be supplied to the meritorious poor of the city, at a much reduced rate from the usual charges, during the rigorous season of winter. Nearly one hundred cords of wood were bought, which the committee, with the aid of BRO. R. D. SILLIMAN, distributed. After having faithfully performed the duty assigned them, they reported a deficit of \$41.36, with the announcement that "the amount of said deficit had already been provided for by friends of the Lodge."

Although the receipts had largely decreased, the expense for tuition of poor children at school was defrayed as in the past, and nothing permitted to interfere with the regular course of procedure, with the single exception that less frequent Communications were held. It is very gratifying to note that, during each year, the Lodge was engaged in work or took action on petitions for affiliation.

Among those whose names are prominently identified with the Lodge, as its supporters throughout this critical period of its history, are the following, with the dates of their admission to membership: DAVID BUEL, 1810; ELIAS DISBROW, 1811; REUBEN PURDY, Jr., 1813; JACOB DANKER, 1814; ROBERT D. SILLIMAN, 1818; ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, 1819; STEPHEN BOUTON, 1819; DAVID TAYLOR, 1822; BENJAMIN F. GILBERT, 1823; CHARLES B. PRESCOTT, 1823; LEWIS LYON, 1823; BENJAMIN M. WILSON, 1823; LYMAN GARFIELD, 1823; PETER SHARP, 1824; JOHN GOODELL, 1825; THOMAS BUMSTED, 1825; JOHN CLARK, 1825; BENJAMIN GLEASON, 1825; WILLIAM MATHER, 1825; JOHN D. WILLARD, 1826; JAMES DE GRAFF, 1826; JOHN S. PERRY, 1827; WILLIAM F. BROWN, 1828; E. S. BRAINARD, 1828; JOSEPH A. WILSON, 1828; EBENEZER L. BOYNTON, 1828; JOSEPH C. TAYLOR, 1829.

The support of W.' BROS. SAMUEL PITCHER, LELAND HOWARD, and ADNA TREAT terminated with their removals from the city.

The death of Governor DE WITT CLINTON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, occurred February 11, 1828. His funeral took place on the 14th, and was attended with the most solemn observances of sorrow and respect. The members of Apollo united with the Albany Lodges in the funeral procession in that city.

1828, March 4.—Formal announcement having been made of the death of DE WITT CLINTON, P. G. M., the following preamble and resolution was ordered spread upon the minutes :

"WHEREAS. This Lodge, duly appreciating the great loss it has sustained, in common with the whole Masonic Fraternity and our country at large, in the decease of their illustrious brother, DE WITT CLINTON; there fore,

"Resolved, That the officers and members of this Lodge, as a mark of respect for their illustrious brother and M.' W.'. DE WITT CLINTON, Past Grand Master, wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the Lodge room be put in mourning for the space of three months."

It not infrequently occurred that charity was needed by Masons in the city, to an extent beyond the ability of Apollo Lodge to supply. To meet this want, JOHN D. WILLARD was appointed by the Grand Lodge "Almoner of Charity " for the city of Troy, and one hundred dollars placed in his hands.

December 26.—The officers-elect were installed by W.' Bro. A. J. ROUSSEAU. A committee was appointed to invite W.' BRO. LELAND HOWARD and other reverend brothers to visit the Lodge and address the brethren on the evening of the day of St. John the Evangelist.

1829.—But little work was done this year. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on one candidate, and two applicants for membership were accepted. The officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. The Lodge also adopted a new office, and filled the same by the election of Rev. BRO. DAVID BUTLER, Chaplain.

1830.—BRO. JOSEPH C. TAYLOR received the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees in January.

This year much indignation was caused among the brethren of the Lodge by an article which appeared in the "Commercial Advertiser," a newspaper printed in the city of New York, charging the Lodges of this State with interfering in the last State elections, which interference, it stated, was concocted and plans carried out by the different Lodges in the State. Apollo Lodge called an extra meeting, November 23d, and passed the following preamble and resolution:

"This being a meeting called for the express purpose of taking into consideration the course best to pursue in relation to an article in the New York 'Commercial Advertiser ' of the Kith inst., charging the Lodges of this county with interfering, in their Masonic character, in the late State elections, and adjusting their electioneering plans in their meetings; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That there be a committee of ten appointed to correspond with all the Lodges in the county upon the subject, and make a public statement as soon as their answers shall be received."

Whereupon, the following were appointed said committee: BROS. R. D. SILLIMAN, WILLIAM P. HASKINS, SAMUEL PITCHER, JOHN J). WILLARD, TIMOTHY MANN, HEMAN GRISWOLD, LYMAN GARFIELD, JOHN C. LANGDON, PETER SHARPE, ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU.

"Resolved, That the committee have power to add to their number."

The committee reported that answers were received from the different Lodges in the county, denying every part of the allegation. In Apollo Lodge, at no time had the subject of election been referred to. "That, as Freemasons, we have nothing to do with political subjects; that, as citizens and men, we give our individual support to those candidates for office whose election, in our opinion, will best promote the public good."

At this time, anti-Masonic journalism was being experimented in Troy. The "Republican," first issued in 1828, was of short duration. The "Northern Watchman " appeared in February, 1830 ; this was followed by the " Daily News," from the same press. Each had but a brief existence. No allusion whatever to the subject of anti-Masonry appears on the Lodge record.

1831. — Only three Communications are recorded for the year. BRO. J. M. THOIN presented his petition for affiliation, which was accepted. The number of withdrawals, and removals of brethren from the city, had been so extensive from 1826 up to this date, that the membership of the Lodge was reduced from 90 to 26.

1832. — Six Communications were held. Two brothers affiliated, and two applications for membership were held over for the following year.

In the absence of work and to keep up an interest in the Lodge, a committee was appointed to confer with a committee from Apollo Chapter on the subject of employing some suitable person to deliver a course of scientific lectures » At a subsequent meeting, the use of the Lodge room was given to Mr. ANTHONY, to deliver a course of lectures on astronomy.

1833. — Seven Communications. Two candidates received the degrees; seven brothers affiliated.

1834. — A reaction set in with the beginning of this year, and the hearts of the faithful were gladdened with promising assurances of a prosperous future for the Lodge. A committee was appointed to call upon and interest the brethren, in sympathy with the Lodge, and invite them to attend the meetings; they also were empowered to collect or commute dues at their discretion. The Lodge asked for and was granted remission of dues by the Grand Lodge for this year.

The lease of the rooms in the Troy House having expired, difficulty was experienced in the endeavor to obtain a renewal from the new proprietor, and it was therefore deemed expedient to remove the Lodge to rooms in the Mansion House.

May 30. — The Lodge was under the necessity of disciplining one of its members and expelled him for publicly denouncing Masonry. The number of members in good standing, at this date, was 37.

1835. — The dark clouds that had partially obscured the Masonic horizon during the past eight years were slowly, but surely, passing away, and the era of good feeling was again manifest in the lively interest displayed among the members of the Fraternity. The efforts of the committee appointed by the Lodge to interview those of its members who were in favor of sustaining the Lodge had the desired effect; many who had withdrawn or become inactive were induced to return and again participate in its meetings. At this time, all the Lodges in Rensselaer County, excepting Apollo, were inactive.

Having in view the restoration of confidence in the outlying districts, the Lodge extended an invitation to all members of the Masonic Fraternity in the county to be present at the installation of officers on the evening of December 20th. A large assembly of Masons

witnessed the ceremony and listened to an address delivered by Rev. Bro. RAYNOR, after which the Craft was called from labor to refreshment, and partook of a bountiful repast. The brethren then parted in harmony.

1836. — A lease of the ball-room, 29 x 55 feet, on the third floor of No. 1 Second Street, at the head of Washington Square, also two rooms adjoining on the north, were secured from the estate of NATHAN WARREN, and a committee of ten appointed to supervise the fitting and furnishing of the same for use of the Lodge and Chapter. The principal room had previously been used as a drill-room- by the Troy Citizens' Corps. Nearly two months' time was required to make the necessary alterations before it was ready for Lodge purposes, the first meeting being held on the evening of June 7th. The name, St. John's Hall, was continued.

1837, January 3. — The death of Bro. MOSES HALE, M.D., was announced, accompanied with a request from the family of the deceased that the Lodge take charge of and conduct the funeral services in Masonic form, which was done. BRO. HALE was elected Senior Warden in 1817, and held that office for two years. He was a prominent and influential citizen and an esteemed member of the Rensselaer County Medical Society. His connection with that organization began in 1804.

December 19. — It was resolved that the rooms be open for inspection on the following Monday, and that the members be requested to invite their friends to call and view them.

December 27. — Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. Installation of officers. R.' W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD presiding, followed by addresses by W.'. BROS. ROUSSEAU and BUEL, and R.' W.'. Bro. WILLARD. The exercises closed with a supper at the Mansion House.

1838. — The action taken by the Grand Lodge, in 1836, whereby the charter of Phoenix Lodge, No. 361, of Lansingburgh, was declared forfeited, evidently was ill-advised and hasty. Our neighboring brothers had nobly contended against adversity during eight years of anti-Masonic agitation, and, undoubtedly, were disappointed over the action of the Grand Lodge; for, with commendable zeal, they rallied to the rescue, and soon succeeded in having their charter restored. The importance of this event gave occasion for much rejoicing, and stimulated the Craft to greater exertion.

1838, June 25. — Carriages were provided, and the members of Apollo were conveyed to Lansingburgh, where they united with Phoenix Lodge, of that place, in celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. The exercises included a Masonic procession, an address by Rev. BRO. DAVID BUTLER, of Apollo, and a banquet at the Phoenix Hotel.

1839, April 16. — A committee was appointed to secure a Masonic lecturer to instruct the brethren in the work of the Lodge.

