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REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN.

R.'. W.'. EDWIN A. QUICK, Grand Historian, presented the following report, which was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

M.'. W.'. TOWNSEND SCUDDER,

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Dear Sir and Brother: It is gratifying to report that the work upon which the Grand Historian has been engaged for several years continues to increase a desire among masons to learn more concerning the past so far as it relates to the early history and proceedings of the Lodges with which they are connected and in which they are actively engaged in conducting affairs at the present time.

With one exception the members of the Lodges whose sketches accompany this report were willing to extend every aid in making the sketches as complete and accurate as possible. In some instances their enthusiasm led them to request the introduction of incidents of a personal character or of local interest and not essentially necessary. As these sketches must necessarily be short and are only intended to include a brief summary of the more important events associated with the inception and organization as well as the early history of the Lodges, consequently some incidents which, while they are of personal interest to those who are connected with them, are not of sufficient importance to the general reader to be included in sketches of this character must be omitted.

Several Lodges have already prepared and published full and complete histories, and in this connection if any Lodge in this jurisdiction desires to compile a complete history of its affairs the Grand Historian is willing to assist in such a work by furnishing all information and data in possession of the Grand Lodge or on file in his office.

The Grand Historian records his appreciation of the courtesies extended him in discharging his duties and is truly grateful for the assistance received from all who have interested themselves in his work. M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS and his assistants have furnished unlimited facilities to examine the records and papers on file in the Grand Secretary's office and when desired have

assisted in searching for information. The systematic and methodical manner in which the records and papers are arranged in his office very materially lightens the labors of the Grand Historian.

I thank you sincerely for appointing me to this important office. The labor devolving upon me in discharging the duties appertaining to its affairs continues to be agreeable in every way. I congratulate you upon the success which has attended your administration of the affairs of the distinguished office to which you were called in such a flattering manner.

With kindest wishes for your future welfare, I am,
Very truly and fraternally yours.

EDWIN A. QUICK,
Grand Historian.

OSWEGO LODGE, NO. 127, OSWEGO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated January 12, 1848.

The original warrant was damaged by fire October 3, 1883, and on June 9, 1884, a duplicate warrant was ordered by the Grand Lodge; both warrants are in possession of the Lodge.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

The Lodge was organized in 1847; on May 19th a dispensation was issued by M.'. W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD, Grand Master. The officers' names in the dispensation were:

MATHEW McNair, Master.

PORTIUS F. PARSONS, Senior Warden.

PHILO STEVENS, Junior Warden.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Mathew McNair.	Porting F. Parsons.
Philo Stevens.	Edwin W. Clark.
Elias Trowbridge.	Samuel Freeman.
Stephen Bently.	Orlo Steel.
Moses P. Hatch.	James Bickford.
Sanford C. Peck.	

The first meeting after the warrant was granted was held February 8, 1848. At this meeting the Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by R.'. W.'. EZRA S. BARNUM, Junior Grand Warden:

PORTIUS F. PARSONS, Master.

PHILO STEVENS, Senior Warden.

PHILO M. CARPENTER, Junior Warden.

JAMES BICKFORD, Treasurer.

EDWIN C. CLARK, Secretary.

ELISHA H. SHEPPARD, Senior Deacon.

ORLO STEEL, Junior Deacon.

JOHN JOICE, Tiler.

At first the Lodge met twice in each month. This arrangement was continued until December 27, 1852; since that time meetings have been held every week.

Its first meeting place was in a building owned by Francis Ramsdell on West First Street, where it remained until June, 1849, when for a short time it met temporarily in the Odd Fellows Lodge rooms, it afterward secured permanent quarters at 173 West First Street, remaining there until November, 1854, when it moved across the river into what was known as the Hungerford Block. No. 7 East Bridge Street, where it remained until May, 1876, when it again moved, this time into the adjoining building known as the Neal Block, where it still has quarters.

On April 24, 1889, it held "Jubilee" services in conjunction with Frontier City Lodge, No. 422, and Aeonian Lodge, No. 679.

It assisted at the laying of the corner-stone of the Oswego City Hall, June 21, 1870. It was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone and dedication of the Home at Utica.

Oswego Lodge, No. 127, was not the first Lodge located at Oswego. On September 21, 1819, a warrant was granted to Oswego Lodge, No. 326, which named as officers:

JOHN GRANT, JR., Master.

PETER D. HUGUNNIN, Senior Warden.

ROSWELL ELLIS, Junior Warden.

A report of the constituting of the Lodge and the installation of its officers was submitted to the Grand Lodge, June 9, 1820.

On June 7, 1832, its warrant was declared forfeited. In all probability it shared the fate of many others during that troublesome period.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John C. Churchill, Supreme Court Judge.

Newton W. Nutting, Congressman.

MASTERS.

1847. Mathew McNair.
1848. Portius F. Parsons.

1849. William H. Shumway.
1850. Edwin W. Clark.

1851. Edwin W. Clark.
1852. Edwin W. Clark.

1853. John McNair.
 1854. Henry L. Davis.
 1855. Cyrus K. Stone.
 1856. Ferrand G. Wallace.
 1857. Ferrand G. Wallace.
 1858. Joel H. Warn.
 1859. Joel H. Warn.
 1860. Joel H. Warn.
 1861. Joel H. Warn.
 1862. Ward G. Robinson.
 1863. Ward G. Robinson.
 1864. Ward G. Robinson.
 1865. Charles A. Perkins.
 1866. Ward G. Robinson.
 1867. Jacob K. Eckert.
 1868. Ward G. Robinson.
 1869. Walter Reed.
 1870. Haynes L. Hart.
 1871. Haynes L. Hart.

1872. George Davis.
 1873. George Davis.
 1874. George Davis.
 1875. George Davis.
 1876. George Davis.
 1877. Herbert A. Young.
 1878. Herbert A. Young.
 1879. Herbert A. Young.
 1880. Ransom A. Soule.
 1881. Ransom A. Soule.
 1882. Alfred A. Wellington.
 1883. Alfred A. Wellington.
 1884. Alfred A. Wellington.
 1885. William P. Towse.
 1886. William P. Towse.
 1887. Thomas A. Smith.
 1888. William P. Towse.
 1889. Fred D. Wheeler.
 1890. Fred D. Wheeler.

1891. E. H. Manwaren.
 1892. Thomas P. Kingsford.
 1893. William V. Burr.
 1894. William V. Burr.
 1895. William V. Burr.
 1896. William J. Young.
 1897. Samuel C. Forsyth.
 1898. Samuel C. Forsyth.
 1899. Samuel C. Forsyth.
 1900. Fred M. Hart.
 1901. Fred M. Hart.
 1902. Samuel C. Forsyth.
 1903. Samuel C. Forsyth.
 1904. David M. Russell.
 1905. David M. Russell.
 1906. Edwin J. Mizen.
 1907. Edwin J. Mizen.

OGDENSBURGH LODGE, NO. 138, OGDENSBURG, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated March 7, 1848.

Its name or number has not been changed.

Officers named in warrant:

GEORGE GUEST, Master.

SYLVESTER GILBERT, Senior Warden.

ROYAL VILAS, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was organized in 1847, the first meeting after the dispensation had been issued was held July 22, 1847.

The first meeting after the warrant had been granted was held March 27, 1848. The Lodge was constituted and the following officers installed by W. A. KINGSBURY at this meeting:

GEORGE GUEST, Master.

SYLVESTER GILBERT, Senior Warden.

ROYAL VILAS, Junior Warden.

R. D. SEARLES, Treasurer.

ABIJAH ABBOTT, Secretary.

JOEL MACK, Senior Deacon.

R. WEBSTER, Junior Deacon.

SUMAN NEWELL, Tiler.

On April 24, 1889, "Jubilee" services were held in the Ogdensburg Opera House in conjunction with Acacian Lodge, No. 705.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891, and at the dedication of the same October 5, 1892.

MASTERS.

1847. George Guest.
 1848. George Guest.
 1849. George Guest.
 1850. George Guest.
 1851. John Young.
 1852. John Young.
 1853. Luke Baldwin.
 1854. Joel Mack.
 1855. George A. French.
 1856. Edwin M. Holbrook.
 1857. James P. Raymond.
 1858. Heman F. Millard.
 1859. John D. Ransom.
 1860. Charles S. Burt.
 1861. Thomas Hall.
 1862. John H. Fairchild.
 1863. Amos S. Partridge.
 1864. Joseph Studholm.
 1866. Samuel H. Palmer.
 1867. Samuel H. Palmer.

1868. David Hanna.
 1869. George W. Mack.
 1870. William N. Cross.
 1871. William N. Cross.
 1872. Ransom Montgomery.
 1873. Alexander H. Lord.
 1874. Alexander H. Lord.
 1875. Richard L. Seaman.
 1876. Richard L. Seaman.
 1877. Robert B. Service.
 1878. Robert B. Service.
 1879. Ransom Montgomery.
 1880. Alexander H. Lord.
 1881. Andrew Richardson.
 1882. Andrew Richardson.
 1883. James P. Johnston.
 1884. James P. Johnston.
 1885. James H. Gracey.
 1886. James H. Gracey.
 1887. Peter S. Byrnes.
 1888. Peter S. Byrnes.

1889. James S. Martin.
 1890. Alexander H. Lord.
 1891. Peter S. Byrnes.
 1892. Louis B. Leonard.
 1893. Louis B. Leonard.
 1894. Harry A. Lord.
 1895. Harry A. Lord.
 1896. George W. Robinson.
 1897. W. Edwin Robinson.
 1898. W. Edwin Robinson.
 1899. George W. Robinson.
 1900. John E. Briggs.
 1901. John E. Briggs.
 1902. Robert T. Baker.
 1903. Robert T. Baker.
 1904. R. Porter Johnston.
 1905. R. Porter Johnston.
 1906. Clayton D. Briggs.
 1907. Clayton D. Briggs.

SANGER LODGE, NO. 129, WATERVILLE, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated May 8, 1848, the original warrant was issued December 7, 1868. The name has never been changed, the first number was 176; it received its present number in 1848.

MINUTES: Not intact.

The Lodge was organized in 1808, but there are no existing records concerning the birth of the Lodge beyond the original petition on file in the Grand Secretary's office. It is without date and was submitted to the Grand Lodge and a warrant ordered granted on December 7, 1808.

It was recommended by Western Star Lodge, No. 15 (originally No. 59), of Bridgewater, in June, 1808, and by Federal Lodge, No. 80 (originally No. 83), of Paris, in August, 1808. Federal Lodge is extinct.

The petitioners were:

Stephen Preston.	Isaac Terry, Jr.
Oliver Rood.	John McLiesh.
Curtis Frost.	Luther Wheeler.
J's Livingston, Jr.	Daniel Owen, Jr.
Pardon Key.	William Osborn.
Saul P. Hewett.	Peter Thatcher.
Philip King.	Eleazer Goodwin.
Gad Chamberlain.	Jotham W. Curtis.
Elias Montgomery.	Uriah Stephens.
Elijah Linsley.	Joseph Morgan.
Benjamin Knowlton, Jr.	Abel Thomson.

The petition named as officers:

STEPHEN PRESTON, Master.
ISAAC TERRY, JR., Senior Warden.
OLIVER ROOD, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was formally instituted and the officers installed February 28, 1869, by RICHARD SANGER. The Lodge was named after HON. JEDEDIAH SANGER. JUDGE SANGER was a member of the Provincial Congress which convened at Cambridge, Mass., in February, 1775.

He served in the Continental Army as an officer and was prominent as an early settler and land owner in Oneida County.

He was the first Judge of that County and one of the foremost men in this part of the State.

At first the Lodge thrived and its affairs prospered until that tidal wave of persecution began to sweep over the State with such force as to compel so many lodges to cease work and surrender their warrants.

The last recorded meeting was in 1828. The last returns on file are to June 1, 1828; at that time it had a membership of 41.

The By-laws of the Lodge contained some curious provisions. The meetings were held in the afternoon and continued at night, but it was provided, "that no business shall be introduced into the Lodge after 9 o'clock p. m."



SANGER LODGE NO. 129, F. & A. M., 1800.

A fee of twelve and one-half cents was required of every member "for the necessary expenses of every regular lodge night."

A visitor was permitted to attend once without payment.

One By-law was as follows: "It shall be the duty of every member of this Lodge, after the same is closed in due form, to repair immediately to his residence unless some urgent business intervenes"; another requirement was that each member was to furnish "a Masonic apron such as are commonly worn in Masonic Lodges."

Article VII reads as follows: "If any brother shall profanely curse or swear or break over the sacred rules of the craft by talking, whispering or moving about the Lodge room without permission from the Chair, he shall be severely reprimanded from the Chair for the first attempt and for the second shall be deemed unworthy a seat and treated accordingly until he hath made satisfaction to the Lodge and his Grace restored."

Equally stringent laws were provided against "being disguised or intoxicated with liquor or found guilty of profaning the Holy Sabbath."

The minutes contain evidence that the by-laws were rigidly enforced. One entry shows that one of the last acts of the Lodge in 1828 was an expulsion of a member "for speaking disrespectfully of masonry."

The first Masonic funeral was that of Sherman Bartholomew, a soldier of 1812 who had died near Sackets Harbor. His remains were brought to Waterville in 1814 and the minutes contain an account of these services which were held "in the house of prayer" and at which there was "a great concourse of people, and after the services the coffin was taken upon the shoulders of six of the brethren and carried in funeral procession to Sangerfield Center and there deposited with the rites of the craft, in its grave."

There is nothing upon the records of the Lodge to show what became of the warrant. The records of the Grand Lodge make no mention of its surrender, and no papers on file throw any light upon its disposition. It is possible that it was returned to the Grand Secretary and filed with other papers of a like character and no record made of it.

Some day it may be discovered and brought to light.

While the Lodge ceased to exist as an organized body these loyal masons occasionally met in an informal manner, discussed the conditions which at that period prevailed concerning Masonic affairs, and endeavored to keep alive a spirit of devotion to the fraternity, so that when the wave of persecution should cease and permit reason and unprejudiced judgment to again resume sway the Lodge could be revived and again resume labor.

Almost a score of years passed before any effort was made to recover the old warrant or organize and apply for a new warrant. On the 9th day of July, 1847, a petition was prepared asking for a warrant and signed by the following:

Nathaniel Putnam.	M. A. Perry.
Silas Hanchet.	Rufus Y. Peebles.
Jonas Brown.	Ariel Munger.
G. W. Barker.	Job Potter.
O. C. Harris.	Nathaniel C. W. Moss.
Henry Coggeshall.	Levi Buckingham.
Oliver Harris.	Mathew R. Gates.

The petition names as officers:

OLIVER HARRIS, Master.
JOB POTTER, Senior Warden.
SILAS HANCHET, Junior Warden.

The petition was recommended by Utica Lodge, No. 47, at a meeting held August 4, 1847.

A dispensation was granted August 30, 1847, returnable on or before June 1, 1848. It was returned to the Grand Secretary in March, 1848, and on May 8th a warrant was issued naming as officers:

OLIVER HARRIS, Master.
JOB POTTER, Senior Warden.
SILAS HANCHET, Junior Warden.

At this time it received its present number, 129.

The Lodge has possession of the officers' jewels, books and charts which were originally in use by the old Lodge; they had been preserved and were presented to the Lodge by BRO. NATHANIEL PUTNAM, who was Secretary in 1822-23.

Since its revival the Lodge has flourished and enjoyed a fair share of prosperity.

By voluntary subscriptions under the leadership of BRO. TRACEY CONGER it paid its quota of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt.

It held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889, in the Opera House. BRO. OREN ROOT, of Hamilton College, delivered an address on this occasion.

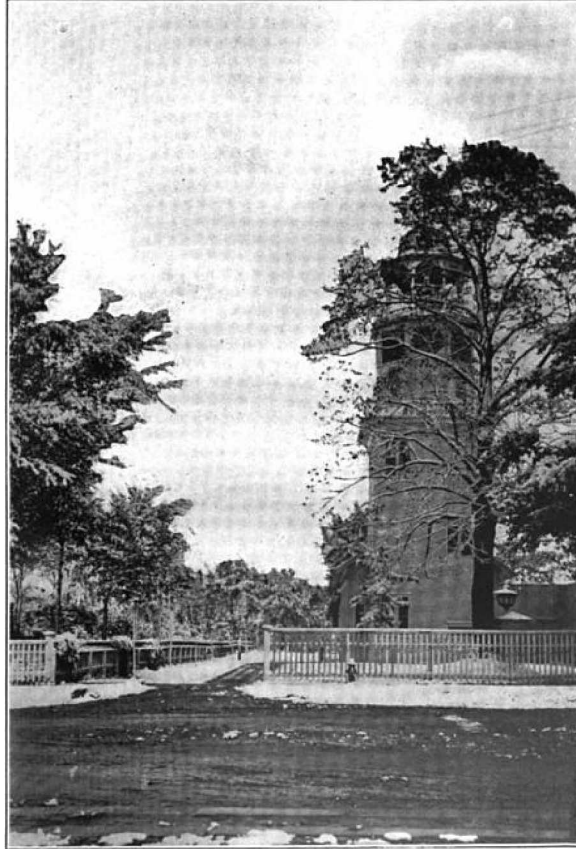
It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica; it also donated the furnishings of a room in the Home now known as the "Sanger Lodge Room."

Upon its roll of membership are the names of twenty clergymen and twenty-eight soldiers.

The first meeting place of Sanger Lodge No. 129 was in Union Hall; then it moved to what was known as Masonic Hall, in the Buel Block, where it remained until 1890. Its present quarters are in the Masonic Temple upon property purchased by the Lodge on the corner of Main and Sanger Streets. Upon the plot are two barns for the use of members of the Lodge who come by their own conveyances to attend meetings, also a commodious cottage occupied by the Tiler of the Lodge for a dwelling. The grounds have been planted with elm trees furnished by the members, arranged in such a manner as to give a pleasing and park-like appearance to the place.

The "Temple" is a one-story structure. The Lodge room is commodious and comfortable with decorative treatment of a dignified and simple character. Ample reception and ante-rooms are provided, all upon the main floor. In the basement is a banquet hall, kitchen and all required accessories.

Upon its corner rises a tower eighty-five feet high in which is a clock with four illuminated dials. The tower is surmounted by an open belvedere with canopy roof. It contains a chime of nine bells which ring the Westminster chimes every quarter of an hour. A keyboard is also provided and the chimes are rung to appropriate music on Sundays, holidays and on Lodge nights. There also hangs in the tower a "Memorial Bell," which, by resolution of the Lodge, is rung only on the death of a member of Sanger Lodge. As the funeral cortege passes to the place of interment, it, in minute strokes, tolls the number of his years. In one case only was this rule modified.



SANGER LODGE, NO. 129. F. & A. M., 1867.

The Temple was formally dedicated by M.' W.'. ELBERT CRANDALL, Grand Master, on November 5, 1903, the occasion attracted a large gathering. The dedication services took place in the afternoon followed by a banquet in the evening, which terminated in a sensational and startling manner. In a moment, where joy and gladness reigned, the grim messenger drew the veil of sorrow and sadness over the festivities, and brought the meeting to an abrupt close.

R.' W.'. CHARLES M. WICKWIRE says concerning this event:

"The responses to the toasts were of unusual eloquence and seriousness, especially that of Bro. DR. JAMES W. MILNE of Cortlandville Lodge, No. 470. His topic was the "Mission of Masonry." The eloquence he displayed and the impressive manner in which he treated the subject held the close attention of the vast assemblage, and when he concluded the applause was hearty and long continued. The Oriental Lodge Quartette of Utica then rendered Tennyson's beautiful hymn "Crossing the Bar," set to new music, which so impressed Bro. MILNE that he expressed his appreciation to the Quartette.

M.' W.'. JOHN W. VROOMAN then responded to the final toast. "Goodnight," and said: "I trust our final good-night will be met with an eternal good-morning by our Supreme Grand Master when we meet him face to face," and quoted the words of the hymn just sung:

"Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark,
For though from out the bourne of time and space,
The flood shall bear me far,
I hope to meet my pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar."

As he repeated the last words, Bro. MILNE fell back into the arms of his brethren—dead. His soul passed the outer bar and he, "met his pilot face to face."
Amid the impressive silence caused by this tragedy the assembled guests, at the call of the Grand Master arose, and the Grand Chaplain, R.' W.'. JOHN LAUBENHEIMER, offered a prayer so impressive that it will never be forgotten by any present.
There was not a dry eye in the room. The next day the body of Bro. MILNE was conveyed to the train to be taken to his home at Cortland under the escort of nearly every member of Sanger Lodge, and as the funeral procession passed through the streets the "Memorial Bell" in the tower, for the first time it ever sounded for one not a member of Sanger Lodge, tolled out the number fifty-three, representing the age of one who but yesterday passed away within the home of Sanger Lodge."

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

W. C. Newberry, General U. S. Vol., Congressman.
H. J. Coggeshall, State Senator.
Henry Coggeshall, Veteran, War of 1812.

Herman Clark, County Clerk.
William J. McKown, Sheriff.
William C. Sanger, Col. U. S. Vol., Asst. Sec. of War.
Daniel Buckingham, County Clerk.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Claude Wilson, District Deputy Grand Master.
Almon R. Eastman, District Deputy Grand Master.
Charles M. Wickwire, District Deputy Grand Master; Trustee Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund.
William Suters, Assistant Grand Lecturer.
William F. Cleveland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

MASTERS OF No. 170.

1809. Stephen Preston.	1816. B. French.	1823. Oliver Harris.
1810. Oliver Rude.	1817. Francis Hubbard.	1824. Oliver Harris.
1811. William Osborn.	1818. Francis Hubbard.	1825. Oliver Harris.
1812. Oliver Rude.	1819. Francis Hubbard.	1826. Joseph Button, Jr.
1813. Miles Squire.	1820. Samuel Duncan.	1827. Joseph Button, Jr.
1814. Thomas Hubbard.	1821. Francis Hubbard.	1828. Joseph Button, Jr.
1815. Thomas Hubbard.	1822. Oliver Harris.	1829. Oliver Harris.

MASTERS OF No. 129.

1848. Oliver Harris.	1868. Henry L. Loomis.	1888. Neil S. Clarke.
1849. Levi Buckingham.	1869. Edward W. Buel.	1889. Neil S. Clarke.
1850. William Osborn, Jr.	1870. Ebenezer Newel.	1890. Henry W. Jones.
1851. Nathaniel C. W. Moss.	1871. Julius H. Montgomery.	1891. Henry M. Bissell.
1852. William Osborn.	1872. Julius H. Montgomery.	1892. William F. McArra.
1853. Ariel Munger.	1873. Julius H. Montgomery.	1893. William F. McArra.
1854. Ariel Munger.	1874. Erastus A. Munger.	1894. William Suters.
1855. Ariel Munger.	1875. Julius H. Montgomery.	1895. Ellison A. Bissell.
1856. William P. Cleveland.	1876. John B. Jones.	1896. Frederick H. Pierce.
1857. Erastus A. Munger.	1877. John B. Jones.	1897. Frederick H. Pierce.
1858. Erastus A. Munger.	1878. John B. Jones.	1898. Frederick H. Pierce.
1859. Erastus A. Munger.	1879. Almon R. Eastman.	1899. William J. Butler.
1860. Erastus A. Munger.	1880. Almon R. Eastman.	1900. Lewis D. Edwards.
1861. George W. Cleveland.	1881. William Suters.	1901. Lewis D. Edwards.
1862. Ebenezer Newel.	1882. William Suters.	1902. Charles M. Wickwire.
1863. Ebenezer Newel.	1883. Claude Wilson.	1903. Charles M. Wickwire.
1864. Ebenezer Newel.	1884. Claude Wilson.	1904. Emory G. Brown.
1865. Ebenezer Newel.	1885. Guy R. Sanford.	1905. Emory G. Brown.
1866. Edward W. Buel.	1886. George Allen.	1906. W. Franklin Suters.
1867. Edward W. Buel.	1887. Guy R. Sanford.	1907. W. Franklin Suters.

PORT BYRON LODGE, NO. 130, PORT BYRON, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 8, 1848.

The name or number has never been changed and the minutes are intact.

The officers named in the warrant are:

DENISON ROBINSON, Master.

SAMUEL WILKES, Senior Warden.

WILLIAM VAN VLECK, Junior Warden.

Port Byron Lodge was not the first Lodge organized in the vicinity of Port Byron. On June 7, 1825, a warrant was issued by what was known as the Country Grand Lodge to Freedom Lodge, No. 411, located at the village of Throopsville which was then in the same township as Port Byron.

This Lodge is now extinct; its warrant was for many years in possession of Port Byron Lodge. About thirty-five years ago it was returned to the Grand Secretary by order of the Grand Master. It named as officers:

BENJAMIN WRIGHT, Master.

BENJAMIN B. DRAKE, Senior Warden.

DAVID VERMILYO, Junior Warden.

Several members of the old Lodge assisted in organizing and became members of the new Lodge.

When first organized Port Byron Lodge held meetings in what was known as the Kendrick Building. In 1858 it moved into what is known as the Masonic Block, where it still has quarters.

The Lodge assisted at the laying of the corner-stone of the U. S. Government Building at Auburn, October 20, 1888.

It was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

William Hayden, Sr.
George W. Dickinson, Assemblyman, U. S. Consul
Acapulco, Mexico.
Benjamin M. Close, Assemblyman.
Chauncey J. Wethey, Sheriff.
William Hayden, Jr., Supervisor.

A. W. Morehouse, School Commissioner.
O. B. Tanner, Supervisor.
William Jones, Supervisor.
Willoughby B. Pridly, Assemblyman.
James J. Owen, Assemblyman.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

FINLAY M. KING, Grand Master, 1801, Deputy Grand Master, 1860, Senior Grand Warden, 1854 to 1800. Junior Grand Warden, 1853, Master of Port Byron Lodge, 1850, '51, '52, Senior Warden, 1849.

JOHN W. BARRUS. Assistant Grand Lecturer. BRO. BARRUS was Master ten years, is the present Secretary and has been an active member of the Lodge since February 4, 1857, truly an enviable record.

MASTERS.

1848. Denison Robinson.	1868. Charles R. Berry.	1888. George W. Dickinson.
1849. Samuel Wilkes.	1869. Augustus Kelly.	1889. Clarence H. Beebee.
1850. Finlay M. King.	1870. Charles R. Berry.	1890. Clarence H. Beebee.
1851. Finlay M. King.	1871. John W. Barrus.	1891. Alvin D. Stewart.
1852. Finlay M. King.	1872. John W. Barrus.	1892. Alvin D. Stewart.
1853. Jehiel C. Stevenson.	1873. John W. Barrus.	1893. Alvin D. Stewart.
1854. Jehiel C. Stevenson.	1874. John W. Barrus.	1894. John W. Barrus.
1855. James J. Owen.	1875. Henry W. Leonard.	1895. John W. Barrus.
1856. James J. Owen.	1876. George W. Dickinson.	1896. John W. Barrus.
1857. James J. Owen.	1877. George W. Dickinson.	1897. John W. Barrus.
1858. George B. Taylor.	1878. George W. Dickinson.	1898. Marion U. Strang.
1859. James J. Owen.	1879. Oscar Gutches.	1899. Marion U. Strang.
1860. James J. Owen.	1880. Charles M. Storms.	1900. Hull F. Tanner.
1861. Ezekiel W. Gilbert.	1881. John W. Barrus.	1901. Hull F. Tanner.
1862. Ezekiel W. Gilbert.	1882. John W. Barrus.	1902. John A. Topliffe.
1863. Jackson Seaman.	1883. Edwin M. Slayton.	1903. John A. Topliffe.
1864. Abram Gutches.	1884. Albert W. Morehouse.	1904. Samuel H. Rooney.
1865. Ezekiel W. Gilbert.	1885. Albert W. Morehouse.	1905. Samuel H. Rooney.
1866. Charles R. Berry.	1886. Edwin M. Slayton.	1900. Charles E. Wethey.
1867. Charles R. Berry.	1887. John D. Johnson.	1907. Charles E. Wethey.

MYRTLE LODGE, NO. 131, MONTOUR FALLS, N. Y.

WARRANT: The original warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 9, 1860.

The name or number has never been changed and the minutes are intact.