May 21. — The committee on the observance of the day of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, reported in favor of holding a public celebration, as the Lodge had long been taunted by the profane with appearing in public only on occasion of funerals. After due consideration, it was resolved that the Lodge celebrate the day in a private manner at the Lodge rooms. All Masonic brethren in good standing were invited to participate. Order of exercises: Masonic glee, "Hail, Mysterious;" remarks by W.'. BRO. D. BUEL, Jr.; address by BRO. JOHN RAYMOND; "Ode to Truth;" address by BRO. CHARLES H. ANTHONY; ode, "When Earth's Foundation ;" prayer.

The Sir Knights in Troy were so numerous in 1839 that they felt there was sufficient cause for the establishment of an encampment in this city. They, therefore, petitioned the Grand Encampment for a dispensation to form and organize an encampment, to be known as Apollo Encampment, in Troy.

By resolution, the use of the Lodge rooms was granted to the Sir Knights for lecturing, and a committee appointed, to act in conjunction with similar committees from the Chapter and Encampment, for procuring and fitting up adjoining rooms.

December 27. — Special Communication at 3 o'clock P.M., when the officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were duly installed by R.' W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, the brethren repaired, as a Lodge, to Lansingburgh, for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, by invitation of the Masonic Fraternity of that place.

1840. — The number of members in good standing had now reached 112, and the prospect for the future of the Lodge was most encouraging. This state of affairs was truly gratifying to the survivors of the devoted band of brothers who had so nobly supported the Lodge during the test of endurance and were spared to rejoice over the attainment of their desire to restore Apollo to its former position among the foremost Lodges of the State.

The active Lodges of the State having been numerically arranged in 1839. the following official notification was received :

This is to certify that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York did ordain, on the 7th day of June, A.L. 5839, that Apollo Lodge, at Troy, in the county of Rensselaer, State of New York, shall be registered, and known hereafter, as Apollo Lodge, No. 13.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge, in the city of New York, the 1st day of June, 1840.

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WILLIAM WILLIS,
Deputy Grand Master.

JAMES HERRING,
Grand Secretary.

During the centennial period the membership was made up as follows:

	GAINS.	
Charter members		17
Raised		1,487
Affiliated		<u>318</u>
		1,822
	LOSSES.	
Deaths		280
Dimitted and withdrawn		387
Unaffiliated for non-payment dues		300
Record unknown		207
Suspended or expelled		<u>7</u>
		<u>1,190</u>
Membership		632

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Samuel Gale.
Thomas Thompson.

Livi Stoughton.

Benjamin Pierce.
Benjamin Gorton.

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TEMPLE LODGE, NO. 14, ALBANY.

CHARTER: November 11, 1796.

NUMBER: No. 53 to 1839, when it became No. 14.

MEETING PLACES: Meetings were held for a time, during the early history of the Lodge, in the homes of the brethren. February 14, 1798, Lodge room on Court Street (now Broadway). 1820, Montgomery Hall, No. 406 Market Street (now Broadway). 1835, Stanwix Hall. 1837, St. John's Hall, Hudson and South Market Streets. 1840, Stanwix Hall. 1845, Broadway and Steuben Street. 1859, North Pearl Street. 1875, Albany Savings Bank Building. 1896, Masonic Temple.

MINUTES: Intact, except for years 1814, 1815, 1816. The earliest minute book, commencing December 28, 1796, and ending June 23, 1800, was lost for many years. It was found in a junk shop in New York City in 1884, and restored to the Lodge by a grandson of THURLOW WEED, the anti-Masonic leader.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: Met without cessation. In 1828, four brethren were raised ; in 1829, two ; in 1830, two ; in 1831, one ; in 1832, two.

BRETHREN (DECEASED) DISTINGUISHED IN OTHER WALKS IN LIFE.

Philip Hooker (admitted in 1797), City Surveyor of Albany for many years.
Benjamin Knower (admitted 1803), Treasurer, State of NY.
John Mills (admitted in 1807), Colonel in War of 1812; killed at Sackett's Harbor, May 29, 1813. Remains interred in Capitol Park, May 30, 1883; re-interred in Albany Rural Cemetery with Masonic and military ceremonies. The State of New York erected a tall granite monument over the grave.
Lucas Schuyler, officer in the War of 1812.
John Van Ness Yates admitted 1811, Secretary of State.
John F. Bacon admitted 1815; Clerk of the NY State Senate.
Israel W. Clark, Editor.
Phillip Phelps, Deputy Comptroller of State of New York for over forty years.
John O. Cole, served nine months as a Private in the War of 1812. For forty-seven years he was Justice of Criminal Court. Wag Alderman, Clerk of the Assembly, served on Staff of General Stephen van Rensselaer, and accompanied General Lafayette in his tour of the State. Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter, NY. Master of Temple Lodge for nine years.
Peter Boyd (1801), Eminent Physician.
Philip Van Vechten (1810), Mayor of City.
Wm. H. Whiting (1811), Judge of State Court.

Sam'l Stover (1815), Celebrated Lawyer.
Henry C. Southwick (1816), Editor.
James Dickson (1841). Prominent Architect.
Ebenezer Wadsworth (1851), Clergyman.
Theodore M. Amsdell (1853), Prominent Brewer.
Jacob C. Cuyler (1854), Editor.
John G. Farnsworth (1855), Colonel War Rebellion and Adjutant-General State.
Daniel Manning (1859), Secretary of United States Treasury.
J. R. Boulware (1862), Prominent Physician.
R. H. Robinson (1863), Clergyman.
Wm. P. Abbott (1869), Clergyman.
Alfred W. Street (1869), Poet Laureate of State.
Jeremiah Searle (1869), Clergyman.
Wm. H. Storrs (1874), City Commissioner of Charities and Correction.
Edward Coan (1878), Clergyman.
Samuel V. Leech (1884), Clergyman.
James H. Manning (1886), Mayor of City.
Oren E. Wilson (1887), Mayor of City.
Howard N. Fuller (1890), City Treasurer.
C. Parke Evans (1890), Clergyman.
Edward B. Cantine, City Commissioner of Public Safety.

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JOHN G. FARNSWORTH, ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Major-General Farnsworth, Adjutant-General of the State of New York, was born at Elmira, Chemung County, New York, January 21, 1832. He is a son of the late Rev. Marshall L. Farnsworth and Joanna B. Gosman. His paternal ancestors were among the earliest arrivals of the Pilgrim Fathers in Massachusetts. His mother was descended from the earliest Dutch settlers of New York, coming in a direct line from Rev. Laurentius Van Gaasboeck, the first clergyman of the New Netherlands. His education was mainly obtained at the Ithaca and Albany Academies, supplemented by a year's study at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. For many years he has been engaged in the wholesale lumber business at Albany, N. Y., as a member of the firm of J. O. Towner & Company. In politics General Farnsworth is a Democrat. On May 1, 1878, he was appointed one of the Commissioners of Washington Park in the City of Albany, and still serves as such, his term not expiring until May 1, 1887.

General Farnsworth's army service during the War of the Rebellion was notable and brilliant. He was appointed Captain and Assistant Quartermaster of United States Volunteers by President Lincoln, April 14, 1862, and assigned to duty in the Army of the Potomac at White House, Virginia, during May and June of that year. From July, 1862, until August, 1863, he was Chief Quartermaster of the Fourth Army Corps, Major-General E. D. Keyes, commanding. He accompanied General M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster General of the United States Army, on an inspection tour from August, 1863, until January, 1864, and was with him at Chattanooga during the siege and its closing scenes, including the battles of Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain. He was in charge of the Quartermaster's Department at Wheeling, the principal supply depot of the Department of West Virginia, from February, 1864, to November, 1864, and was Chief Quartermaster of the Department of West Virginia, with headquarters at Cumberland, Maryland, from November, 1864, to September, 1865. He was mustered out of the United States Service on his own application, October 23, 1865. On March 13, 1865, he was brevetted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel. From September 21, 1868, until July 29, 1871, he was Colonel Commanding the Tenth Regiment, National Guard of the State of New York, located in the City of Albany. He was appointed Adjutant-General of the State of New York by Governor Cleveland on the first of January, 1883. He died in 6 Apr 1895 while visiting Washington, DC, and was interred at Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY.

MAJOR GEN. FARNSWORTH DEAD

Stricken With Paralysis in Washington—His
Career in the War and as New-York's
Adjutant-General.



WASHINGTON, April 6.—Gen. John G. Farnsworth of Albany, N. Y., died at his rooms at the Arlington Hotel, this city, to-night at 9:20 o'clock, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, superinduced by heart disease.

Gen. Farnsworth came to Washington about a month ago, partly on business, and partly to escape the severer climate of the State of New-York. He had been a sufferer from a complication of diseases for two years past, chief among which was a heart trouble that caused him and his family a great deal of uneasiness. About a week ago, in riding on one of the open grip cars of the cable road, from the Capitol to the hotel, he contracted a heavy cold, which confined him to his room. The cold settled on his lungs, and a recurrence of his old heart trouble resulted. Thursday his heart got up to 120, but the physician was able yesterday to reduce the action of that organ to normal, and the General insisted that he be permitted to take a ride, the day being delightfully balmy and Springlike. He was persuaded to wait until to-day, with the assurance that if he improved, as then seemed likely, he could start for his home Monday, Gen. Farnsworth being quite anxious to return home.

Mrs. Farnsworth has been with her husband while he was here. Friday night at 11:30 o'clock, while apparently much improved, Gen. Farnsworth was stricken with paralysis, the stroke affecting his right side only. His physician and Mr. Roessle of the Arlington, a personal friend, were at once sent for, but it seemed to be impossible to rally the sick man from the unconscious condition into which he had fallen. Once only did Gen. Farnsworth reply by a slight pressure of one of his hands to the question of his wife as to whether he recognized her.