When the Lodge was organized in 1860 the village where it is located was called Havana, the name was changed to Montour Falls in 1896.

On May 23, 1860, M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., Grand Master, issued a dispensation which contains the following: "Whereas, it has been represented to me, that Bro's. JOHN E. MULFORD, AMZI H. DECKER, ALPHEUS KEYSER, DANIEL L. COUCH, WILLIAM H. SKELLINGER, MORTIMER G. LEWIS and BELA P. BEEBE are desirous of reviving the Lodge lately existing at Havana, in the County of Schuyler, the warrant and properties of which have been lately demanded by and surrendered to me, and which was known as Chemung Lodge, No. 131." it will therefore be noted that a Lodge had previously existed in the village of Havana.

Chemung Lodge, No. 131, was warranted June 9, 1848. The officers named in the warrant were:

WILLIAM SKELLINGER, Master.
ELAM BEARDSLEY, Senior Warden.
ELIJAH H. GOODWIN, Junior Warden.

The first officers of Myrtle Lodge, No. 131, were:

JOHN E. MULFORD, Master.
AMZI H. DECKER, Senior Warden.
ALPHEUS KEYSER, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Clarence N. Ellis, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1860. John E. Mulford.	1862. Alpheus Keyser.	1864. Alpheus Keyser.
1861. John E. Mulford.	1863. Alpheus Keyser.	1865. Alpheus Keyser.

1866. Alpheus Keyser.
1867. Alpheus Keyser.
1868. Alpheus Keyser.
1869. Alpheus Keyser.
1870. Herman L. Estabrook.
1871. Grover C. Hinman.
1872. Herman L. Estabrook.
1873. Oscar F. Curtis.
1874. Henry T. Beach.
1875. John C. Stone.
1876. John C. Stone.
1877. John C. Stone.
1878. Alpheus Keyser.
1879. Herman L. Estabrook.

1880. John C. Stone.
1881. W. Hawley Barnes.
1882. W. Hawley Barnes.
1883. John C. Stone.
1884. Oscar F. Curtis.
1885. Oscar F. Curtis.
1886. Oscar F. Curtis.
1887. Oscar F. Curtis.
1888. Oscar F. Curtis.
1889. Oscar F. Curtis.
1890. S. Francis Beers.
1891. S. Francis Beers.
1892. S. Francis Beers.
1893. Oscar F. Curtis.

1894. S. Francis Beers.
1895. S. Francis Beers.
1896. Frank Van Vleet.
1897. Clarence N. Ellis.
1898. Clarence N. Ellis.
1899. Clarence N. Ellis.
1900. John M. Quirk.
1901. H. Lavern Vaughan.
1902. H. Lavern Vaughan.
1903. H. Lavern Vaughan.
1904. Simeon J. Crofut..
1905. Simeon J. Crofut.
1906. Simeon J. Crofut.
1907. Seward E. Meeks.

NIAGARA FRONTIER LODGTE, NO. 132, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 10, 1848.

The number has never been changed; the first name was Lewiston Frontier; it received its present name June 8, 1854.

MINUTES: Intact.

Niagara Frontier Lodge is the successor of Niagara Lodge. No. 345, which was warranted June 7, 1822, and was the first Masonic Lodge organized in Niagara County. It was fairly prosperous until 1828 when, in common with many other Lodges, it was swept out of existence by the fierce storm of persecution which for a time held undisputed sway in the western part of the State of New York.

The first officers of this Lodge were:

WILLIAM KING, Master.

GIDEON FRISBEE, Senior Warden.

JULIUS F. HEIL, Junior Warden.

It was located at Lewiston and from the time it ceased to work until the organization of Lewiston Frontier Lodge but little was known to the general public concerning Masonic affairs in that section, still the members of the old Lodge quietly discussed the matter and as masons from other localities settled in the village the question of reviving the old Lodge or organizing a new one was considered until during the winter of 1847-48 the project assumed definite shape.

At a meeting held January 21, 1848, the following petition asking for a dispensation was prepared and signed:

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The undersigned residents of the County of Niagara, in the State of New York, beg leave to petition to your Ancient and Honorable Body and represent that the undersigned are regular master masons and at present are, or have been, members of regular Lodges, we having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart are willing to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the true principles of masonry, that for the convenience of their respective dwellings they have agreed to form a Lodge at Lewiston called the Lewiston Frontier Lodge. No. —, and do recommend CALEB W. RAYMOND to be Master, SAMUEL CHUBBUCK to be Senior Warden and CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH to be Junior Warden, that in consequence of this resolution we pray for a warrant or dispensation of constitution to empower us to assemble as a regular Lodge on the Wednesday next preceding the full of the moon of every month and then to discharge the duties of masons in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge, that the prayer of your petitioners being granted we promise a strict conformity to all the regulations and rules of the Grand Lodge.

Lewiston, January 21, 1848.

Seymour Scovell.	John Hull.
Asahel Lyon.	John T. Beardsley.
John Morrison.	Chas. Bennett.
William Miller.	P. Whitney.
James Smith.	Hew Cowen.
Caleb W. Raymond.	D. W. Fanning.
Samuel Chubbuck.	A. B. Jacobs.
C. H. Smith.	Oliver Grace.
John Ladd.	A. Buck."

The petition has the following endorsements:

"At a regular meeting of Lockport Lodge. No. 73. convened at Masonic Hall in the village of Lockport on the 15th day of February. A. L. 5848, the petition of BROTHERS SEYMOUR SCOVELL and others to the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a charter for the formation of a Lodge in the village of Lewiston in the county of Niagara under the name and title of Lewiston Frontier Lodge, No. —, was presented by BRO. ASHER TORRANCE, on whose motion it was unanimously,

"Resolved, That this Lodge do recommend to the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge that the prayer of said petitioners be granted."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of our

SEAL. said Lodge and subscribed my name officially,

WILLIAM H. DREW, *Secretary*.

"We the Wardens of Lockport Lodge, No. 73 (the office of Master being vacant), do recommend to the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of the State of New York that the prayer of the within petitioners be granted.

B. H. FLETCHER, S. W.
A. H. EASTMAN, J. W."

"I vouch for all the within petitioners as being Master Masons in good standing.

A. TORRANCE, P. M.,
Lockport Lodge, No. 73."

A dispensation was issued by M.' W.'. JOHN D. WILLARD at the City of Troy, N. Y., March 29, 1848.

The Lodge was constituted July 5, 1848, by BRO. A. TORRANCE, Past Master of Lockport Lodge, No. 73. The following is his report of this event:

"To the R't Worshipful R. R. BOYD, Grand Secretary. "

Dear Sir:

"In compliance with a dispensation from the R't Worshipful Oscar Coles, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. I have this day, assisted by a sufficient number of Brethren, constituted Lewiston Frontier Lodge, No. 132, and installed the officers in their respective offices in form.

"Given under my hand this fifth day of July, A. L. 5848.

A. TORRANCE, P. M.,
Lockport Lodge, No. 73."

The warrant granted on July 10, 1848, names as officers:

JOHN T. BEARDSLEY, Master.
AMBROSE THOMAS, Senior Warden.
ASAHEL LYON, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under dispensation was held April 5, 1848, and at this time the following appointments were made:

SEYMOUR SCOVELL, Treasurer.
JAMES H. PAIGE, Secretary.
JOHN HULL, Senior Deacon.
JOHN LADD, Junior Deacon.
JOHN MORRISON, Tiler.

Two more meetings were held in April, the second on the 12th and the third on the 19th; at the fourth meeting, held May 10th, the first applications for degrees were received, and on May 24th two candidates were initiated. This was the first work done by the Lodge.

On June 1st, By-laws were adopted and on motion it was

"*Resolved*, That three persons be selected by the Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge the first officers of the Lodge, and on ballot and motion JOHN T. BEARDSLEY was elected to be recommended as Master, AMBROSE THOMAS, Senior Warden, and ASAHEL LYON, Junior Warden."

When first organized the Lodge met at the Lewiston Hotel in the village of Lewiston, where it remained until March 23, 1853, when a resolution was adopted to remove the Lodge to Niagara Falls. The first meeting held at the Falls was on April 20, 1853.

This change in location was not officially approved by the Grand Lodge until June 8th, 1854, when the Committee on Warrants made the following report, which was adopted:

"In relation to the application for the removal of Lewiston Frontier Lodge, No. 132, from Lewiston to Niagara Falls, they recommend that the same is hereby sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, and that its name be changed to Niagara Frontier Lodge, No. 132."

The first meeting place at the Falls was in the Devoe Block, corner of Main and Thomas Streets, remaining here until 1862, when it moved to the Porter Block, where it remained until 1894, when it again moved, this time to its present quarters in the Gluck Building.

Recently the Lodge purchased property on the corner of Fourth, Walnut and Main Streets, where it is erecting a building for its own use.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891, and at the dedication of same October 5, 1892. It also participated at the laying of the corner-stone of the U. S. Government Building at Niagara Falls, May 24, 1906.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated April 6, 1898. On this occasion an address was delivered by M.' W.'. Benjamin Flagler.

In his address, speaking of the Lodge, he said:

"Its influence in this community has been for its good and the high and noble objects of our institution have been kept in view. The labors of the Lodge room have not been the bounds of the sphere of duty. The brethren have been found beside the bed of suffering and the pillow of the dying, in the cheerless abodes of want and around the open grave, and while we may not always have done well and wisely all we should have done, still I may safely say that something has been done towards making men good citizens, good fathers, brothers and husbands, and much to alleviate the wants of the poor and distressed, the widows and the fatherless. We should keep in grateful remembrance the brethren who throughout the storm of anti-masonry, in the face of all the misrepresentations and persecutions, maintained their faith, and who, notwithstanding the obstacles to be surmounted, again organized a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and re-lighted the fires of Masonic zeal and labor. At that time they were all past the meridian of life and have since passed over the 'dark river,' where let us hope they were found to be 'living stones fitly prepared for that spiritual building, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'

"The influence of their example should not be lost upon us, and now as we are entering on a new era in the history of our Lodge, let us emulate their good works and show to the world, in our enlarged capabilities, that we are not degenerate sons of worthy sires."

At the time Niagara Lodge No. 345 went down owing to the Morgan persecution the warrant strangely disappeared and was missing until 1879, when it was exhibited as a curiosity and offered for sale in Washington, D. C. This venerable document was purchased by M. W. BENJAMIN FLAGLER and presented to the Lodge, where it is carefully preserved.

M. W. BENJAMIN FLAGLER, who for many years was an active member of the Lodge, was born at Lockport, NY, December 10, 1833. He became a member of the Lodge September 7, 1864, and was its Master 1868-69-70-73 and 74 : District Deputy Grand Master of the 24th District, 1874-75 and 76; Junior Grand Warden, 1877-78; Senior Grand Warden, 1879-80 ; Deputy Grand Master, 1881, and Grand Master, 1882.

In May, 1861, he **enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers**, in which he attained the rank of Captain. Subsequently he served as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General of the First Brigade, First Division of the First Army Corps.

In June, 1862, he was wounded in action, which necessitated his honorable discharge from the army in the following October. For many years he was Collector of Customs at Niagara Falls. He died in New York City, October 30, 1900.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

D. Phillips, Mayor.	William Pool, Assemblyman.
George W. Wright, Mayor.	John Leggett, Assemblyman.
M. B. Butler, Mayor.	N. L. Benham, Supt. of Education.
O. W. Cutler, Mayor.	R. A. Taylor, Supt. of Education.
Arthur Schoellkopf, Mayor.	W. B. Rice, Postmaster.
Arthur C. Hastings, Mayor.	Benjamin Rhodes, Postmaster.
Benjamin Flagler, U. S. Customs Collector.	E. M. Clark, Postmaster.
F. H. Salt, Postmaster.	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Benjamin Flagler, Grand Master.	Lester R. Baldwin, District Deputy Grand Master.
Walter Jones, District Deputy Grand Master.	Alan H. G. Hardwicke, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1848. John Beardsley.	1868. Benjamin Flagler.	1888. William Tugby.
1849. John Beardsley.	1869. Benjamin Flagler.	1889. William A. Philpott, Jr.
1850. John Beardsley.	1870. Benjamin Flagler.	1890. Walter Jones.
1851. Asahel Lyon.	1871. James B. King.	1891. Walter Jones.
1852. John Beardsley.	1872. James B. King.	1892. Walter Jones.
1853. John Beardsley.	1873. Benjamin Flagler.	1893. Edward E. Philpott.
1854. Parkhurst Whitney.	1874. Benjamin Flagler.	1894. Edward E. Philpott.
1855. Francis H. Johnson.	1875. William P. Mentz.	1895. N. L. Benham.
1856. Ambrose Thomas.	1876. Frederick Luppie.	1896. N. L. Benham.
1857. Hazard H. Sheldon.	1877. Frederick Luppie.	1897. James G. Shepard.
1858. Hazard H. Sheldon.	1878. Frederick Luppie.	1898. Alan H. G. Hardwicke.
1859. Samuel L. White.	1879. George W. Wright.	1899. Delevan F. Bentley.
1860. Samuel L. White.	1880. George W. Wright.	1900. Frank H. Zeiger.
1861. Joseph W. Holmes.	1881. George W. Wright.	1901. Amasa A. Oatman.
1862. Joseph W. Holmes.	1882. Joseph V. Carr.	1902. Amasa A. Oatman.
1863. Francis H. Johnson.	1883. Joseph V. Carr.	1903. George M. Tuttle.
1864. Francis H. Johnson.	1884. Joseph V. Carr.	1904. Noel B. Chamberlain.
1865. James McFeggan.	1885. George Barker.	1905. George B. Clark.
1806. James McFeggan.	1886. George Barker.	1906. George B. Clark.
1867. James McFeggan.	1887. George Barker.	1907. George R. Shepard.

LOWVILLE LODGE, NO. 134, LOWVILLE, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 13, 1848.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Charles Dayan.	Andrew W. Doig.
Ziba Knox.	William Carpenter.
Joseph Garmon.	Peter Kirby.
David A. Stewart.	Thomas Butts.
John S. Root.	Peter E. Conover.
Henry Hazen.	

The officers named in the warrant are:

CHARLES DAYAN, Master.

ANDREW W. DOIG, Senior Warden.