To-day there were no signs of returning consciousness and the victim of the paralytic stroke remained in that condition until death came at 9:20 o'clock to-night. The two children were notified of the condition of their father and the daughter, Miss Emma Farnsworth, reached Washington to-night at 8:25 o'clock. The son, John Farnsworth, who resides at Plattsburg, will not get here until to-morrow morning. Mr. Samuel B. Towner of Albany, N. Y., was at once notified and will reach Washington to-morrow morning, and take charge of the remains, he having left Albany to-night at 9 o'clock. The body will not, according to the present arrangement, be taken to Albany until Monday, although it is possible that the start may be made to-morrow afternoon.

Major Gen. John G. Farnsworth was born in Elmira in 1832. He was the son of a minister. Circumstances brought Gen. Farnsworth to Albany in his early youth, and he attended the Albany Academy. Schooling over, he entered business life in the lumber firm of J. O. Towner & Co., and remained a business partner until his appointment as Adjutant General by Gov. Cleveland in January, 1883.

He retired Dec. 31, 1885, and since that time has held the position of agent in charge of war claims.

On the breaking out of the war Mr. Farnsworth closed his business connections temporarily, and in 1862 was appointed Captain and Assistant Quartermaster of New-York State Volunteers by President Lincoln and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Promotion speedily followed, and for a year he was Chief Quartermaster.

Mr. Farnsworth, because of his especial fitness, was pressed into the service of the Quartermaster General of the army to assist him in his inspection of the Federal forces. On this tour he was with the Union Army at Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and the series of fierce battles around Chattanooga.

From that time until mustered out, in 1865, Capt. Farnsworth was Chief Quartermaster of the Army of Western Virginia. He was then a brevet Colonel, and so carefully had he performed his duties that when he made his final account Col. Farnsworth found that the Government only owed him from \$75 to \$80.

Returning home, Col. Farnsworth took an active interest in the National Guard, and from 1868 to 1871 was Colonel of the Tenth Regiment.

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Daniel Manning (16 May 1885 – 24 Dec 1887)

President Grover Cleveland appointed Daniel Manning (1831-1887) Secretary of the Treasury in 1885. The pressing issue of the period was government currency, specifically, how much currency should be in circulation and whether it should be backed by gold or silver. Conservative Eastern financiers urged a currency backed by gold, while Western speculators, in need of a large, more plentiful money supply to build railroads and businesses on the frontier, wanted a currency backed by readily available silver. Manning advocated a compromise currency based on both gold and silver which would be redeemable in gold. He stated that "every dollar note shall be the representative certificate of a coin dollar actually in the Treasury and payable on demand; a currency in which our monetary unit coined in gold ... and its equivalent coined in silver-shall not be suffered to part company." In the international arena, Manning began work on what eventually became the McKinley Tariff of 1890, which significantly lowered customs duties. He resigned from the cabinet in 1887 due to ill health. He died later that year in Albany. An engraved portrait of Manning appears on U.S. paper money, on the series 1886 20.00 silver certificates. Some of these notes are referred to as "diamondbacks" due to their unusual reverse design and they are scarce.

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John Van Ness Yates was born in December 1779. He was the son of Robert and Janet Van Ness Yates. Son of an prominent attorney and jurist, he grew up on upper State Street. He also became a lawyer after clerking in the Court Street office of John V. Henry. Losing his pre-eminent father before he reached his twenty-second birthday, John continued to live with his mother's at 110 State Street. After her death in 1818, he remained in the house with his wife and children until his death.

In 1806, he married Elizabeth Ross Cunningham. In 1801, he was one of the first trustees of the United Presbyterian Church. John V.N. Yates was a man of great capacity and held a number of offices and positions - all of which were based in Albany. He was appointed captain and raised a light infantry company in 1806.

He was Master in chancery – 1808; Recorder of the city in 1809 and served with some interruption until 1816; Secretary of State, 1818-26. Co-author of a history of New York State. He died in January 1839 at age sixty.

John Van Ness Yates b. Dec1779; d. 10 Jan 1839, was a New York lawyer, Democratic-Republican politician, and Secretary of State from 1818 to 1826. He was born in Albany to [Robert Yates](#), a prominent Anti-Federalist attorney and jurist. He became a lawyer after clerking in the office of John Vernon Henry. He held a number of offices in Albany, and was one of the first trustees of the Albany United Presbyterian Church. He was a captain of a light infantry company in 1806, master in chancery in 1808, recorder of the city 1809-1816, and New York Secretary of State 1818-1826. He co-authored *History of the State of New-York: Including Its Aboriginal and Colonial Annals* (1826). He was buried in Albany Rural Cemetery.

MASTERS.

- 1796. John Hanmer.
- 1797. John Hanmer.
- 1798. **Thos. Smith Webb.**
- 1799. **Thos. Smith Webb.**
- 1800. Gerrit Bogart.
- 1801. **Ezra Ames.**
- 1802. Ezra Ames.
- 1803. Philip Hooker.
- 1804. Ezra Ames.
- 1805. John F. Doty.
- 1806. Jno. F. Doty.
- 1807. Jno. F. Doty.
- 1808. Jno. F. Doty.
- 1809. Jno. F. Doty.
- 1810. Christopher C. Yates.
- 1811. Christopher C. Yates.
- 1812. Christopher C. Yates.
- 1813. Christopher C. Yates.
- 1814. Christopher C. Yates.
- 1818. Isaac Hempsted.
- 1819. Isaac Hempsted.
- 1820. Isaac Hempsted.
- 1821. John Heerman.
- 1822. John Orton Cole.
- 1823. John Orton Cole.
- 1824. John Orton Cole.
- 1825. John Orton Cole.
- 1826. John Orton Cole.
- 1827. Martin Gaylord.
- 1828. John Orton Cole.
- 1829. Daniel P. Marshall.
- 1830. Roland Adams.
- 1831. Julius R. Ames.

- 1832. Julius R. Ames.
- 1833. Julius R. Ames.
- 1834. Julius R. Ames.
- 1835. James Radcliff.
- 1836. Daniel P. Marshall.
- 1837. Daniel P. Marshall.
- 1838. John Orton Cole.
- 1839. John Orton Cole.
- 1840. A. VV. Starke.
- 1841. John W. Carroll.
- 1842. Luther M. Tracey.
- 1843. Wm. Ferguson.
- 1844. Thos. D. James.
- 1845. Wm. H. Carroll.
- 1846. Wm. H. Carroll.
- 1847. Jetur Gardiner.
- 1848. George Cunnings.
- 1849. Thomas D. James.
- 1850. Jetur Gardiner.
- 1851. John Orton Cole.
- 1852. James Dickson.
- 1853. Geo. R. Finn.
- 1854. Henry T. Spencer.
- 1855. Henry T. Spencer.
- 1856. Thos. Spencer Lloyd.
- 1857. Jno. A. Goewey.
- 1858. Jno. A. Goewey.
- 1859. Jno. A. Goewey.
- 1860. Jackson H. Chase.
- 1861. Saml. A. Lewis, Jr.
- 1862. Lyman G. Dart.
- 1863. Lyman G. Dart.
- 1864. Chas. Hilton.

- 1865. Chas. Hilton.
- 1866. Mathew V. B. Winne.
- 1867. Campbell Allen.
- 1868. Campbell Allen.
- 1869. James M. Sayles.
- 1870. James Young.
- 1871. James Young.
- 1872. Wm. G. McKnight.
- 1873. Wm. C. McKnight.
- 1874. Daniel Underbill.
- 1875. Daniel Underbill.
- 1876. Theo. D. Smith, Jr.
- 1877. Theo. D. Smith, Jr.
- 1878. Addison D. Cole.
- 1879. Addison D. Cole.
- 1880. Addison D. Cole.
- 1881. Wm. G. Janes.
- 1882. Wm. G. Janes.
- 1883. Richard T. Lockley.
- 1884. Richard T. Lockley.
- 1885. Reuben D. Clark.
- 1886. Chas. W. Mead.
- 1887. Chas. W. Mead.
- 1888. Geo. R. Hodgkins.
- 1889. Geo. R. Hodgkins.
- 1890. Julius D. Ireland.
- 1891. Julius D. Ireland.
- 1892. James B. McEwan.
- 1893. James B. McEwan.
- 1894. Joseph B. Stevens.
- 1895. Joseph B. Stevens.
- 1896. W. J. Bryan.
- 1897. W. J. Bryan.

1898. H. E. Bugden.
1899. H. E. Bugden.

1900. Alfred A. Guthrie.
1901. George Lawyer.

1902. Wm. H. Spawn.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS AND NOTED BRETHREN.

JOHN HANMER, first Master of Lodge.

"About the year 1793, W.'. BRO. JOHN HANMER came from England to the City of Albany, and remained until about the year 1800, when he returned.

"On his arrival at Albany he exhibited a document from the Grand Master of England, setting forth that he was well skilled in the ancient lectures and mode of work as approved and practised in England, and recommending him to the favorable notice of the Masons of the United States.

"At this time, W.'. Bro. T(homas). S(mith). WEBB, EZRA AMES, GIDEON FAIRMAN, PHILIP S. VAN RENSSELAER, and many others, residing in Albany, after listening to his Lectures and mode of instruction, being satisfied of its propriety, put themselves under his instruction and conformed the practice in the Lodges, thereto, and during his stay at Albany, Temple Lodge was established, and he was first Master ; Temple Chapter also, and he was first High Priest. The Grand Chapter was organized, and he was Secretary, and the institution in and about Albany was reorganized under his supervision and instruction from the E. A. to R. A. degrees, as well as the sacred order of High Priesthood."—*Lodge Record*.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB, charter member and second Master, and afterward Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. Author of "Monitor," first published at Albany in 1797. For full report of this great Masonic builder, see address delivered at the Centennial of the Grand Chapter of State of New York, 1898. See also Mackey's "Encyclopædia," etc.