ZIBA Knox, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was organized in the early part of 1848; the first meeting under dispensation was held May 20th with the following officers present:

CHARLES DAYAN, Master.
ANDREW W. DOIG, Senior Warden.
ZIBA KNOX, Junior Warden.
WILLIAM CARPENTER, Treasurer.

JAMES H. SHELDON, Secretary.
DAVID A. STEWART, Senior Deacon.
THOMAS BUTTS, Junior Deacon.
HENRY HAZEN, Steward
J. GARNSEY, Steward
JOHN S. ROOT, Tiler.

The first meeting after the warrant had been granted was held August 8, 1848.

At the first annual communication held December 12, 1848, the officers elected were:

CHARLES DAYAN, Master.
ANDREW W. DOIG, Senior Warden.
ZIBA Knox, Junior Warden.
WILLIAM CARPENTER, Treasurer.

D. S. BULLARD, Secretary.
DAVID A. STEWART, Senior Deacon.
THOMAS BUTTS, Junior Deacon.
JOSEPH GARMON, Tiler.

Lowville Lodge is the successor of Jefferson Lodge, No. 164, which was warranted December 3, 1807, and met alternately at Lowville and Martinsburgh; this Lodge flourished until the baneful influence of persecution caused by the Morgan episode forced it to surrender its charter June 3, 1831.

Some of the most active organizers of Lowville Lodge were members of this old Lodge.

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889, and was present at the laying of the corner-stone and dedication of the Home at Utica. It has ever been active and prosperous, owns its own meeting place and has had among its adherents many of the most influential members of the community where it is located. Its first Master was a highly honored citizen. A sketch of his life written in 1862 says of him:

"CHARLES DAYAN was born at Amsterdam, NY, July 16, 1792; an orphan in charge of his widowed mother, he came to Lowville in 1869. Here by force of strong natural ability joined with energy and industry he rapidly rose from a poor laboring boy to distinction in the legal profession and filled many offices in the gift of the people.

"In 1826 he was elected State Senator and in 1828 was President *pro tem* of the Senate. In 1830 he was elected Congressman and in 1835 and 1836 he was Assemblyman.

"In 1840 he was appointed District Attorney for Lewis County and served in that office five years. He filled these several offices with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.

"While distinguished and honored in public life he has been none the less so as a worthy brother of our order.

"He was made a Mason in 1816, and was the last Master of Jefferson Lodge, No. 164, when, owing to the prejudices of the time, it discontinued its meetings.

"He now reverts with pride and pleasure to the fact that when elected to Congress in 1830 he, as a mason, was triumphantly elected over all opposition.



"Although forced into retirement by the infirmities of age he is still a frequent and welcome visitor at our Communications and is one of the few connecting links between the past and present prosperity of our order that survived unscathed the terrible storm of prejudice and passion that swept nearly every vestige of freemasonry from the State."

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

< Charles Dayan b. 18 Jul 1792, Amsterdam, NY; d. 25 Dec 1877, Lowville, NY, was an lawyer and politician who was a US Representative from New York from 1831 to 1833. After graduating from Lowville Academy, he became a teacher. He was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the War of 1812.. Afterwards he studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1817, and practiced in Lowville. He was a member of the NY Senate from the 5th District in 1827 and 1828, and was President pro tempore of the State Senate and Acting Lieutenant Governor of New York State from October 17 to December 31, 1828. He was elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress (March 4, 1831-March 3, 1833). He was a member of the NY State Assembly in 1835 and 1836. From 1840 to 1845 he was District Attorney of Lewis County. He retired from public life because of ill health, but continued the practice of law. He was buried at Lowville Rural Cemetery. "A History of Lewis County, in the State of New York," by Hough, Franklin B. (Franklin Benjamin), 1822-1885, pages 153-54.

http://books.google.com/books?id=76UJAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA1-PA158&lpg=RA1-PA158&dq=%22CHARLES+DAYAN%22&source=bl&ots=5nxlg1IWcU&sig=GVPbB1DmLmDngLaXkITCVCfY0&hl=en&sa=X&oi=book_result&resnum=5&ct=result#

Charles Dayan was born July 16, 1792, at Amsterdam, N. Y., and is a son of Charles D., an Austrian emigrant, who died in 1793, leaving him an infant in charge of his widowed mother, in very indigent circumstances. He remained with Zaccariah Peterson till fourteen years of age, and went to Elliott's mills in Amsterdam, from whence, in August, 1809, he came to Lowville. After working at chopping, and upon Heman Stickney's oil mill (now Gen. Willard's factory), he began going to school at the academy. He was then entirely ignorant of the rudiments of learning and was placed at first in a class of emal children, but by great industry and the aid of a Mr. Obits, an old friend of his father, in Germany, he made such rapid progress that in a few months he was able to engage a school in Rutland. He taught four winters in the same district at a monthly price of twenty bushels of wheat, which he sold at \$2 per bushel. He entered Bostwick's law office in 1816, and in 1819 was admitted to practice.

From this time, till within a few years, he has been actively engaged in his profession at Lowville, except when withdrawn by the duties of the public offices to which he has been elected, having been at different times in partnership with Edmund Henry, Hiram Carpenter, Russell Parish and **Ziba Knox**. In 1820 Mr. Dayan was appointed by Le Ray and the Brown family, an agent for settling certain lands east of the river, and he continued agent of the former until 1833. In 1826 he was elected to the state senate to serve out the unexpired term of two years, occasioned by the resignation of Geo. Brayton, and in the extra session, convened in the fall of 1828, to adopt the revised statutes, he was elected Oct. 7, president pro. tem, of the senate. As the office of governor was then filled by Pitcher, elected as lieutenant governor, Mr. Dayan became charged with the duties of the latter office. He presided over the senate until its adjournment Dec. 10th, and was virtually lieutenant governor till Jan. 1, 1829

On the 26th of Jan., 1829, he became a candidate for comptroller against Silas Wright, Jr., in the legislative republican caucus, in which Wright received 58, Dayan 26, G. B. Baldwin 12, N. Pitcher 4 and Gr. Sudam, 1 vote. Mr. Dayan was elected to the 22d congress (1831-3) from the 20th district,

and in 1835 and 1836 was elected to the assembly upon the canal issue. Mr. Francis Seger was then in the senate, and to these two gentlemen are we largely indebted for the passage of the act for constructing the Black river canal, a work, which, after more than twenty years of delay, we at length enjoy. On the 14th of March, 1840, Dayan was appointed district attorney for Lewis county, and held this office five years, discharging its duties with his accustomed discretion and ability.

Ziba Knox, for several years a law partner of Dayan, is a native of Vermont. He came to Lowville about 1817, acquired his profession, and has since resided at this place, employed in legal practice and as a magistrate.

Andrew W. Doig, a native of Washington county, is a son of Andrew Doig, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Feb. 29, 1776, removed to Lowville in 1809, and died March 11, 1854. He was many years a teacher and surveyor, A. W. Doig was elected county clerk in 1825 for one term. He was in assembly in 1832 and held the office of surrogate from 1835 to 1840. He was elected by the democratic party to the 26th and 27th congresses (1839 to 1843) while Lewis was united with Herkimer as the 16th district. In 1849 he joined the general exodus to California, and a few years after returned to Lowville where he has since resided.

He was a Representative from New York; born in Salem, Washington County, NY, July 24, 1799; pursued an academic course; moved to Lowville, NY, and engaged in mercantile pursuits; town clerk of Lowville in 1825; county clerk of Lewis County 1825-1831; member of the State assembly in 1832; moved to Martinsburg, N.Y., in 1833; cashier of the Lewis County Bank in 1833 and 1834; returned to Lowville; surrogate of Lewis County 1835-1840; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1839-March 3, 1843); member of the board of directors and vice president of the Bank of Lowville 1843-1847; moved to California in 1849 and engaged in mining; returned in 1850 to Lowville, NY, where he resided until late in life; clerk in the customhouse, New York City, 1853-1857; died in Brooklyn, NY, July 11, 1875; interment in the Rural Cemetery, Lowville, NY.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=K000279>

Charles Luman Knapp was a Representative from New York; born on a farm near Harrisburg, Lewis County, N.Y., July 4, 1847; attended the rural schools, Lowville (N.Y.) Academy, and Irving Institute, Tarrytown, N.Y.; was graduated from Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J., in 1869; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1873 and commenced practice in Lowville, N.Y.; served in the State senate 1886 and 1887; appointed by President Harrison as consul general at Montreal in 1889 and served until September 1893, when he returned to Lowville and resumed the practice of law; also engaged in banking; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Albert D. Shaw; reelected to the Fifty-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from November 5, 1901, to March 3, 1911; chairman, Committee on Elections No. 1 (Sixty-first Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1910; resumed the practice of law in Lowville, N.Y.; died in Lowville, N.Y., January 3, 1929; interment in the Rural Cemetery.

Among the members of the Lodge who were prominent in Public Life were:

Andrew W. Doig, Assemblyman, Surrogate, Congressman.	Harrison Barnes. County Clerk.
William L. Easton. Surrogate.	Henry E. Turner. County Judge.
Peter Kirby, Sheriff.	David A. Stewart, County Clerk,
John Benedict, Assemblyman.	Ziba Knox. Civil .Magistrate.
Moses W. Smith, County Treasurer.	C(harles). L(uman). Knapp, State Senator.
Elioda S. Merrell, District Attorney.	Edward J. Boshart, District Attorney.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

James L. Knox, District Deputy Grand Master.	A. Marcellus Lanpher, District Deputy Grand Master.
S. Brown Richardson, District Deputy Grand Master.	Gilbert R. Easton, District Deputy Grand Master.
William T. Bush, Assistant Grand Lecturer.	

MASTERS.

1848. Charles Dayan.	1856. John Doig.	1864. Amos K. Hedden.
1849. Charles Dayan.	1857. John Conover.	1865. Amos K. Hedden.
1850. Ashly Davenport.	1858. Leonard C. Davenport.	1866. William L. Babcock.
1851. David A. Stewart.	1859. George W. Judd.	1867. William L. Babcock.
1852. David A. Stewart.	1860. Amos K. Hedden.	1868. Warren L. Scott.
1853. Henry Hazen.	1861. Sherman Phillips.	1869. William L. Babcock.
1854. Charles Dayan.	1862. John Conover.	1870. William L. Babcock.
1855. Charles Dayan.	1863. John Conover.	1871. Rufus L. Rogers.

1872. John S. Stewart.
1873. James L. Knox.
1874. James L. Knox.
1875. A. Marcellus Lanpher.
1876. A. Marcellus Lanpher.
1877. D. Webster Lane.
1878. Frank C. Doig.
1879. D. Webster Lane.
1880. Charles S. Mereness.
1881. Charles S. Mereness.
1882. Charles D. Moore.
1883. Charles D. Moore.

1884. Charles D. Moore.
1885. Louis A. Scott.
1886. Charles D. Moore.
1887. William H. Morrison.
1888. S. Brown Richardson.
1889. S. Brown Richardson.
1890. S. Brown Richardson.
1891. William T. Bush.
1892. William T. Bush.
1893. William A. Saladin.
1894. William A. Saladin.
1895. Alexander Devoe.

1896. William J. Milligan.
1897. William J. Milligan.
1898. Gilbert R. Easton.
1899. Gilbert R. Easton.
1900. Edward J. Boshart.
1901. John Dale.
1902. John Dale.
1903. A. Clark Davenport.
1904. Alonzo S. Dans.
1905. Alonzo S. Dans.
1906. Albert C. Burdick.
1907. Albert C. Burdick.

SACKETS HARBOR LODGE, NO. 135, SACKETS HARBOR, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated June 14, 1848.

The name and number have been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

There are no existing records to show when or in what manner the organization of the Lodge came about; the petition for a warrant and all records are missing.

The charter members were:

Samuel Lyon.	John T. Hall.
Chester Symonds.	Elijah Field.
Isaac Van Vleck.	Abram Guiteau.
De Witt C. Quin.	Daniel Read.
Abram Schuyler.	Levi Robbins.
Ambrose H. Dodge.	Samuel Boyden.
Thomas S. Hall.	John Bolger.
John Hale.	Alonzo B. Schuyler.
Aaron Hubbell.	W. B. Hawkins.
Edminster Hammond.	

The first officers were:

SAMUEL LYON, Master.

JOHN T. HALL, Senior Warden.

CHESTER SYMONDS, Junior Warden.

At first the Lodge prospered, but in a few years for some unexplained reason interest in its affairs flagged and it became practically dormant. On June 7, 1859, the Grand Secretary reported to the Grand Lodge:

"That the Lodge had voted to surrender its warrant, but it had not been returned."

This warrant is now in possession of the Lodge; it was returned to the Grand Lodge and upon request it was restored to the Lodge in 1861.

Scarcely had the warrant been surrendered when a movement to reorganize was begun and on March 2, 1860, a dispensation was granted to hold a Lodge under the name of Hounsfield, and on June 28, 1860, a warrant was issued to Hounsfield Lodge. No. 405, which named as officers:

STEVENS W. FLOWER, Master.

NORMAN GURNEY, Senior Warden.

SAMUEL PLACE, Junior Warden.

This name and number was retained until June 7, 1861, when it became Sackets Harbor Lodge, No. 135.

The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge, June 7, 1861:

"Resolved, That the properties and effects of the late Sackets Harbor Lodge, No. 135, be and are hereby donated to the present Sackets Harbor Lodge, No. 135, late Hounsfield Lodge, No. 495, upon condition that they assume all liabilities and pay all indebtedness of said late Lodge up to the time of the surrender of its warrant; and that the original warrant of Sackets Harbor Lodge be also returned on the surrender of the warrant of Hounsfield Lodge."

Since that time it has flourished and enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity.

The records of the Lodge from its institution in 1848 to 1858, when the warrant was surrendered, make no mention of the place of meeting. When labor was resumed in 1860 its meeting place was in what was known as the Gladwin Building on Main Street, where it remained until November, 1865, when it moved to its present quarters in Masonic Hall, owned jointly by the Lodge and Sackets Harbor Chapter R. A. M. The building is generally known in that vicinity as "The old stone house." It is constructed of stone as the name implies and was erected in 1817 by Frederick White. It was first occupied as a hotel under the name of the "Union Hotel." It stands near the end of Main Street and close to the battlefield of 1812. It was for a time used as a tenement house and has at times been occupied for school purposes, social clubs and business enterprises.