EZRA AMES, charter member, first Treasurer, and afterward Master, 1800-1-3; Grand High Priest, 1802 to 1825. The Lodge record says: "Among those who became adepts in the lectures, etc., taught by Bro. HANMER. BRO. AMES was considered the one most reliable for verbal identity and correctness, he having committed them from BRO. HANMER him self, adopting his very words, and to this Albany is indebted for its former celebrity for Masonic knowledge."

There seems little doubt that the reason for the formation of Temple Lodge was to allow HANMER, WEBB, and others a free hand in organizing a Royal Arch Chapter. Writing to Bro. McCLENACHAN in 1890, W.'. GEO. R. Hodgkins, now Historian of the Lodge, said:

"In associating with the members of the Albany Lodges, BROTHER HANMER discovered many of them to be Royal Arch Masons, and in September, 1797, he called a meeting of them at the rooms of Temple Lodge, and a Lodge of chapter Masons was formed and called 'Master Mark Lodge, No. 53,' and until March, 1798, the mark degree was conferred in Temple Lodge, when the two Lodges separated."

THOMAS P. WAY, Secretary of Lodge for thirty years.

SYLVANUS H. H. PARSONS, Treasurer of Lodge for fifteen years ; Police Magistrate for nineteen years ; Provost Marshal during the Rebellion (1864 and 1865).

R.'. W.'. JAMES B. MCEWAN, District Deputy, Seventeenth Masonic District: State Senator.

M.'. W.'. CHARLES W. MEAD, Grand Master.

R.'. W.'. HESERT E. BUGDEN, Grand Standard Bearer.

R.'. W.'. GEORGE R. HODGKINS, Representatives Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

RULERS IN 1900.

In 1900, M.'. W.'. CHAS. W. MEAD was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M., State of New York.

In 1900, R.'. W.'. JAMES B. MCEWAN was Grand Master of the Grand Council R. and S. M., State of New York.

In 1900, BRO. CHARLES H. ARMATAGE was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T., of State of New York.

In 1900, W.'. ALFRED A. GUTHRIE was Grand King of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., State of New York; and afterward, in 1902, was elected Grand High Priest of said Grand Chapter.

The above are all members of Temple Lodge, No. 14. Undoubtedly no other Lodge can show such a record—the four Grand Bodies officered during the *same* year by four brothers of *same* Lodge.

THE LIQUOR QUESTION: The beginning of the year 1798, found Temple Lodge in a very flourishing condition, so much so that a larger room was procured and dedicated in due and ancient form. At the conclusion of the exercises the minutes read: "It was proposed that the Secretary should collect two shillings from each member and visitor to defray the expenses of the evening. Accordingly the brethren present indiscriminately paid two shillings, all except BRO. VISSCHER."

About this time, the matter of "refreshment" seemed to be of no small importance, for at the meeting of March 19, 1800, it was "Resolved, That some Brother be appointed to procure refreshment for the Lodge, Consisting of good Brandy, Spirits, Crackers, and Cheese, for which he shall collect One Shilling from each member and visitor partaking of the same, and for every neglect he shall forfeit and pay the sum of 25 cents into the Treasury, unless a reasonable excuse can be given."

And at a subsequent meeting, on April 1, 1801, it was "Resolved, That in future the Stewards substitute Beer for Brandy and Spirits for the refreshment in the Lodge."

At another meeting. "a motion was made and seconded that, whereas our Lodge is subject to great Expense by breaking glasses, some person should be appointed to procure some Japanned Tumblers, and BRO. LEWIS was accordingly appointed to that purpose," and at a still subsequent meeting, "a motion was made and seconded, that the Tin Tumblers be scoured, Bro. SANGER was appointed to superintend that Business."

The Worshipful Master was either careless in his personal attire, or the members were liberal, for on December 20, 1801, it was "Resolved, That a good and handsome cocked-hat be purchased for the use of the Master, the cost not to exceed Ten Dollars."

GUARDING AGAINST IMPOSTERS: The following abstract from the minutes of February 25, 1798, may also prove interesting:

"BRO. WM. TELLER, one of a committee appointed by St. George's Lodge, at Schenectady, presented a list of Clandestine Masons, who were holding a Lodge at or near Bethlehem. It was agreed that a Committee of three be appointed, and they were accordingly appointed, to correspond with the neighboring Lodges on the subject of clandestine Masons, and if possible to devise and enter upon some plan to prevent the growing evils which daily threaten to sully the bright name of Masonry, and thereby to prevent our records being stained with the dark catalogues of *Villainous imposters*."

DEATH OF WASHINGTON: The following minute is regarding the death of WASHINGTON.

On January 4, 1800, on motion it was *Resolved*, That the Lodge will join the contemplated funeral procession on Thursday next, in respect to the memory of our beloved BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON deceased, and Unit the Secretary be directed to invite the neighboring Lodges to join in said procession with Temple Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Lodge wear white aprons, gloves, and stockings, also crape around the left arm, below the elbow; also

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended that they wear black clothes, if they can make it convenient, except the white clothing before mentioned; also *Resolved*, That the Lodge at Troy be requested to bring down with them their musicians and music belonging to their Lodge."

This funeral procession accordingly took place, many of the neighboring Lodges participating. At its conclusion the brethren returned to Temple Lodge room, where "an elegant obelisk intended as a monument consecrated to the memory of our illustrious deceased brother was presented to the Lodge and ordered placed opposite the Junior Warden's seat in the Lodge room."

WESTERN STAR, NO. 15, BRIDGEWATER.

CHARTER: Issued January 18, 1797. Original document still intact.

NUMBER: No. 59 to 1839, when it was awarded its present number, 15.

ANTIQUITIES: The Great Lights used by the Lodge are believed to be those first owned by it. The Bible which lies on its altar is one hundred and twenty years old.

In 1816 the Lodge erected a building for its own accommodation. This structure, on a new site and greatly enlarged, is still used for meetings of the Lodge. In addition to a large and well-furnished Lodge room, equipped with broad winding stairs, it has a well appointed kitchen, a feature much appreciated by the members, whose homes are widely scattered through a farming community.

THE MORGAN PERIOD: During this time the brethren fully maintained their organization, but had to be cautious. From 1825 to about 1845 meetings were held irregularly at different hours, and usually in the daytime. Between the years given above the initiations numbered 8.

MEMBERS PROMINENT IN VARIOUS WALKS IN LIFE.

Hon. William C. Ruger, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals.
A. P. Ball, before Barnum; Greatest Showman of his day.
Hon. Anson Hardin, Supreme Court Justice, General Term.
H. L. Spooner, Editor.
P. B. Crandall, School Commissioner, Oneida County.
Hon. A. D. Southworth, former Judge.
Sewell S. Morgan, Criminal Lawyer.
F P. Peirce, former School Commissioner, Oneida County.
Hon. Sherman Dabold, former Judge.
George R. Moore. Inventor of Mail Catcher [1895 & 1902]
Hon. Alvah Penny, former Member of Assembly.
Milton T. Morgan, State Dairy Commissioner.

Hon. E. B. Clark, former Member of Assembly.
H. E. Palmer, Chairman and Member of the Oneida County Board of Equalization.
P. C. Brownell, former County Clerk, Madison County.
Leroy Firman, Noted Scientist.
J. O. Wheeler, Banker.
Col. Rufus Daggett, Postmaster of Utica, N. Y.
A. C. Ackerman, Editor.
Hon. H. M. Aylesworth, District Attorney, Madison County.
E. M. Willis, Assistant District Attorney, Oneida County.
Rev. A. T. Worden, Lecturer, Poet, Writer.
L. E. Brownell, Sheriff, Oneida County.

MASTERS.