"For years and years it has stood there with no change in its exterior. The interior has been altered to suit tenants, but to the older visitors to this historic military village it is the same old and quaint stone house which has stood the storms of many winters and been an object of interest for many generations."

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services April 24, 1889; it was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica.

On February 23, 1894, it participated in the ceremonies attending the presentation of a chime of bells to the village of Sackets Harbor by Mrs. Marietta Pickering Hay.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Ezra P. Ewers, Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Lewis W. Day, Assemblyman.

Henry J. Lane, Assemblyman.



Ezra P. Ewers (1837-1912) was the Lieutenant Colonel of the [9th U.S. Infantry](#) during the Spanish-American War and as senior officer of the regiment present, commanded it during the siege of Santiago. He was typical of many officers of the United States Army during the last half of the 19th century who had enlisted in the regular army during the Civil War, accepted a regular commission during the war and remained in service until the early 20th century. He was "a professional soldier conspicuous for his gallantry in combat."

Ezra Philetus Ewers was born in Waynesport, New York, in 1837. He enlisted in the 19th U.S. Infantry on January 18, 1862, beginning a military career that lasted thirty-nine years. Ewers was appointed sergeant in Company E. By January 1863 he had been appointed first sergeant and in October 1863 he was appointed second lieutenant.

During the Civil War he was assigned, with his regiment, to the Regular Brigade, 14th Corps, Army of the Cumberland. He served at the battles of Shiloh, Stone River (Murfreesboro), Hoover's Gap and Chickamauga. Ewers was severely wounded at the latter battle and was brevetted twice during the war. He also served in the battle of Chattanooga.

After the war he served in the 37th U.S. Infantry and was appointed captain in 1866. Transferred to the 5th U.S. Infantry in 1869, he served in several Indian War Campaigns and was brevetted for action against the Sioux at Tongue River, Montana in 1877. Ewers was a trusted company commander in the 5th and associated with the campaigns of then Colonel Nelson A. Miles. He had earned the trust of the Indians, also.

He was promoted to Major, [9th U.S. Infantry](#) in 1893 and became the regiment's lieutenant colonel in 1897.

During the Santiago Campaign, the [9th Infantry](#) was assigned to the [Fifth Corps \(Major General W. R. Shafter\)](#), 1st Division (Brigadier General J. F. Kent), Third Brigade (Colonel C. A. Wickoff, [22nd U.S. Infantry](#)). Around noon on July 1, 1898, Wickoff was killed in action and succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Worth, 13th U.S. Infantry. He was soon wounded and succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Liscum, [24th U.S. Infantry](#). He too, was soon wounded and command of the brigade devolved on Ewers. In an ironic twist of fate, Ewers, who began his career in a brigade of regulars in the Civil War ended the battle of Santiago commanding a brigade of regulars. "The Third Brigade, connecting with Hawkins gallant troops on the right, had moved towards Fort San Juan, sweeping through a zone of most destructive fire, scaling a steep and difficult hill, and assisting in capturing the enemy's strong position, Fort San Juan at half-past one P.M."

From July 1898 to April 1899, Ewers served as Brigadier General of Volunteers. He assisted in caring for the people of Cuba.

In 1899, he became the Colonel of the 10th U.S. Infantry and retired in 1901.



Ewers as a Lt. Col. with the 9th U.S. Infantry

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Norman Gurney, District Deputy Grand Master.

Theodore T. Gurney, who was Master in 1854-55; was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

MASTERS.

1848. Samuel Lyon.
1849. Samuel Lyon.
1850. Jason Philps.
1851. Jason Philps.
1852. Isaac Van Vleck.
1853. Isaac Van Vleck.
1854. Theodore T. Gurney.
1855. Theodore T. Gurney.
1856. William Puffer.
1857. Richard Hooper.
1858. Richard Hooper.

1861. Stevens W. Flower.
1862. Norman Gurney.
1803. Norman Gurney.
1864. Norman Gurney.
1865. Norman Gurney.
1866. Norman Gurney.
1867. George E. Butterfield.
1868. Stephen Washburn.

1869. Elisha C. Soule.
1870. Edwin E. Knowlton.
1871. Elisha C. Soule.
1872. Elisha C. Soule.
1873. Elisha C. Soule.
1874. Warren W. Walsworth.
1875. Warren W. Walsworth.
1876. J. Thompson Hooper.
1877. James Boyd.
1878. James Boyd.
1879. James Boyd.
1886. James Boyd.
1881. Warren W. Walsworth.
1882. Norman Gurney.
1883. Norman Gurney.
1884. James Boyd.
1885. James Boyd.
1886. Edwin C. Knowlton.
1887. Henry J. Lane.
1888. James A. Wilson.

1889. James A. Wilson.
1890. Richard Washburn.
1891. Richard Washburn.
1892. John G. Eveleigh.
1893. John G. Eveleigh.
1894. Edward H. Chamberlain.
1895. Edward H. Chamberlain.
1896. Benjamin C. Scroton.
1897. Benjamin C. Scroton.
1898. John M. Fitzgerald.
1899. John M. Fitzgerald.
1900. Herbert M. Potter.
1901. Herbert M. Potter.
1902. Albert A. Robbins.
1903. Albert A. Robbins.
1904. Eugene F. Livermore.
1905. Eugene F. Livermore.
1906. Job N. Stratton.
1907. Job N. Stratton.



SACKETTS HARROR MASONIC TEMPLE.

Believed to be the oldest building in the United States continuously used as a meeting place of Masons.

MEXICO LODGE, NO. 136, MEXICO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 15, 1848.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact; all records from the organization of the Lodge to December 1854 are missing.

THE PETITION.

"To THE HONORABLE

"The Grand Lodge of the State of New York: The memorial of the undersigned York Masons in regular standing in and near the village of Mexico, Oswego County, State of New York, respectfully represent that from the best information they can obtain Lodge No. 307, of this place, at the instance of your former officers under the excitement growing out of anti-masonry, suspended work in 1827:

"Under the circumstances of the case we respectfully ask that this may be taken into consideration in granting us a new warrant should the same be necessary under the surrender herewith of the old warrant.

Calvin Tiffany.	Luther Cowing.
Samuel Bradner.	Martin Way.
Jesse Doolittle.	Joseph Bailey.
Joel Savage.	Joseph Boynton.
Gardner Wiman.	Dean Tubbs.
Sam'l Cherry, Jr.	Sherman Hosmer.
Levi Mathews.	Martin Kellogg.
Peter Pratt.	Lemuel Austin.

Endorsed upon the petition is the following:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I do most humbly certify that I have this day met with the members of Mexico Lodge and inspected and examined the said Lodge and their doings and report the state of the said Lodge to be thus:

" The funds are clearly worth One Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents, have good books in regular order, By-laws revised and correct, members twenty in number all decent bright masons, I therefore take the liberty of a past Master to recommend the said members and their petition to the Grand Lodge for a regular charter to hold a Lodge in the Town of Mexico, County of Oneida and State of New York, by their, the said members, complying with the rules and regulations of the said Grand Lodge. With due respect I have the honor to be,

" Your most humble servant, etc.,

"JOSEPH HEATH

"Mexico, April 4, 5811.

"P. Master."

The petition was further recommended by Amicable Lodge, No. 23 (now extinct), but for the third time it failed to secure a warrant. These repeated failures did for a time dishearten these determined masons but they were not thoroughly discouraged. True, they had failed in their efforts to secure a warrant and had made but scant progress, still to some extent they maintained their organization and had sufficient courage and persistence to again apply a fourth time for a warrant.

On June 3. 1818, a petition was read in the Grand Lodge signed by the following:

Solomon Huntington.	Peter Pratt.
Samuel Rogers.	Sam'l Cherry, Jr.
Joel Savage.	Stephen D. Morse.
Shubal Alford.	Joseph Torrey.
Martin Kellogg.	Levi Mathews.
John Bostwick.	Barnet Whipple.
Elial Hills.	Calvin Tiffany.
Charles Wightman.	Gamalia Barnes.
Denison B. Palmer.	

The petition was recommended by Fellowship Lodge, No. 288 (now extinct).

It named as officers:

SAMUEL CHERRY, JR., Master.
LEVI MATHEWS, Senior Warden.
DENISON B. PALMER, Junior Warden.

On June 6, 1818, a warrant was issued. Thus after a struggle continuing nearly twelve years these loyal and devoted men and masons succeeded in obtaining the long coveted authority to enjoy the advantages of a Masonic home, but scarcely had they secured the long hoped-for and hard-earned prize when that bitter persecution against everything Masonic swept over the State with its withering and destructive force and they were compelled to cease work and surrender the warrant.

The last returns of the Lodge on file are dated June 2, 1823.

No effort was ever made to revive the Lodge. Its minutes and all records are missing except a few bills; among the items on the bills are charges for hard cider and doughnuts.

The first attempt to again revive an interest in Masonic affairs in Mexico was in the early part of 1848 when Mexico Lodge, No. 130 was organized.

Since its organization it has prospered and been active; it has occupied four meeting places; its present quarters were dedicated by M. W., CHARLES W. MEAD, February 7, 1902.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Luther H. Conklin, County Treasurer.	Avery Skinner, Assemblyman, State Senator.
T. W. Skinner, Surrogate.	L. D. Smith, Assemblyman.
Maurice L. Wright, Supreme Court Clerk State Senate.	H. W. Loomis, Assemblyman. Judge.
Wilfred R. Robbins, Chief Deputy	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Luther H. Conklin, District Deputy Grand Master.	Wilfred A. Robbins, District Deputy Grand Master.
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MASTERS.

1848. Bezaleel Thayer.	1868. Luther H. Conklin.	1888. Robert H. Baker.
1849. Bezaleel Thayer.	1869. Luther H. Conklin.	1889. David J. Tompkins.
1850. Bezaleel Thayer.	1870. Luther H. Conklin.	1890. David J. Tompkins.
1851. David Goit.	1871. Luther H. Conklin.	1891. Wilfred A. Robbins.
1852. S. R. Spooner.	1872. Edwin Baker.	1892. Wilfred A. Robbins.
1853. E. D. Goit.	1873. Luther H. Conklin.	1893. Wilfred A. Robbins.
1854. L. F. Alfred.	1874. Luther H. Conklin.	1894. Robert H. Baker.
1855. S. R. Spooner.	1875. Luther. H. Conklin.	1895. Robert H. Baker.
1856. W. B. Lord.	1876. Luther H. Conklin.	1896. Van Halen Walton.
1857. Luther H. Conklin.	1877. Luther H. Conklin.	1897. Van Halen Walton.
1858. Luther H. Conklin.	1878. John G. Van Buren.	1898. John Maguire.
1859. Luther H. Conklin.	1879. John G. Van Buren.	1899. Roderick A. Orvis.
1800. S. A. Tuller.	1880. R. T. Simpson.	1900. Frank Elkins.
1861. M. W. Babcock.	1881. R. T. Simpson.	1901. William H. Norton.
1862. M. W. Babcock.	1882. Maurice L. Wright.	1902. William H. Norton.
1863. Luther H. Conklin.	1883. Maurice L. Wright.	1903. William H. Norton.
1864. Luther H. Conklin.	1884. Maurice L. Wright.	1904. George M. Whitney.
1865. Luther H. Conklin.	1885. John G. Van Buren.	1905. Adelbert C. Lindsley.
1866. Luther H. Conklin.	1886. Van Halen Walton.	1906. Adelbert C. Lindsley.
1867. Luther H. Conklin.	1887. Robert H. Baker.	1907. Alfred Hollister.

ANGLO SAXON LODGE NO. 137, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant is dated June 16, 1848.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing the Lodge was held March 13, 1848, at the residence of Alexander Tomsey on Liberty Street, Brooklyn.

There were present at this meeting:

Benjamin H. Downing, who presided.

James Steward.

William C. Burnett.

Henry Jessup.

Frederick Simpson.

Mathew Mottram.

James Foster.

John E. Goodchild.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved—That we apply to the R.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a dispensation to open a new Lodge under the denomination of Anglo Saxon Lodge.

"Resolved—That if such dispensation shall be obtained from the R.'. W.'. Grand Lodge, we, now present shall organize as a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Resolved—That we name the following brothers as our officers in the petition to the R.'. W.'. Grand Lodge for a dispensation:

"BRO. JOHN E. GOODCHILD, Master.

Bro. JAMES SHEWARD, Senior Warden.

Bro. HENRY JESSUP, Junior Warden."

At a subsequent meeting held May 13, 1848, there was prepared and presented the following:

PETITION.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York:

"*Right Worshipful Brethren:*

"We, the undersigned Master Masons in good standing, residing in the City of Brooklyn, being desirous of establishing a Lodge of Masons in said City and having the good of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity sincerely at heart and believing that such Lodge would be the means of good, do most respectfully solicit you to grant us a warrant or dispensation to enable us to form, make masons and do such other business as may be proper.

"If in your wisdom you comply with our request we would call our Lodge 'The Anglo Saxon Lodge.' and would nominate the following brethren as our officers for your approval :

"W.'. JOHN E. GOODCHILD, Master.

Bro. JAMES SHEWARD, Senior Warden.

BRO. HENRY JESSUP, Junior Warden.

"We remain, Rt. Worshipful Brethren,

"Yours fraternally,

"John E. Goodchild, Lodge Strict Observance.

James Sheward, Albion Lodge, No. 26.

Henry Jessup, Albion Lodge, No. 26.

B. H. Downing, Ind. Royal Arch, No. 2.

James Foster, late of St. Johns Lodge, Boston.

W. F. -Franklin, of Far West Lodge, Galena, Ill.

A. Tomsey, late of Fortitude Lodge.

Wm. C. Burnett, P. M. Albion Lodge, No. 26.

Fred'k Simpson, Albion Lodge, No. 26.

Matt'w Mottram, Albion Lodge, No. 26.

"Brooklyn, 13th May, 5848."

The petition was recommended by Fortitude Lodge, No. 19.

The next meeting was held June 14, 1848, when the rate of fees and dues were determined and BRO. GOODCHILD reported that the petition had been presented to the Grand Lodge and on June 8th a warrant was ordered issued.