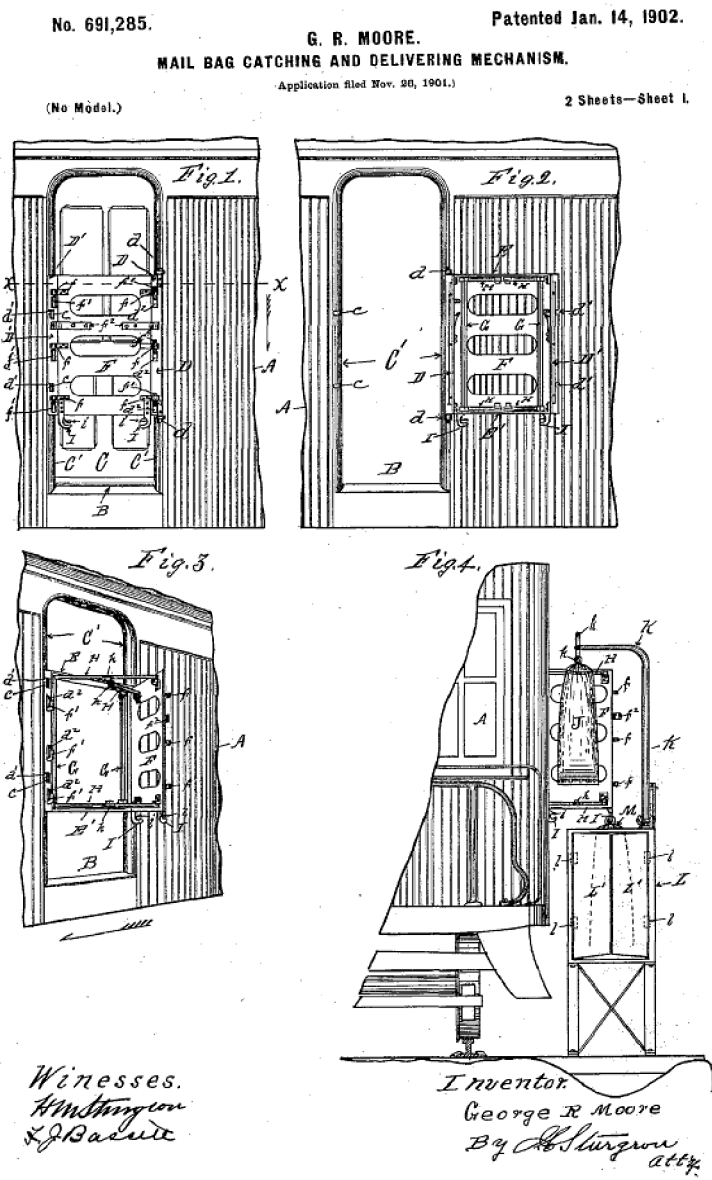
1797. James Kinne.	1819. Israel Brewer.	1841. Thompson Holdridge.
1798. James Kinne.	1820. Israel Brewer.	1842. Thomas Convis.
1799. James Kinne.	1821. Henry C. Clark.	1843. Thomas Convis.
1800. Levi Carpenter.	1822. Israel Brewer.	1844. Thomas Convis.
1801. Levi Carpenter.	1823. Henry C. Clark.	1845. Israel Brewer.
1802. Aaron Morse.	1824. Israel Brewer.	1846. Asher Flint.
1803. Aaron Morse.	1825. James Avery Rhodes.	1847. Marquis F. Lee.
1804. Bennett Pierce.	1826. James Avery Rhodes.	1848. Marquis F. Lee.
1805. Nathan Cook.	1827. Israel Brewer.	1849. Thompson Holdridge.
1806. Nathan Cook.	1828. Oliver Main.	1850. Marquis F. Lee.
1807. Nathan Cook.	1829. Israel Brewer.	1851. Alpheus Marsh.
1808. Nathan Cook.	1830. Israel Brewer.	1852. Alpheus Marsh.
1809. Nathan Cook.	1831. Thompson Holdridge.	1853. Alpheus Marsh.
1810. Charles Huntington.	1832. Jesse Thompson.	1854. Alpheus Marsh.
1811. Daniel Ringe.	1833. Henry Rogers.	1855. Reuben O. Clark.
1812. Nathan Cook.	1834. Samuel Richards.	1856. Alvah Penny, 2d.
1813. Nathan Cook.	1835. Samuel Richards.	1857. Samuel Richards.
1814. Israel Brewer.	1836. Thompson Holdridge.	1858. William Greenman.
1815. Nathan Cook.	1837. Israel Brewer.	1859. William Greenman.
1816. Israel Brewer.	1838. Israel Brewer.	1860. William Greenman.
1817. Israel Brewer.	1839. Thompson Holdridge.	1861. William Greenman.
1818. Levi Carpenter.	1840. Thompson Holdridge.	1862. William Greenman.

1863. William Greenman.
 1864. William Greenman.
 1865. Alvah Penny.
 1866. John P. Babcock.
 1867. John P. Babcock.
 1868. Henry M. Aylesworth.
 1869. George R. Moore.
 1870. George R. Moore.
 1871. George W. Palmer.
 1872. Albert N. Bort.
 1873. Wells W. Perkins.
 1874. William H. Briggs.
 1875. George R. Moore.
 1876. Clarke N. Brown.

1877. Alvah Penny.
 1878. Adelbert W. Daggett.
 1879. Adelbert W. Daggett.
 1880. Adelbert W. Daggett.
 1881. George R. Moore.
 1882. Oliver W. Steele.
 1883. Oliver W. Steele.
 1884. William H. Greenman.
 1885. William H. Greenman.
 1886. William H. Briggs.
 1887. Duane B. Stillman.
 1888. George W. Palmer.
 1889. George W. Palmer.
 1890. George W. Palmer.

1891. George W. Palmer.
 1892. Herbert E. Palmer.
 1893. Herbert E. Palmer.
 1894. Herbert E. Palmer.
 1895. Duane B. Stillman.
 1896. Herbert E. Palmer.
 1897. Stanard D. Butler.
 1898. James R. Moses.
 1899. Zenas Eldred, Jr.
 1900. Zenas Eldred, Jr.
 1901. Herbert E. Palmer.
 1902. Herbert E. Palmer.

George R. Moore – Patent for Mail Bag Catching Mechanism – 1902 [see also his previous Patent No. 544,900, 20 Aug 1895]
http://www.google.com/patents?id=dO9AAAAAEBAJ&pg=PA1&dq=%22george+r.+moore%22+%22mail%22&source=qbs_selected_pages&cad=0_1#PPA1.M1



PRINCE OF ORANGE, NO. 16, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: July 9, 1859.

In 1855, Holland Lodge, No. 8, by a majority vote threw in its fortunes with the Phillips Grand Lodge, the majority carrying with them their old warrant. The minority, including Most Worshipful WILLIAM H. MILNOR, applied to Grand Lodge for a dispensation to enable them to Grand Lodge in 1856, a paragraph reads: "A petition was received from several distinguished brethren who were members of the late Holland Lodge, No. 8, praying that a new warrant be granted in the place of their former warrant, which was wrongfully taken from them. Your committee unanimously recommended granting the prayer of the petitioners."

The new warrant was issued June 7, 1856, to Holland Lodge, No. 8, GEORGE ACKERMAN being named as Master.

The brethren who held the old warrant were received into Grand Lodge with the other Phillips Lodges, and agreeably to the terms of the union simply took up again their old position on the roll.

This necessitated a change in the status of the brethren who held the duplicate warrant of No. 8, and they asked to be known as Prince of Orange Lodge, receiving the lowest vacant number on the roll, No. 16.

MASTERS.

1859. John P. Roberts.	1874. John P. Roberts.	1889. Oswald N. Cammann.
1860. Joseph D. Evans.	1875. Stephen M. Wright.	1890. Oswald N. Cammann.
1861. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1876. Stephen M. Wright.	1891. Guido Furman.
1862. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1877. John I. Waterbury.	1892. Guido Furman.
1863. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1878. Morris A. Tyng.	1893. Frederick W. Culler.
1864. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1879. Fred R. S. Drake.	1894. Frederick W. Culler.
1865. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1880. Fred R. S. Drake.	1895. Clarence P. Bulson.
1866. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1881. Aaron L. Northrop.	1896. Edward Moore, Jr.
1867. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1882. Coert Dubois.	1897. Ed'n Van D. Gazzan.
1868. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1883. Coert Dubois.	1898. Ed'n Van D. Gazzan.
1869. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1884. Thomas B. Clarkson.	1899. T. Passmore Berens.
1870. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1885. Lewis H. Raymond.	1900. Albert Hanstetter.
1871. Ellwood E. Thorne.	1886. Lewis H. Raymond.	1901. Charles H. Walker.
1872. Arthur D. Wildman.	1887. James B. Taylor.	1902. Marcellus Reeves.
1873. Arthur D. Wildman.	1888. George W. Linch.	

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS.

Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master.

William H. Milnor, Grand Master.

Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master.

Stephen M. Wright, Senior Grand Deacon.

John P. Roberts, Grand Steward.

Fred R. S. Drake, District Deputy Grand Master.

Aaron L. Northrop, Grand Steward.

L' UNION FRANÇAISE, NO. 17, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: Issued December 16, 1861.

LODGE HISTORY: L' Union Française can at least claim descent from a French Lodge established in New York in 1793. In 1862, Bro. P. LÜER wrote the history of that Lodge and its successors in New York, in an official document then submitted to Grand Lodge. It read as follows:

"During the European troubles of 1789 to 1795, which necessarily extended to the French Colonies, several of the Colonists emigrated from Guadeloupe to New York, where they founded a French Lodge to draw closer the ties that already united them and to afford assistance to French emigrants in distress. The charter members were twenty-nine in number, and on the 12th December, 1793, they opened the Lodge under the name of 'La Tendre Amitié Franco Americaine' in the French rite. The first Master was Bro. F. HAYDIEN, and it appears that political troubles disturbed the harmony of the brethren from the first; resulting in dissolution in 1794.

"Brief as this existence was, it had given birth to a desire for the pleasure of Masonic Communion, and hence a number of the brethren formed on the 26th May, 1795, another Lodge called 'L'Unité Americaine.' Bro. HAYDIEN was again selected as Master, and the Lodge maintained its existence with varying fortunes till 1797, when it was closed.

"On the 20th December, 1797, a third Lodge was opened, and on the 26th June, 1798, it was regularly constituted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, by the name and style of 'L'Union Française, No. 71.' The first Master was Bro. STAFFORD, and among the founders were several who had participated in the two defunct Lodges. Matters now progressed satisfactorily till 1824, when, dissensions arising, a portion of the members withdrew and formed 'La Sincerite,' which, however, survived but a few months. No other change occurred in L'Union Francaise, except the change of its number to 14, and finally to 17.

"From 1824 to 1852 nothing of special interest occurred. At this latter date, however, the Lodge became so weak from withdrawals as scarcely to be able to obtain a quorum at its stated meetings; by a supreme effort, however, the crisis was passed and the future existence of the Lodge was thought to be definitely assured; but in March, 1853, nine of its members dimitted and formed a spurious Lodge, called 'La Sincerity, No. 2,' under authority of so-called Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

"From this time forward to 1859, the meetings were a series of scandals; confusion and anarchy reigned, and on the 13th June of this year, the climax was reached by the abstraction of the warrant and properties by the then Master [A. MASSARO—since expelled]. The Lodge was now generally supposed to have finished its career, or at least that it had passed into the hands of the recusants, who proceeded to open and conduct a Lodge of the same name and number, with the stolen warrant and property. The faithful members obtained from the then D. G. M. R.' W.' BRO. SIMONS, a dispensation to continue their labors, which action was confirmed by the Grand Lodge at its next session, and a duplicate warrant was granted. At the election of December, 1860, the Lodge had the misfortune to place at its head a brother absolutely devoid of the qualifications necessary for a Master, and under his gavel a rapid consumption set in, till finally on the advice of Bro. SIMONS the Lodge at its Stated Communication of August 7, 1861, after having complied with the requirements of the Constitution, surrendered its warrant. It is but just to say that resort was had to

this action not by any means to kill the Lodge, but as the only way of shaking off the 'Old Man of the Mountain' who had seated himself upon its shoulders.