The first meeting as a duly organized Lodge was held June 22, 1848, when the warrant was delivered to the Lodge by R.' W.'. OSCAR COLES, Deputy Grand Master, who installed the following officers:

JOHN E. GOODCHILD, Master.
JAMES SHEWARD, Senior Warden.
HENRY JESSUP, Junior Warden.
MATTHEW MOTTRAM, Treasurer.
BENJAMIN H. DOWNING, Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BURNETT, Senior Deacon.
FREDERICK SIMPSON, Junior Deacon.
ALEXANDER TOMSEY, Master of Ceremonies.
JAMES FOSTER, Master of Ceremonies.
JOHN MCCORMICK, Tiler.

A delegation from St. John Lodge, No. 1, was present for the purpose of extending congratulations to the "youngest Lodge in the State of New York."

The first initiation took place July 20, 1848, CHARLES PADLEY was the candidate.

In 1849, when the Phillips Grand Lodge came into existence, it cast its lot with that Body by a resolution submitted at a meeting held December 6, 1849, and adopted by a majority vote. This action of the Lodge created such dissatisfaction among the members that on April 4, 1850, that resolution was rescinded and the following adopted:

"Resolved—That at the next communication the W.'. M.'. and Wardens of this Lodge take their seats as the Representative of Anglo Saxon Lodge. No. 137, in the Grand Lodge over which M.'. W.'. J. D. WILLARD presides."

Pursuant to the above resolution the Lodge was represented at the Willard Grand Lodge in the following June by:

JOHN E. GOODCHILD, Master.
EDWARD T. TUCKERMAN, Senior Warden.
DANIEL T. WALDEN, Junior Warden.

The first meeting place was at Tomsey's Hotel on Liberty Street where it remained until November, 1850, when it moved to Masonic Hall in Freeman's Building which occupied the site where the Arbuckle Building now stands on Fulton Street. In May, 1856, it moved to the Mechanics Bank Building, corner of Montague and Court Streets, where it remained until 1879, when it moved to Music Hall, remaining here until May, 1882, when it moved to number 40 Court Street, remaining there until May, 1886, when it again moved, this time to the Criterion Theatre Building, where it remained until May 1888, when it moved into its present quarters in the Aurora Grata Cathedral, corner of Bedford and Madison Avenues.

The Lodge has participated in a number of public ceremonials. The most prominent was the laying of the corner-stone of the foundation of the Obelisk in Central Park, New York City. M.'. W.'. JESSE B. ANTHONY, in his address to the Grand Lodge on June 7, 1881, said concerning this event:

"One of the most notable events with which it has been the privilege of the craft to become associated, was the ceremonial of laying the cornerstone of the foundation of the Egyptian Obelisk which occurred on the 9th of October in Central Park, New York City.

"The occasion was one which will ever be memorable in the annals of the craft of this jurisdiction, from the fact that our fraternity became in that manner connected with the history of an undertaking which is of national importance and demonstrated the indomitable zeal and energy, combined with unsurpassed skill as an engineer on the part of one of the craft. Brother and Lieutenant H. H. GORRINGE of Anglo Saxon Lodge, No. 137, of Brooklyn. The complete success of this undertaking is a monument to his genius as an engineer and to the public spirit of the citizen of this place who offered it as a gift to the City of New York."

The details and arrangements attending these ceremonies were under the direction of M.'. W.'. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, who at the time was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891, and at the dedication of same October 5, 1802.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

George B. Glover, Collector of Customs, China.
Bird S. Coler, Comptroller. Borough President.
Edward M. Grout. Comptroller.
J. Edward Swanstrom, Borough President.
A. J. Audett, State Senator.

Joseph Aspinall, Supreme Court Judge.
L. McMullen, IT. S. Collector, New York.
William Sherer, Manager, New York Clearing House.
Henry H. Gorringer, Lieut. Commander U. S. Navy.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master.
William Sherer, Grand Master.
Daniel T. Walden, District Deputy Grand Master.
Nathaniel Gladding, District Deputy Grand Master.
Sidney F. Walker, District Deputy Grand Master.

George Freifeld, District Deputy Grand Master.
Jerome E. Morse, Grand Treasurer.
Robert H. Roy, Commissioner of Appeals.
Matthias Gooderson, Grand Representative.

MASTERS.

1848. John E. Goodchild.	1868. Nathaniel Gladding.	1888. Jerome E. Morse.
1849. John E. Goodchild.	1869. Nathaniel Gladding.	1889. Walter C. Humstone.
1850. John E. Goodchild.	1870. Nathaniel Gladding.	1890. Walter C. Humstone.
1851. Joseph D. Evans.	1871. Charles J. Aldis.	1891. Clarence E. Stump.
1852. Joseph D. Evans.	1872. William Sherer.	1892. Clarence E. Stump.
1853. William N. Woodcock.	1873. David B. Davidson.	1893. Wm. T. Ramsbotham.
1854. Daniel T. Walden.	1874. William Sherer.	1894. Charles A. Turner.
1855. Daniel T. Walden.	1875. Hoyt Palmer.	1895. Joseph C. Abeel.
1856. Philip E. Walden.	1876. Edward T. Mackay.	1896. Lyman A. Best.
1857. George G. Joice.	1877. William Sherer.	1897. Edward A. Leslie.
1858. James E. Jenkins.	1878. William Sherer.	1898. Matthias Gooderson.
1859. Daniel T. Walden.	1879. Daniel T. Walden.	1899. Ogden E. Parker.
1860. James E. Jenkins.	1880. William Sherer.	1900. Robert H. Weems.
1861. James E. Jenkins.	1881. James A. Babcock.	1901. George Freifeld.
1862. Daniel T. Walden.	1882. Sidney F. Walker.	1902. Frederick B. Keppy.
1863. Richard Oliver.	1883. Sidney F. Walker.	1903. Francis G. Coates.
1864. Lewis McMullen.	1884. Fitz Randolph Vermcule.	1904. Robert H. Roy.
1865. Nathaniel Gladding.	1885. Samuel E. Weaver.	1905. Howard Wood.
1866. Nathaniel Gladding.	1886. Philip H. Bowne.	1906. J. Stewart Campbell.
1867. Nathaniel Gladding.	1887. Jerome E. Morse.	1907. J. Arthur Brasure.

OTSEGO LODGE, NO. 138, COOPERSTOWN, N. Y.

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

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

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

The officers named in the charter were:

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

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

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

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

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

Under date of October 4, 1796, is the following entry in the minutes: "It was voted that BRO. WORSHIPFUL ELIHU PHINNEY provide a Bible for the use of the Lodge, that amount to be seventeen dollars." This Bible was printed in 1791 and is still used by the Lodge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NON NOBIS SOLUM NATI SOMUS
SED PARTIM PATRIAE PARTIM AMICIS.

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

When the Anti-Masonic crusade began to exert an influence upon the community it soon affected the Lodge and it was deemed advisable to cease holding regular meetings but in order to save its real estate and hold the charter it was resolved to hold meetings at irregular intervals, thus from 1828 to 1846 only one or two meetings were held in each year. In March, 1832, the sale of the real estate was considered, but the members of the Lodge wisely resolved to guard and preserve its property. They however authorized the Treasurer to contribute all funds in his hands toward the erection of a Universalist Meeting House in the village; the sum contributed was \$50.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Nathaniel P. Willis, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1796. Elihu Phinney.
1797. Elihu Phinney.
1798. Elihu Phinney.
1799. Richard Edwards.
1800. Richard Edwards.

1801. Elihu Phinney.
1802. Joshua Dewey.
1803. Joshua Dewey.
1804. Joshua Dewey.
1805. E. H. Metcalf.

1806. E. H. Metcalf.
1807. E. H. Metcalf.
1808. William Sprague.
1809. William Sprague.
1810. William Sprague.

1811. Benjamin Wright.	1844. Charles Thurston.	1877. Frederick A. Goffe.
1812. Chester Griswold.	1845. Charles Thurston.	1878. Washington G. Smith.
1813. William Sprague.	1846. Ariel Thayer.	1879. James Bowes.
1814. Roger Haskell.	1847. Ariel Thayer.	1880. James Bowes.
1815. Samuel Starkweather.	1848. Ariel Thayer.	1881. Henry L. Hinman.
1816. Samuel Starkweather.	1849. James Hyde.	1882. Henry L. Hinman.
1817. William Nichols.	1850. James L. Fox.	1883. Addison Gardner.
1818. William Nichols.	1851. James L. Fox.	1884. Addison Gardner.
1819. Ambrose L. Jordan.	1852. James L. Fox.	1885. Addison Gardner.
1820. Hervey Luce.	1853. Eliab P. Byram.	1886. Addison Gardner.
1821. E. B. Crandall.	1854. Eliab P. Byram.	1887. Albert T. Van Horne.
1822. E. B. Crandall.	1855. Eliab P. Byram.	1888. Albert T. Van Horne.
1823. Hervey Luce.	1856. Ariel Thayer.	1889. Addison Gardner.
1824. E. B. Crandall.	1857. Eliab P. Byram.	1890. Andrew Davidson.
1825. Ariel Thayer.	1858. Eliab P. Byram.	1891. Addison Gardner.
1826. E. B. Crandall.	1859. Eliab P. Byram.	1892. Addison Gardner.
1827. Ariel Thayer.	1860. Dolos L. Birge.	1893. George A. Hines.
1828. Ariel Thayer.	1861. Eliab P. Byram.	1894. William Cobbett.
1829. Ariel Thayer.	1862. Eliab P. Byram.	1895. William Cobbett.
1830. Ariel Thayer.	1863. Rufus O. Doubleday.	1896. Albert T. Van Horne.
1831. Ariel Thayer.	1864. Charles W. Tomlinson.	1897. Nathaniel P. Willis.
1832. Ariel Thayer.	1865. Charles W. Tomlinson.	1898. Nathaniel P. Willis.
1833. Ariel Thayer.	1866. Charles W. Tomlinson.	1899. Frank Hale.
1834. Ariel Thayer.	1867. James A. Lynes.	1900. Frank Hale.
1835. Ariel Thayer.	1868. James A. Lynes.	1901. Frank B. Shipman.
1836. Charles Thurston.	1869. Frederick A. Goffe.	1902. Frank B. Shipman.
1837. Charles Thurston.	1870. Frederick A. Goffe.	1903. Moses E. Lippitt.
1838. Joseph White.	1871. Nelson Beach.	1904. Merton Barnes.
1839. Ariel Thayer.	1872. Seth J. Temple.	1905. George H. Carley.
1840. Charles Thurston.	1873. Seth J. Temple.	1906. George W. Morris.
1841. Charles Thurston.	1874. Frederick A. Goffe.	1907. Ernest L. Pitcher.
1842. Charles Thurston.	1875. Frederick A. Goffe.	
1843. Charles Thurston.	1876. Lyman H. Hills.	

MILNOR LODGE, NO. 139, VICTOR, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated June 19, 1848.

The first warrant granted to the Lodge is dated March 5, 1818. Both warrants are in possession of the Lodge.

The name has never been changed. The first number was 303; it received its present number when revived in 1848.

MINUTES: Not intact.

Milnor Lodge, No. 303, was organized in 1816. In the month of September a number of freemasons residing at Victor organized a meeting and adopted the following:

"Resolved, That they would obtain a charter for a Masonic Lodge in said Town."

A petition was prepared and the requisite fee subscribed for the purpose and after securing the recommendation of Zion Lodge, No. 172, and Ontario Lodge, No. 23 (both extinct), the papers and money were duly forwarded to the Grand Lodge, but unfortunately all were lost in transmission.

While this loss was discouraging, these zealous and energetic masons were undaunted and in a short time resolved to make another effort to secure the necessary authority to form a Lodge; a petition was again prepared, funds were provided, recommendations again obtained and on March 4, 1818, were presented to the Grand Lodge then in session, the petition was granted and the next day a warrant was issued.

The first meeting after the warrant had been received was held in the house of BRO. JAMES GILLIS, when they

"Resolved. To meet on the 15th day of April at the Meeting House for the purpose of installing the officers."

Accordingly on the day designated the Lodge convened at the house of Bro. JAMES GILLIS, from whence it repaired to the village church, where the Lodge was duly constituted and the following officers installed by Bro. CLAUDIUS VICTOR BOUGHTON:

JACOB LORDELL, Master.
 JOSEPH W. SEYMOUR, Senior Warden.
 ASAHEL, MOORE, Junior Warden.
 JOHN GRINOLD, Treasurer.
 PETER PERRY, Secretary.
 SAMUEL GILLIS, Senior Deacon.
 LOTON LAWSON, Junior Deacon.
 SOLOMON GRISWOLD, Steward.
 WILLIAM GUYANT, Steward.
 ISAAC SIMMONS, Tiler.

The Town of Victor was named in honor of BRO. BOUGHTON, who was held in high esteem in that community; he was presented with a sword by the Legislature of the State of New York for gallantry in defending the "Niagara Frontier" during the war of 1812.

<http://ontario.nygenweb.net/tvictor.htm>

All authorities concede to Jared Boughton the honor of being the first pioneer settler in the town of Victor. Enos Boughton, brother to Jared, was a clerk for William Walker, the principal agent for the surveys and sales of the Phelps and Gorham Co. Enos purchased township No. 11, fourth range, from the proprietors, paying therefor twenty cents per acre for the land, the money being furnished by his father, Hezekiah Boughton, and other members of the family. In the spring of 1789 Enos and Jared Boughton came to Canandaigua, and soon afterward visited the recently purchased township, in their journey following the old Indian trail. In the extreme south part of No. 11, they built a small cabin and made other preparations for a permanent residence in the then wilderness region. In June following, Hezekiah Boughton, jr., and Jacob Lobdell arrived at the cabin, bringing with them cattle and implements for household and farm use. After making improvements and clearings, and harvesting the season's crop, all these pioneers, except Lobdell, returned to the east for the winter. In February, 1790, Jared Boughton and his family set out upon the journey to their future home, and after many noteworthy incidents and some hardships, they safely arrived on March 7.

Hezekiah Boughton, the father, with his son Seymour and daughter, Theodora, came to the town in the fall of 1790, and settled in a locality afterward called "Turner's Hill." Hezekiah Boughton in 1792 built the first framed house in the town, which he put to use as a tavern. He died in 1798 and was succeeded as landlord by one Dickinson.