"When its assets had been collected and its debts paid, a petition was laid before the R.'. W.'. JNO. J. CRANE, D. G. M., for a Dispensation to renew its labors under better auspices, and on the 16th December, 1861, this request was granted with M.'. W.'. JNO. W. SIMONS as first Master.

"Up to this time an unexpected degree of prosperity has attended the labors, and it is now believed that the trials of L'Union Française are past and that a harmonious and useful future awaits it."

MASTERS UNDER PRESENT WARRANT.

1862. John W. Simons.	1876. Hypolite Vassel.	1890. George J. Dubois.
1863. F. A. Richshoffer.	1877. Hypolite Vassel.	1891. George Bosshard.
1864. F. A. Richshoffer.	1878. Gustave Trappler.	1892. George Bosshard.
1865. F. A. Richshoffer.	1879. Hypolite Vassel.	1893. George Bosshard.
1866. F. A. Richshoffer.	1880. Louis F. Delisle.	1894. Bernard Malizia.
1867. F. A. Richshoffer.	1881. Louis F. Delisle.	1895. Bernard Malizia.
1868. G. A. Laridon.	1882. Louis F. Delisle.	1896. Eugene Perrière.
1869. M. Richardson.	1883. Eugene Lebeuf.	1897. Eugene Perrière.
1870. Charles Ranhoffer.	1884. Auguste Chabeaux.	1898. Charles F. Lewit.
1871. Charles Ranhoffer.	1885. Hypolite Vassel.	1899. Charles F. Lewit.
1872. Charles Ranhoffer.	1886. Hypolite Vassel.	1900. Edouard Laperruque.
1873. Victor de Lieuvain.	1887. Hypolite Vassel.	1901. Edouard Laperruque.
1874. Victor de Lieuvain.	1888. George Bosshard.	1902. Edouard Laperruque.
1875. Henry Whittaker, Jr.	1889. George J. Dubois.	

FORTITUDE, NO. 19, BROOKLYN.

CHARTER: Issued December 4, 1799.

NUMBER: No. 84 to June 4, 1819, when it was changed to No. 81, and so continued to June 7, 1839, when it became No. 19.

MINUTES: Complete, excepting from December 7, 1807, to December 8, 1809; and parts of records from January 5, to December 27, 1810.

SCHISMS: Affiliated with the Phillips Grand Lodge, but returned with it to Grand Lodge, June 10, 1858.

MEETING PLACES: 1799, Martin Boerum's Hotel (the site occupied now by Eagle Storage Warehouse). 1813, corner of Main and James Streets. 1817, Boerum's (then Hunter's) Hotel. 1818, Martin Brower's, Mount Pleasant Garden, Fulton Street. 1823, Du Flon's Military Garden, site now occupied by Court House. August 15, 1842, No. 3 Front Street. 1848, Stevenson's Hotel, on Liberty Street. 1853, No. 106 Fulton Street. 1859, corner Court and Joralemon Streets.

MASTERS.

1799. Geo. A. Clussman.	1831. Samuel Doxey.	1863. William Taylor.
1800. Geo. A. Clussman.	1832. Samuel Doxey.	1864. William Taylor.
1801. Geo. A. Clussman.	1833. Nathaniel F. Waring.	1865. William Taylor.
1802. William Carpenter.	1834. Nathaniel F. Waring.	1866. Alexander Barr.
1803. Richard M. Malcolm.	1835. John Van Duyne.	1867. Alexander Barr.
1804. David Rhodes.	1836. John Van Duyne.	1868. Alexander Barr.
1805. David Rhodes.	1837. Samuel Doxey.	1869. T. C. Mayher.
1806. Losee Van Nostrand.	1838. James H. Paterson.	1870. T. C. Mayher.
1807. Losee Van Nostrand.	1839. John A. Fricke.	1871. Stephen Owen.
1808. Losee Van Nostrand.	1840. John A. Fricke.	1872. Stephen Owen.
1809. Losee Van Nostrand.	1841. Luke C. Ryder.	T. C. Mayher.
1810. Isaac Nichols.	1842. John C. Stephens.	1873. Alexander Barr.
1811. John Titus.	1843. John E. Goodchild.	1874. Alexander Barr.
1812. John Titus.	1844. E. G. Triquet.	1875. Thomas A. Craig.
1813. John Harmer.	1845. John A. Fricke.	1876. Thomas A. Craig.
1814. John Harmer.	1846. John A. Pease.	1877. Thomas A. Craig.
1815. Garrett Duryea.	1847. Nathaniel F. Waring.	1878. Thomas A. Craig.
1816. Garrett Duryea.	1848. Nathaniel F. Waring.	1879. Archibald A. Johnston.
1817. Abraham Van Nostrand.	1849. Platt Powell.	1880. Archibald A. Johnston.
1818. James Boyd.	1850. Platt Powell.	1881. James P. Eastmead.
1819. John Hammell.	1851. Henry J. Willett.	1882. James P. Eastmead.
1820. W. M. Fanning.	1852. John T. Brush.	1883. William McDonald.
1821. W. M. Fanning.	1853. Richard C. Underhill.	1884. William McDonald.
1822. W. M. Fanning.	1854. James H. Howe.	1885. George C. Gill.
1823. Samuel S. Birdsall.	1855. John August.	1886. George C. Gill.
1824. Levi Porter.	1856. A. L. Dezendorff.	1887. George C. Gill.
1825. John Van Duyne.	1857. B. Frank Brown.	1888. John S. Boyce.
1826. John Van Duyne.	1858. John Leech.	1889. John S. Boyce.
1827. David Storms.	1859. John Matthews.	1890. William H. Tintle.
1828. John F. Walton.	1860. James P. Carey.	1891. William H. Tintle.
1829. John B. Johnson.	1861. James P. Carey.	1892. William H. Tintle.
1830. John B. Johnson.	1862. William Taylor.	1893. James McCullough.

1894. James Given.
1895. Daniel Stern.
1896. Daniel Stern.

1897. James McCullough.
1898. Harry T. Cummings.
1899. Gabriel Bloch.

1900. Gabriel Bloch.
1901. Martin Miller.
1902. Simon Bloch.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Nathaniel F. Waring.
Rev. John Ireland, First Chaplain of the United States Navy, Chaplain of Grand Lodge.
Rev. Evan M. Johnson, Chaplain of Grand Lodge

BRETHREN (DECEASED) DISTINGUISHED IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

Henry Eckford, Naval Constructor.
[See report of Grand Historian, 1901.]

G. A. Clussman, Physician.

HISTORY: "Centennial History of Fortitude Lodge, No. 19, compiled by the Historic Committee, DANIEL STERN, J. Cox HULL, CHAS R. PHILLIPS, THOMAS GERON, and JOHN ALLEN, Brooklyn, 1900.

EXTRACTS FROM RECORDS: First meeting for conferring of degrees January 13, 1806, when DAVID BARTOW was the candidate. The fee for each degree was \$2, but on January 20, 1806, the fee was raised to \$5.

Refreshments appear to have been an important part of the proceedings of this Lodge during its earlier history. The amounts of money spent for this purpose ranged all the way from \$5 to \$60 per night. Upon the date of November 16, 1812, there is a record in the minutes of a charge of £41 12s. 10d., which is something over \$200.

Lodge called off during July, August, September, and October, 1832, on account of prevalence of cholera.

December 15, 1870, motion adopted that a committee be appointed to present the dependent widows of the Lodge with a turkey and a five-dollar bill.

December 4, 1899, Lodge celebrated its centennial with a dinner at Hotel St. George, and a reception at Plymouth Church.

PIONEER, NO. 20, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: January 18, 1800, as Abrams Lodge, No. 15 ; name changed to Pioneer Lodge, June 5, 1873.

NUMBER: No. 15 to 1819; No. 83 to 1839; No. 20 to date.

MINUTES: Intact from December 26, 1807.

MEETING PLACES: St. John's Hall, Franklin Street. Broome and Crosby Streets. Third Avenue and Seventh Street. German Masonic Temple. Lexington Opera House. Masonic Hall.

MASTERS.

1800. John Coffin.
1801. John Coffin.
1802. Adrian Hegeman.
1803. William Cheeseman.
1804. Robert Young.
1805. D. D. Smith.
1806. William Blakewell.
1807. Z. Ring.
1808. N. Grenard.
1809. E. W. King.
1810. C. Gale.
1811. Robert Young.
1812. Robert Young.
1813. Z. Ring.
1814. D. V. Smith.
1815. R. Young.
1816. W. Blakewell.
1817. B. G. Brown.
1818. B. G. Brown.
1819. James Webster.
1820. James A. Moore.
1821. James A. Moore.
1822. Amos Hulse.
1823. Robert Young.
1824. W. Cheesman. [Cheeseman?]
1825. J. W. Rowan.
1826. John Hawley.
1827. Peter McNamara.
1828. Robert Roberts.
1829. Robert Roberts.
1830. A. A. Alvord.
1831. J. De Baun.
1832. C. Hillsburg.

1833. Samuel Brown.
1834. John Gray.
1835. John Coffin, Jr.
1836. John Coffin, Jr.
1837. Amos Hulse.
1838. Amos Hulse.
1839. J. J. Thompson.
1840. John Mansfield.
1841. John Mansfield.
1842. H. C. Lincoln.
1843. Robert Roberts.
1844. P. 8. Van Houten.
1845. P. S. Van Houten.
1846. S. I. Wyckoff.
1847. Amos Hulse.
1848. B. Mooney.
1849. John Lucas.
1850. John H. Oliver.
1851. W. P. Van Houghten.
1852. W. E. Lyons.
1853. W. A. Brower.
1854. Julian Allen.
1855. N. B. Mills.
1856. John Lucas.
1857. Julian Allen.
1858. Julian Allen.
1859. Julian Allen.
1860. Julian Allen.
1861. Joseph Hazell.
1862. Joseph Hazell.
1863. R. M. Bool.
1864. R. M. Bool.
1865. Edward Kirk.

1866. Edward Kirk.
1867. Edward Kirk.
1868. C. A. Seaman.
1869. C. A. Seaman.
1870. Jefferson Edwards.
1871. Jefferson Edwards.
1872. G. T. Lockwood.
1873. G. T. Lockwood.
1874. W. M. Van Note.
1875. T. Clendenin.
1876. T. Clendenin.
1877. Charles A. Seaman.
1878. James W. Hay.
1879. Thomas J. Lockwood.
1880. Thomas J. Lockwood.
1881. John M. Robinson.
1882. F. L. W. Severn.
1883. F. L. W. Severn.
1884. F. L. W. Severn.
1885. John W. Rowan.
1886. John W. Rowan.
1887. Samuel B. Wheeler.
1888. Samuel B. Wheeler.
1889. Samuel B. Wheeler.
1890. Peter Flack.
1891. Geo. Harvey.
1892. Eugene Erath.
1893. Charles B. Grogan.
1894. Frank Dobson.
1895. Frank Dobson.
1896. Charles S. Torrey.
1897. Joseph F. MacEntee.
1898. L. W. Duesing.

1899. L. W. Duesing.
1900. L. W. Duesing.

1901. L. W. Duesing.
1902. L. W. Duesing.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 21, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: Issued March 5, 1800.

NUMBERS: No. 16 to 1819; No. 84 to 1836; No. 21.

MINUTES: Intact from beginning to date.

MEETING PLACES: No. 8 Union Square. No. 289 Bleecker Street. No. 33 Union Square. German Masonic Temple. Masonic Hall, 1897. Grand Opera House, 1898.

MORGAN PERIOD: Work continued right through without any break.

MASTERS.

1800. Alexander S. Gordon.
1801. Alexander S. Gordon.
1802. David Dunham.
1803. David Dunham.
1804. **Mordecai Myers.**

1849. A. L. Tasheira.
Warrant declared forfeited
September 3, 1850.

1856. Joseph Richardson.
1857. Joseph Richardson.
1858. Joseph Richardson.
1859. Joseph Richardson.
1860. Joseph Richardson.
1861. James A. Reed.
1862. Abram Tompkins.
1863. J. D. Brinkerhoff.
1864. James A. Reed.
1865. James A. Reed.

1866. James A. Reed.
1867. Henry E. Gilbert.
1868. James A. Reed.
1869. W. P. Archer.
1870. Joseph Richardson.
1871. Jonathan D. Heppard.
1872. W. S. Patterson.
1873. W. S. Patterson.
1874. Thomas Forsyth.
1875. Abraham Goldsmith.
1876. W. P. Archer.
1877. W. P. Archer.
1878. W. P. Archer.
1879. W. N. Brown.
1880. Samuel I. Tyler.
1881. Alfred Rouse.
1882. Irving Hazleton.
1883. Benjamin L. Thiell.
1884. Irving Hazleton.

1885. Irving Hazleton.
1886. Irving Hazleton.
1887. Irving Hazleton.
1888. Irving Hazleton.
1889. Geo. W. Collins.
1890. E. H. Ferguson.
1891. Frank Wood.
1892. Frank Wood.
1893. Ernest Burgdorf.
1894. Ernest Burgdorf.
1895. Ernest Burgdorf.
1896. Robert Macbeth.
1897. Edgar A. Whitney.
1898. Rudolph Holde.
1899. Rudolph Holde.
1900. Rudolph Holde.
1901. Charles A. Alden.
1902. Robert W. Reid.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

A SCRAP FROM A HISTORIAN'S RECORDS: "Note that the Ledger is perfect and in the hands of the present Secretary, BRO. JAS. S. FOOTE, 74 Broadway, and W. S. PATTERSON has copy of original By-laws, which are peculiar, interesting, and worthy of mention. Work or Labor was done in First Degree.

"During the MORGAN excitement Washington Lodge would go round and do the work for other Lodges.

"One Grand Master came from this Lodge—MORDECAI MYERS. Fitted up a Room once at cost of nearly \$4,000, and had an Association attached to it called Washington Society, which entertained with Balls, parties, etc., and sometimes made a little money from them." *Manuscript note by C. T. McCLENACHAN.*

NEWSPAPER RECORD: "This Lodge was instituted in 1800. During its existence of almost a century its experience has been varied, standing at times at the head of the Lodges in this State, at others sunk so low that serious thoughts were entertained of surrendering its charter, now again risen to that degree of prosperity that it is about to take its place at the head of Lodges in this jurisdiction. Eighteen months ago this Lodge was burdened with a very large debt, W.'. Bro. IRVING HAZLETON and a few valiant brethren determined to free it, and with their united efforts were so successful, that they not only paid debt of the Lodge, but contributed enough more to pay \$420, their indebtedness in full, to the Hall and Asylum Fund, and a handsome balance left in the treasury; all this was done in eighteen months.

"During the eighty-seven years of its existence this Lodge has never called off or missed a communication ; they also boast of having the oldest living P. M. in the State, W.'. BRO. JOHN TENNANT, who was its Master in 1846, before scarcely any of its present members were born. The old veteran is still hale and hearty, and will be seen at the Lodge next Tuesday evening, taking part in the work. W.'. BRO. THOMAS FORSYTH, 'Old Tom' as he is familiarly called, another veteran of nearly half a century, will be found still at his post, working actively for the old Lodge he loves so well. BRO. HAZLETON is waiting patiently for the end of the year, that he may take a much needed rest, he having served five years as Master. His brethren, who love him so well, are sorely troubled over the thought."

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 22, GREENFIELD CENTER.

DATE OF CHARTER: February 12, 1802. First meeting under charter, June 2, 1802.

NUMBER: No. 90 until June 7, 1839, when by resolution of Grand Lodge it became No. 22.

APPLICANTS FOR CHARTER.

John St. John.	Benjamin Worden.
Jeremy Rockwell.	James Vail.
Potter Johnson.	Abel Duell.
Jonathan Dykeman.	Thomas Fenton.
Peter Hendrick.	Joel Washburn.
Frederick Weed.	William T. Chapin.

Joseph Blackleach. Thomas Larry.
Ezra Day. Uriah Benedict.
Steven King. Job Barney.

MEETING PLACES: June 2, 1802. residence of JOHN ST. JOHN, Greenfield. October 1, 1816, church at Porter's Corners (named after third Master of Lodge). January 16, 1870, own building, Greenfield Center.

MINUTE BOOKS: Intact to date.

RELICS IN POSSESSION OF LODGE:

Sword of Capt. J. ST. JOHN (Revolution);

sword of Col. WILLIAM SCOTT (Revolution);

sword of Col. L. SCOTT (War of 1812).

Aprons worn by several of the early brethren;

many portraits of Past Masters, etc.

Commission of WM. SCOTT as Captain, dated November 8, 1776, signed by JOHN HANCOCK.

Commission as Major, September 25, 1777; as Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30, 1783 (by act of Congress).

Commission of LEWIS SCOTT, signed by DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Governor.

A framed copy of Ulster County "Gazette," dated January 4, 1800, one entire side of which is devoted to notices and eulogies on the death of GEORGE WASHINGTON.

MASTERS.

1802. John St. John.	1836. George Riddell.	1870. Gideon W. Scofield.
1803. Jeremy Rockwell.	1837. William Burnham.	1871. Gideon W. Scofield.
1804. Asahel Porter.	1838. Geo. Riddell.	1872. Gideon W. Scofield.
1805. Asahel Porter.	1839. R. Sax.	1873. Gideon W. Scofield.
1806. Asahel Porter.	1840. R. Sax.	1874. Gideon W. Scofield.
1807. Oliver C. Comstock.	1841. R. Sax.	1875. Gideon W. Scofield.
1808. Daniel Hicks.	1842. R. Sax.	1876. Edward A. Rood.
1809. John St. John.	1543. John Gifford.	1877. G. W. Scofield.
1810. Lewis Scott.	1544. John Gifford.	1878. Albert G. Wing.
1811. Lewis Scott.	1845. J. S. Weed.	1879. Albert G. Wing.
1812. Abner Medberry.	1846. J. S. Weed.	1880. Albert G. Wing.
1813. Joseph Blackleach.	1847. J. S. Weed.	1881. Albert G. Wing.
1814. Nathan Medberry.	1848. Daniel Wing.	1882. Albert G. Wing.
1815. Lewis Scott.	1849. J. S. Weed.	1883. Albert G. Wing.
1816. Nathan Medberry.	1850. John Gifford.	1884. Albert G. Wing.
1817. Nathan Medberry.	1851. John Gifford.	1885. Albert G. Wing.
1818. Nathan Medbeny.	1852. John Gifford.	1886. Albert G. Wing.
1819. Simeon Gray.	1853. John Gifford.	1887. Albert G. Wing.
1820. Nathan Medberry.	1854. Daniel Wing.	1888. C. W. Spaulding.
1821. Nathan Medberry.	1855. John Gifford.	1889. I. G. Johnson.
1822. Nathan Medberry.	1856. John Gifford.	1890. A. G. Wing.
1823. George Sax.	1857. John Gifford.	1891. A. G. Wing.
1824. George Sax.	1858. J. S. Weed.	1892. A. G. Wing.
1825. R. Sax.	1859. J. S. Weed.	1893. Clifford C. Cady.
1826. R. Sax.	1860. J. S. Weed.	1894. Arthur W. Johnson.
1827. R. Sax.	1861. M. H. Crysler.	1895. Clarence E. Latham.
1828. R. Sax.	1862. Truman E. Parkman.	1896. Clarence E. Latham.
1829. Hiram Medberry.	1863. Truman E. Parkman.	1897. Charles B. Mallery.
1830. Hiram Medberry.	1864. I. G. Johnson.	1898. Charles B. Mallery.
1831. R. Sax.	1865. Gideon W. Scofield.	1899. Gideon W. Scofield.
1832. R. Sax.	1866. Gideon W. Scofield.	1900. W. H. Harris.
1833. Jno. E. Harris.	1867. Gideon W. Scofield.	1901. A. M. Hollister.
1834. Jno. E. Harris.	1868. Gideon W. Scofield.	1902. A. M. Hollister.
1835. George Riddell.	1869. Gideon W. Scofield.	