Jared Boughton left the town in 1799, but two years later returned and remained until his death. Frederick, son of Jared, was the first child born in the town on June 1, 1791.

Claudius Victor Boughton, child of Hezekiah, jr., became a prominent man in the town, after him the town was named.

CLAUDIUS VICTOR BOUGHTON (son of Hezekiah and Huldah Willson Boughton), b. West Stockbridge, Mass., August 15, 1784, m. Victor, NY, May 17, 1802, first, Elizabeth (or Betsey) Boardman, b. Dec. 30, 1782, and settled in Pittsford, NY, where she died Nov. 7, 1815; m. second, March 24, 1817, Clarissa Beecher Hotchkiss, b. Feb. 2, 1784, and settled in Canandaigua, NY. It is said the town of Victor was named for Claudius Victor Boughton, and that subsequently the state of New York presented him with a sword, for valuable services rendered in the war on the Niagara frontier, 1813. He died at Phelps, NY, Nov. 10, 1831.

Jacob Lobdell, who was about 18 years old when he first came, became the owner of a 100-acre farm by purchase from the Boughtons; he married the daughter of Levi Boughton, and sired a large family. He was the first supervisor elected for Victor, and was otherwise prominent in town affairs. He died in 1847.

The old Lodge prospered for a time but was finally forced to suspend operations by the intense bitterness against everything Masonic aroused in that vicinity during the Morgan period. It succeeded in regularly electing officers until December 31, 1831.

The officers elected at that time were:

JACOB LOBDELL, Master.
ASAHEL BOUGHTON, Senior Warden.
ASAHEL MOORE, Junior Warden.
ZACCHEUS P. GILLET, Treasurer.
SHELDON WALLING, Secretary.
PETER PERRY, Senior Deacon.
JOHN POWELL, Junior Deacon.
JABEZ FELT, Steward
MOSES WATKINS, Steward

From the date of this meeting there are no records to show when or how often meetings were held. Dues to the Grand Lodge were paid up to 1833. Shortly after this the warrant was declared forfeited and an officer was directed to demand the warrant. For years the sound of the gavel was seldom heard and the altar was rarely lighted, but the spirit of freemasonry in the breasts of these faithful masons was unsubdued and as conditions began to change, when the violence of persecution had spent its force, their spirits soon revived and they resolved to again resume their labors. While they were aware that the warrant had been declared forfeited and that an officer had been directed to take it from them, but who had been induced to leave it in their possession, they determined to continue the organization, feeling sure that in the end the Lodge would weather the storm and all would be well.

In order to show the wisdom of their action and how fully their hopes were-realized, as well as to explain the difficulties of their position, an excerpt from the minutes of the Grand Lodge is given.

On June 8, 1848, the Committee on Forfeited Warrants reported as follows:

"That Milnor Lodge, No. 303, paid their dues regularly to the Grand Lodge from the time their charter was granted in 1818 up to and including the year 1833; the building in which the Lodge was held was rented by the Owner thereof to an individual known to be inimical as it appears to the interests of Freemasonry and as your Committee also believe, from the information they have derived, that the opposition to the Order of Freemasonry, raging as it did, in its utmost fury, the members of Milnor Lodge were compelled, even at the point of the bayonet to relinquish their meetings and no election of officers was held afterward.

In 1836 or 1837 W. Bro. LUTHER KELLY visited Milnor as Grand Visitor for the purpose of formally demanding the surrender of their charter, but that on becoming acquainted with all the circumstances and learning the violent opposition they had met with, the threats that had been made against them, but more especially the strong solicitude manifested by the members to resume Masonic labors should circumstances transpire which would enable them to do so, the Grand Visitor waived the formal demand of their charter which he would not then take from them, advising them to remain quietly, watch the progress of events and if a more favorable state of things presented, to then recommence their labors.

In 1845 and 1846 a correspondence was entered into between the members of Milnor Lodge and the officers of lodges and distinguished brothers of the Order in various parts of the State, all of which gave them encouragement to believe that the Grand Lodge under the circumstances would commiserate their unhappy condition and extend to them favorable regards notwithstanding their constitutional irregularity. In February, 1847, Milnor Lodge drew up a memorial to the Grand Master, in a letter to BRO. HUGHES giving him a statement of their grievances and difficulties. That memorial or letter was forwarded to WOR. BRO. JOHN M. HUGHES, past Master of Milnor Lodge, but who was then a resident of Albany, who stated the substance of the memorial or letter to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for advice and counsel.

The reply of past Master HUGHES embraced the advice of the Grand Master, which was, that there was a constitutional objection to lodges working under forfeited charters and advising further that the members of the Lodge present to him or to the Grand Lodge a statement of the facts and application in writing, when it would be seen what might properly be done, and whether the warrant could be constitutionally revived.

The advice of past Master HUGHES was that the members again commence their Masonic labors under that charter.

Your Committee are also assured that a memorial to the Grand Lodge of the State was drawn up the latter part of May 1847, giving a full statement of the difficulties of Milnor Lodge and asking advice of that Body, that the committee to whom the memorial was entrusted and whose duty it was to forward it to that Body neglected to put it into the hands of the representative of the Grand Lodge who then resided in Rochester and whom they had designated to present it to that Body at the then approaching Annual Communication.

In view of all the facts and after deliberate consideration the members of Milnor Lodge concluded to recommence their Masonic labors and in the fall of 1847 held an election of officers and did so recommence work. In view then of all the facts in the case and considering that the members of Milnor Lodge from all the counsel and advice which they seemed solicitous to obtain and avail themselves of, as your Committee believe in good faith, and taking into consideration also the favorable location of Milnor Lodge, being from ten to fifteen miles from other Lodges and from the Masonic character and standing of the petitioners your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved. That a new warrant be granted to Milnor Lodge, No. 303. on payment of the constitutional fee. That ASAHIEL MOORE be named therein as Master; ASAHIEL BOUGHTON, Senior Warden ; and JABEZ FELT, Junior Warden.

Resolved. That the doings of said Lodge since the forfeiture of its charter are hereby healed.

Resolved. That Bro. Richard W. WELLS, the present delegate from said Lodge to this June Communication be allowed the same pay as a Representative.

ENOS BARNES,
ALANSON SKINNER."

The report was accepted and adopted.

On June 19, 1848, a new warrant was issued naming as officers:

ASAHIEL MOORE, Master.

ASAHIEL BOUGHTON, Senior Warden.

JABEZ FELT, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the new warrant was held September 7, 1848, when the following officers were installed by M.'. W.'. JOSEPH ENOS, past Grand Master:

ASAHIEL MOORE, Master.

ASAHIEL BOUGHTON, Senior Warden.

JABEZ FELT, Junior Warden.

ZACCHEUS P. GILLET, Treasurer.

SAMUEL H. LEE, Secretary.

ANSELL PERKINS, Senior Deacon.

HIRAM BROOKS, Junior Deacon.

RICHARD N. WELLS, Steward.

WALTER D. HUBBARD, Steward.

AMBROSE C. FORD, Tiler.

Since the revival of the Lodge its affairs have been prosperous and it has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Bolivar Ellis was District Deputy Grand Master in 1871. He is one of the oldest active members of the Lodge, having been a member since June 28, 1860. He was elected Secretary December 26, 1861, served one year and was Master fourteen years.

MASTERS OF No. 303.

1818. Jacob Lobdell.

1819. Jacob Lobdell.

1820. Jacob Lobdell.

1821. Asahel Moore.

1822. Asahel Moore.

1823. Asahel Moore.

1824. Asahel Moore.

1825. Samuel Gillis.

1826. Asahel Moore.

1827. Asahel Moore.

1828. Jacob Lobdell.

1829. Jacob Lobdell.

1830. Zaccheus P. Gillet.

1831. Zaccheus P. Gillet.

1832. Jacob Lobdell.

MASTERS OF No. 139.

1848. Asahel Moore.

1840. Asahel Moore.

1850. Asahel Moore.

1851. Asahel Moore.

1852. Asahel Boughton.

1853. Samuel Titus.

1854. George N. West.

1855. George N. West.

1856. George N. West.

1857. Walter D. Hubbard.

1858. Walter D. Hubbard.

1859. Walter D. Hubbard.

1860. Lindley W. Smith.

1861. Lindley W. Smith.

1862. Levi B. Lobdell.

1863. Levi B. Lobdell.

1864. Bolivar Ellis.

1865. Bolivar Ellis.

1866. Bolivar Ellis.

1867. Bolivar Ellis.

1868. Lambert Gillis.

1869. Lambert Gillis.

1870. Lambert Gillis.

1871. Lambert Gillis.

1872. Lambert Gillis.

1873. Lambert Gillis.

1874. Lambert Gillis.

1875. Bolivar Ellis.

1876. Bolivar Ellis.

1877. Bolivar Ellis.

1878. Curtis A. Kellog.
1879. Lambert Gillis.
1880. Lambert Gillis.
1881. Lambert Gillis.
1882. Lambert Gillis.
1883. Stephen B. Crocker.
1884. Milton Stafford.
1885. Milton Stafford.
1886. Bolivar Ellis.
1887. Bolivar Ellis.

1888. Bolivar Ellis.
1889. Bolivar Ellis.
1890. Bolivar Ellis.
1891. Bolivar Ellis.
1892. Bolivar Ellis.
1893. Stafford S. Lusk.
1894. Stafford S. Lusk.
1895. Stafford S. Lusk.
1896. Stafford S. Lusk.
1897. James F. Draper.

1898. Henry C. Parmelee.
1899. Charles E. Padelford.
1900. Charles E. Padelford.
1901. Eugene S. Berry.
1902. Eugene S. Berry.
1903. Frank R. Appleton.
1904. F. E. Cobb.
1905. Edgar B. Case.
1906. Edgar B. Case.
1907. Eugene S. Berry.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 140, WATERFORD, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 9, 1849.
The name or number has never been changed.
MINUTES: Not intact.
The Lodge was organized under a dispensation issued December 27, 1848.

THE PETITION.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the petitioners humbly shew that they are ancient free and accepted Master Masons; having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry.

For the convenience of their respective dwellings and for other good reasons they are desirous of forming a new Lodge in the Town of Waterford to be named Clinton.

In consequence of this desire and for the good of the craft they pray for a charter or warrant to empower them to assemble as a legal Lodge to discharge the duties of Masonry in the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason in a regular and constitutional manner according to the ancient form of the Fraternity and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge. That they have nominated and do recommend W.'. JAMES M. AUSTIN to be the first Master ; JOHN HINDE to be the first Senior Warden and JOHN FULTON to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge; that if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Dated Waterford, December 21, A. L. 5848.

James M. Austin. John Hinde.
John Higgins. Fred'k W. Allen.
J. M. King. John Fulton.
J. H. Cudworth. John Roe.
John Mulliken. Samuel Landsborough.

The petition has the following endorsement::

"At a regular communication of Phœnix Lodge, No. 58, held at its rooms in the village of Lansingburgh on the 21st day of December, A. L. 5848, it was resolved that the petition of the within named Brethren for a warrant or charter for a Masonic Lodge in the village of Waterford be recommended to the Grand Lodge and that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

By order of the Lodge,

B. G. HATHAWAY, Sec'y."

The dispensation, signed by JOHN D. WILLARD, Grand Master, contains the following: "Their memorial being duly recommended by Phœnix Lodge, No. 58, and by the officers of said Lodge and the several petitioners vouched for by W.'. P. Master Bro. JAMES M. AUSTIN and W.'. Bro. DAN'L KING, both of said Lodge, and to me personally known as worthy Master Masons in good Masonic standing."

The first meeting was held December 28, 1848. The first officers were:

JAMES M. AUSTIN, Master.
JOHN HINDE, Senior Warden.
JOHN FULTON, Junior Warden.
JOHN HIGGINS, Treasurer.
FREDERICK W. ALLEN, Secretary.
JOSEPH H. CUDWORTH, Senior Deacon.
JOHN MULLIKEN, Junior Deacon.
JOHN ROE, Tiler.

Of the charter members, JOSEPH H. CUDWORTH and JOSEPH M. KING were former members of Orange Lodge, No. 43, which was chartered November 25, 1795, and ceased work during the Morgan period; the last returns on file are dated May 30, 1826.

The petition of this old Lodge is on file in the Grand Secretary's office; the following is a copy:

To the Right Worshipful, the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The humble petition of the subscribers (Brethren in Masonry), inhabitants of Waterford in the Town of Half Moon, County of Saratoga.

Most humbly and respectfully showeth that your petitioners having the most ardent zeal for the propagation and welfare of Masonry and for the maintenance of that social harmony and friendship which should ever characterize and distinguish masons from the rest of mankind. That they being unable to pay that attention to the craft which their duty and inclination require on account of the distance and consequent difficulty of regularly attending any Lodge, there being on their side of the Hudson river none nigher than those of Albany and Stillwater, a distance of eleven or twelve miles.

They do, therefore, most humbly solicit their Brethren of the Grand Lodge to grant them a charter to hold a Lodge in Waterford aforesaid, to be known by the appellation of Orange Lodge, No. —, and that they will constitute and appoint Bro. JOHN STEARNS as Master. Bro. WILLIAM LAPPON as Senior Warden and BRO. HEZEKIAH DEFOREST as Junior Warden of the same, and they and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Thomas McEntee.	Amos Porter.
Mathew Gregory.	Moses Scott.
William Lapon.	Hezekiah DeForest.
John Watson.	John C. Connell.
John Stearns.	Thomas Ostrander.
James Fairbairn.	Gilbert I. Livingston.
Hugh Peebles.	J. TenBrouck. Jr.

This petition was read in the Grand Lodge September 2, 1795, and referred to a committee.

The bitterness of the persecution on the part of the public toward everything Masonic during the Morgan episode can scarcely be realized by the present generation; the existing popularity of the Order and the favorable sentiment entertained for it at the present time is in striking contrast with the severe tirades and the wild tumult of disorder and violence which began in 1826 and continued for several years.

The following document, the original of which is on file in the Grand Secretary's office, is interesting, showing, as it does, the extent to which these persecutions were carried:.