MORGAN PERIOD: Met regularly and elected officers November 26. 1826, 100 members; 1828, two initiations; 1830, thirty-four paid dues; 1831, petition for initiation returned; 1832, two meetings; 1833, ten meetings; 1834, twenty-four members paid dues up to date.

LIBRARY: Lodge appears to have started a library of its own shortly after moving to Porter's Corners. September 15, 1855, it was divided and part sold; the balance was finally disposed of at auction in open Lodge, March 6, 1872.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS: BENJAMIN H. AUSTIN, raised in this Lodge in 1829; affiliated with Hiram Lodge, Buffalo, 1845; Grand Marshal. 1850; Junior Grand Warden, 1857; died. 1874.

PROMINENT MEMBERS (DECEASED).

Capt. John St. John, Revolution.
Col. Wm. Scott, Revolution.
Col. Lewis Scott, War of 1812.

Col. Jno. Prior, War of 1812.
 Jeremy Rockwell, Member of Assembly, 1811.
 Asahel Porter, Member of Assembly, 1805.
 Joseph Blackleach, first Secretary of Lodge; Justice of Peace for twelve years.
 Oliver Comstock, Member of Congress, 1813, 1819.
 Jno. W. Taylor, Member of Congress, 1813; elected Speaker in 1821 and 1825.
 John Gifford, Shoemaker; Worshipful Master for nine years; Justice of Peace sixteen years ; Justice of Sessions, 1852.



< **Morgan Henry Chrysler**, Captain, Thirtieth Regiment, New York Volunteers, 1861. Colonel, Second Veteran Cavalry, 1863; promoted to be Brigadier-General. Elected Master St. John's Lodge, 1860. Brevetted for meritorious service.

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CHRYSLER, Morgan Henry, soldier, b. in Ghent, Columbia Co., NY, 30 Sep 1826. He received a common school education in his native town, and has been a farmer nearly all his life. He enlisted as a private soldier in the 80th New York volunteers on 17 April, 1861, was promoted to captain on 7 May, to major on 11 March, 1862, and to lieutenant-colonel on 30 Aug, serving in the Army of the Potomac. He was mustered out in 1863, went home, and in fifty-five days raised, by his own efforts, the 2d NY Veteran Cavalry, 1,176 men, three quarters of them being veterans from the old "Iron Brigade." He was commissioned its colonel on 5 Dec 1863, and till 8 Nov 1865, served in the Army of the Gulf, commanding all the troops in northern Alabama, with headquarters at Talladega, and opening communication with Selma and Montgomery. He was present at the capture of Mobile, with its surrounding defenses, was brevetted brigadier-general, 23 Jan., 1864, and made brigadier-general of volunteers and brevet major-general on 13 Mar 1865. He died 24 Aug 1890 at Kinderhook, NY, and was interred in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Valatie, Columbia Co., NY. During the war he was wounded in the upper chest (clavicle) and shoulder by a minie ball during a skirmish on the Morgan's Ferry Road near Atchafalaya, Louisiana, which injury caused him difficulties upon discharge.

NOTES: From manuscript history of Lodge in possession of Grand Historian.

MISAPPLICATION OF FUNDS: "The persecution of 1826 found them in very poor circumstances financially, owing to the custom of accepting notes for fees, and of loaning money to worthy brothers at times before it was in the treasurer's hands."

"Resolved, That Brother Treasurer place his notes and accounts in the hands of BROTHER Elihu WINF, and desire him to write to each and every one to pay their notes and accounts without delay or within ten days, or prosecute the same immediate."—Minutes, November 28, 1828.

COST OF LIGHT: "Expended for two pounds of candles 25 cents, receipts for dues, \$1.50."—Minutes, May 25, 1831. "Resolved, That BROTHER GEORGE RIDDELL get glass and putty and repair the windows."

ANNUAL DUES: It seems from the minutes that there were no annual dues charged or regularly collected until Jan. 16, 1817, and the matter was not settled until 1823, when an amount of fifty cents per year was agreed upon, which was raised to \$1 by vote of the Lodge, July 29, 1863; made \$1.50 April 16, 1873, where it now remains.

GRAND LODGE: About this time (1812) the Grand Lodge thought best to inquire if we were still living and we find: " Aug. 21, 1815, Extra Lodge, No. 90, opened by Bro. WADSWORTH, Grand Visiting Bro. and "Resolved that A. PORTER, J. PRIOR, L. SCOTT, P. JOHNSON, B. B. WIGGINS, and J. ST. JOHN be a committee to compromise with the said bro. again."

"July 8, 1816, BRO. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitor, took the chair.

"Received GREENFIELD, July 8, 1816, of St. John's Lodge, No. 90, Sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents as the compromise of dues, including thirteen Dollars and twenty-five cents for the return of 106 names of brethren initiated, which is good for all dues of said Lodge up to June first, 1814. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, Grand Visitor, Second District.

"When we stop to think that at this time there were no steamboats or railroads, that we are 197 miles from New York, and that postage ranged from 12 to 30 cents a letter it is not strange that a closer relation did not exist."

ADELPHI, NO. 23, NEW YORK CITY.

CHARTER: June 2. 1802.

NUMBERS: No. 18 to 1819; No. 91 to 1839; No. 23 to date.

MINUTES: Records for 1820 to 1835 destroyed by fire.

MORGAN PERSECUTION: Unfortunately the destruction of the records for this period prevents any consideration of its condition during this period. JOHN HORSPOOL was raised in 1830, but his name is the only one traceable. Still from the large German and foreign membership, and the fact that officers were regularly elected, it seems fair to assume that the persecution did not harm Adelphi Lodge to any large extent, if at all. In 1835, when the record is again before us, there were nine initiations.

SCHISMS: Joined City Grand Lodge in 1826. Joined Phillips Grand Lodge in 1849.

MASTERS.

1802. Albert Ryckman.	1810. W. T. Hunter.	1818. Malhen Reed.
1803. Albert Ryckman.	1811. W. T. Hunter.	1819. John J. Boyd.
1804. Albert Ryckman.	1812. W. T. Hunter.	1820. J. D. Brown.
1805. Benjamin Prince.	1813. Fisher Craig.	1821. ---- Bergle.
1806. John Onderdonck.	1814. Fisher Craig.	1822. John P. Garmass.
1807. John Onderdonck.	1815. John R. Satterlee.	1823. George Screba.
1808. John Onderdonck.	1816. John J. Boyd.	1824. George Screba.
1809. John Onderdonck.	1817. John J. Boyd.	1825. Oliver M. Lowndes.

1826. W. Rockhill.
1827. W. Rockhill.
1828. Geo. D. Strong.
1829. Geo. D. Strong.
1830. D. McGhie.
1831. D. McGhie.
1832. John Solomon.
1833. John Solomon.
1834. John Solomon.
1835. John Horspool.
1836. O. Newcomb.
1837. P. F. Spiro.
1838. John Solomon.
1839. M. Dougherty.
1840. John Solomon.
1841. John Solomon.
1842. Morris Wolfe.
1843. Joseph Jackson.
1844. John Solomon.
1845. A. S. Van Praag.
1846. A. S. Van Praag.
1847. A. S. Van Praag.
1848. L. A. Myers.
1849. John Solomon.
1850. Mark Levy.
1851. Moses S. Cohen.

1852. Moses I. Bennett.
1853. Geo. Godfrey.
1854. M. I. Leon.
1855. W. Baulch.
1856. Ellis Joseph.
1857. Julius Jacobus.
1858. Julius Jacobus.
1859. Julius Jacobus.
1860. S. W. Asherm.
1861. Geo. Godfrey.
1862. M. S. Cohen.
1863. Joseph Blumenthal.
1864. Joseph Blumenthal.
1865. Joseph Blumenthal.
1866. Joseph Blumenthal.
1867. Joseph Blumenthal.
1868. Joseph Blumenthal.
1869. Joseph Blumenthal.
1870. Joseph Blumenthal.
1871. H. W. Steinhard.
1872. H. W. Steinhard.
1873. Charles H. Mayer.
1874. Charles H. Mayer.
1875. Charles H. Mayer.
1876. M. Minzesheimer.
1877. C. H. Mayer.

1878. J. B. Bloomingdale.
1879. Joseph Blumenthal.
1880. J. W. Riglander.
1881. J. W. Riglander.
1882. E. J. Graetz.
1883. E. J. Graetz.
1884. David Rosenheim.
1885. David Rosenheim.
1886. William Ballin.
1887. M. D. Eger.
1888. S. D. Sowards.
1889. David Rosenheim.
1890. David Rosenheim.
1891. W. Machol.
1892. L. J. Isaacs.
1893. S. J. Fendler.
1894. L. M. Orchard.
1895. W. Rosenheim.
1896. W. A. Swan.
1897. C. S. Conner.
1898. B. Raphael.
1899. M. B. Cohn.
1900. S. Wasserman.
1901. Irving Wortmann.
1902. Charles H. Mayer.