"At a regular meeting of Orange Lodge. No. 48, in the Town of Waterford and County of Saratoga. Nov. 7, A. L. 5827—Resolved that BRO'S NICHOLAS B. DOE and EDWARD DICKINSON past Masters be a committee to lay before the Grand Lodge a statement of the situation of the widow and children of our deceased Brother REV. JOHN LAMB and to solicit for their relief a portion of the funds of the Grand Lodge."

THE STATEMENT.

"The REV. JOHN LAMB was a resident of Waterford, County of Saratoga, and sustained a very respectable standing as a Minister of the Gospel in the Baptist Church.

He preached several years at Waterford and also at many other places in the Counties of Saratoga and Rensselaer at different periods.

He was extensively known and everywhere respected as an honest, intelligent and useful man. His health became somewhat impaired and he was advised to travel for its improvement, and as his circumstances required that he should be doing something for a support, he was employed several months in soliciting donations for the African Society in New York, in which it is said he was tolerably successful and his health was considerably improved.

In the winter of 1827 he was initiated, took three degrees and became a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 373, in the City of New York, and soon afterward returned to Waterford.

It was soon discovered that he was a freemason and the Baptist minister who preached at Waterford in Mr. Lamb's absence commenced a scene of persecution against him which was continued with great violence until his death.

It was commenced at a meeting of the church by an attempt to pass a resolution which, in its operation, was to excommunicate from the church all freemasons; the resolution was drawn with so much caution and its real object so artfully concealed that most of the members afterward acknowledged that at the time they were entirely ignorant of its operation and extent. Notwithstanding this, after the subject had been introduced it appeared doubtful whether the minds of the church had become sufficiently excited and prejudiced to adopt so high-handed a measure as the one now contemplated and it was postponed until some of the discerning ones could have time to see the members of the church at their houses. They were accordingly visited, parts of Morgan's book and inflammatory publications by a Mr. SOUTHWICK and others were read to them; thus the minds of the members were prepared and the resolution above referred to adopted.

The malignity of his enemies did not stop here: wherever he went among the churches of his own order measures were taken to excite the same bitterness of feeling against all masons that existed at Waterford. He was required as the only means of reconciliation to testify to the truth of Morgan's book, expose the secrets and renounce masonry: this he considered as purchasing peace at too dear a rate and declined the offer.

Things went on in this way until the early part of the fall, when an Ecclesiastical Council was called composed of the ministers and officers of the several churches in the vicinity, but relief came too late; his pecuniary means were small, he had been thrown out of employment and harassed in mind until his constitution became too much enfeebled to sustain the conflict.

He died in October last, leaving a widow, two children and expecting another soon. His estate is insolvent; his property, consisting mostly of a library and a small millinery, will soon be sold by the administrator for the payment of his debts.

His widow is a milliner by trade and it is believed if she had the means of commencing the business she will be able to support herself, provide for and educate her children respectably.

The intention of the Brethren here, if sufficient means can be obtained, say \$150.00, is to purchase for Mrs. LAMB the articles which she had on hand at the time of her husband's death and which are soon to be sold by the administrator.

There are many circumstances in this case which if known are calculated to call forth the sympathies of every liberal-minded man and particularly every mason. Charity bestowed in this way will enable Mrs. LAMB to help herself, bring up her children, and will be of more lasting benefit than where it is bestowed in a manner for immediate consumption."

Clinton Lodge has in its possession some of the records of this old Lodge, also several highly prized relics, among them being two Past Masters' jewels, one of which is dated 5797. Upon the records under date of December 27, 1799, are the following interesting items: "Lodge opened, BRO. JOHN STEARNS delivered an oration and on motion a copy of same was requested for publication in the Albany Sentinel."

" Voted—that the members of this Lodge go in mourning by wearing a piece of crape around the left arm for the period of six weeks for our Great and Very Worthy Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, dec'd."

Clinton Lodge has participated in a number of public ceremonies, among them being the laying of the corner-stone of the Town Hall at Waterford, September 16, 1873; it was also represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica.

Its first meeting place was in the Howard House Block, which was destroyed by fire June 12, 1875. It next met in the Town Hall, where it remained until the completion of the building known as Masonic Hall erected in 1870 by JOHN HIGGINS, a Past Master of the Lodge. It now has quarters on the third floor of this building.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Cornelius A. Waldron, Surrogate.	James H. Lloyd, Assemblyman.
John Lawrence, District Attorney.	Henry C. VanDenburgh, Sheriff.
John C. Mott, District Attorney; Police Justice, N. Y. City.	Frederick W. Kavanaugh, Sheriff.
Chauncey Boughton, Assemblyman.	Frank B. Peck, Post Master.
John Fulton, Assemblyman.	John Richmond, Supt. Champlain Canal.
William M. Donald, Assemblyman.	Hiram W. Vedder, Postmaster.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

R. L. Schoonmaker, Grand Chaplain 20 years. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary 27 years.*

* See sketch of Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1904.

MASTERS.

1848. James M. Austin.	1868. Russell Porter.	1888. Roland H. Stubbs.
1849. James M. Austin.	1869. Samuel A. Northrup.	1889. Charles L. Mitchell.
1850. James M. Austin.	1870. Russell Porter.	1890. George E. Holroyd.
1851. James M. Austin.	1871. Russell Porter.	1891. William A. Dennis.
1852. James M. Austin.	1872. Horace T. Stiles.	1892. John W. Ford.
1853. John Fulton.	1873. William Humphreys.	1893. Samuel Snyder.
1854. John Fulton.	1874. Merwin T. Scott.	1894. William Roberts.
1855. Joseph H. Cudworth.	1875. Merwin T. Scott.	1895. William Roberts.
1856. R. L. Schoonmaker.	1876. John E. Gage.	1896. Samuel Snyder.
1857. D. M. VanHoevenburgh.	1877. John E. Gage.	1897. William A. Saxe.
1858. John Higgins.	1878. John Polhamus.	1898. William A. Saxe.
1859. D. M. VanHoevenburgh.	1879. John Polhamus.	1899. Elmer J. Wyman.
1860. D. M. VanHoevenburgh.	1880. Henry De Freest.	1900. Frank Jelf.
1861. D. M. VanHoevenburgh.	1881. Henry De Freest.	1901. Frank Jelf.
1862. Edward Lansing.	1882. Emanuel Mead.	1902. John L. Harris.
1863. Edward Lansing.	1883. Emanuel Mead.	1903. T. Alvin Davis.
1864. Thomas Breslin.	1884. George L. Rogers.	1904. Edward A. Wilkins.
1865. Thomas Breslin.	1885. George L. Rogers.	1905. Harry A. Holmes.
1866. Russell Porter.	1886. Frank B. Barnfather.	1906. Stephen H. Vickery.
1867. Russell Porter.	1887. Roland H. Stubbs.	1907. Wm. E. Adams.

CATO LODGE, NO. 141, CATO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 11, 1849.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Previous to the advent of Cato Lodge another Lodge existed at Cato but all records relating to it are missing: so far as tradition can throw any light upon its affairs, it was organized in the early part of the last century and doubtless shared the fate of others during the Morgan period.

The present Lodge was organized during the early part of 1849. The first recorded meeting was held April 5, 1849.

The first officers were:

GEORGE H. CARR, Master.

PIER TELLER, Senior Warden.

ANSEL KIMBALL, Junior Warden.

JOHN HOOKER, Treasurer.

ANDREWS PRESTON, Secretary.

MATTHIAS VAN DERHUYDEN, Senior Deacon.

GEORGE R. RICH, JR., Junior Deacon.

WILLIAM HAGER, Tiler.

From its organization until 1864 its meetings were held in the afternoon.

Its meeting place until 1862 was in the second story of a building owned by GEORGE H. CARR, the first master; from 1862 until 1864 meetings were held in the Morley Block at Meridian. In 1864 the Lodge purchased the second story of a building on the corner of Main and South Streets. In January, 1865, this building was destroyed by fire and for a year or more its meetings were again held at Meridian.

In April, 1904, its quarters and property were for the second time destroyed by fire; notwithstanding these discouraging circumstances, these energetic and zealous men and masons did not stand idle and lament over their misfortunes, but with undaunted pluck soon began a movement which resulted in the erection of a Masonic Temple on the site of the former home of the Lodge on the corner of Main and South Streets. It was completed and dedicated February 22, 1906; the ceremonies were conducted by R. W. BLIN S. CUSHMAN, District Deputy Grand Master of the 30th Masonic District.

An address was delivered by Hon. JOHN E. SAVERY. In part he said:

"Nearly two years ago fire came to us, leaving but little aside from our building site and charter. For awhile we were stunned by the blow, but soon the spirit that animated the founders of the Lodge asserted itself among the present members and rebuilding was commenced. It was a great undertaking, but success crowned our efforts and we have this new Masonic Temple, larger, better, more beautiful and somewhat more fireproof."



MASONIC TEMPLE, CATO LODGE, NO. 141, CATO, NY.

The Lodge participated at the laying of the corner-stone of the U. S. Government Building at Auburn, NY, October 20, 1888. It was also present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891.

It held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889.

The Lodge was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, February 14, 1905.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

George H. Carr, Sheriff.	Samuel B. Daratt, Supervisor.	Levi Colvin, Assemblyman.
John T. Knapp, Sheriff.	Willoughby B. Priddy, Assemblyman.	Garrett Fort, Supervisor.
Elias Q. Dutton, Assemblyman.	E. D. Crowninshield, Supervisor.	H. L. Downs, Postmaster.
John E. Savery, Assemblyman.	John Wiggins, Supervisor.	T. T. Smith, Postmaster.
R. J. Myers, Sheriff.	Charles E. Turner, Postmaster.	Judson W. Hapeman, Assemblyman.
George Bruce, Supervisor.	George Wiggins, Postmaster.	Adelbert P. Rich, Supreme Court Judge.
J. H. Pearson, Fire Commissioner.	Wilson E. Palmer, Supervisor.	Ernest G. Taber, Supervisor.
George Terpenning, Supervisor.	F. J. Van Liew, Postmaster.	James E. Turner, Special Surrogate.
William H. Eaker, Assemblyman.	W. A. Hager, Supervisor.	E. J. Eldridge, Coroner.
Charles H. Curtis, Assemblyman.	Homer N. Lockwood, Assemblyman.	John F. Coulling, President of Village.

John N. Knapp, prominent in State and National politics, was Treasurer of the New York State Republican Committee eight years. He was Quartermaster-General on the staff of John A. Dix during his term as Governor of the State of New York, and was connected with and filled important offices in several large corporations.

MASTERS.

1849. George H. Carr.	1861. Stephen C. Wallis.	1873. James D. Benton.
1850. George H. Carr.	1862. James M. Allen.	1874. Frank Rich.
1851. Ansel Kimball.	1863. James M. Allen.	1875. A. W. Palmer.
1852. George H. Carr.	1864. Judah Freidman.	1876. Frank Rich.
1853. Stephen C. Wallis.	1865. Elias Q. Dutton.	1877. Elias Q. Dutton.
1854. Stephen C. Wallis.	1866. Ambrose Daratt.	1878. Frank Rich.
1855. Warren Chase.	1867. Frank Rich.	1879. Selick J. Chase.
1856. Stephen C. Wallis.	1868. Frank Rich.	1880. Selick J. Chase.
1857. Stephen C. Wallis.	1869. Frank Rich.	1881. E. David Crowninshield.
1858. John T. Knapp.	1870. Frank Rich.	1882. E. David Crowninshield.
1859. James M. Allen.	1871. Elias Q. Dutton.	1883. E. David Crowninshield.
1860. James M. Allen.	1872. James D. Benton.	1884. Adelbert P. Rich.

1885. E. David Crowninshield.	1893. Willis A. Hunter.	1901. Edgar H. Crowninshield.
1886. Judson W. Hapeman.	1894. Edward Kennedy.	1902. Charles L. Lang.
1887. Judson W. Hapeman.	1895. Edward Kennedy.	1903. Charles L. Lang.
1888. Judson W. Hapeman.	1896. Robert H. Podger.	1904. J. Perry Horle.
1889. Charles E. Turner.	1897. Robert R. Podger.	1905. Edgar F. DeForest.
1890. C. F. Edminster.	1898. Frank Casey.	1906. James E. Turner.
1891. C. F. Edminster.	1899. Frank Casey.	1907. James E. Turner.
1892. Willis A. Hunter.	1900. Edgar H. Crowninshield.	

MORNING SUN LODGE, NO. 142, PORT HENRY, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 12, 1849.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Morning Sun Lodge was organized in 1848. A dispensation was granted August 17, 1848, which named as officers:

CHESTER STEPHENS, Master.
 ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Senior Warden.
 GEORGE H. BLINN, Junior Warden.

The petition asking for a dispensation was signed by the following:

Chester Stephens.	Nathaniel S. Storrs.	Charles Pratt.
George H. Blinn.	Alexander McKenzie.	Stephen S. Chase.
Washington Lee.	Stewart B. Foster.	Asa Eggleston.
Maynard Kidder.	Bulkley Olcott.	
James Lewis.	Ira. C. Sprague.	

The first meeting after the dispensation had been issued was held October 11, 1848, when BULKLEY OLCOTT was elected Treasurer and JAMES LEWIS Secretary. The following officers were appointed:

IRA C. SPRAGUE, Senior Deacon.
 CHARLES PRATT, Junior Deacon.
 STEWART B. FOSTER, Tiler.

Shortly after the dispensation had been granted the Master died and when the warrant was granted it named as officers:

GEORGE H. BLINN, Master.
 ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Senior Warden.
 JONATHAN TARBELL, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was constituted September 7, 1849, by Dan S. Wright, Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 96, Whitehall, NY, who installed the officers named in the warrant, also the following:

BULKLEY OLCOTT, Treasurer.
 ARTEMAS B. WALDO, Secretary.
 IRA C. SPRAGUE, Senior Deacon.
 CHARLES PRATT, Junior Deacon.
 LUCIEN P. CHENEY, Steward.
 JEDIDIAH E. MCKENZIE, Steward.
 STEWART B. FOSTER, Tiler.

The Lodge was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, December 23, 1876.

Of the thirteen charter members eight were members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 424, located at Moriah, a settlement a short distance west of Port Henry. This Lodge was organized February 3, 1825, and ceased to work in 1833. Some of the records of the Lodge have been preserved and are in possession of Morning Sun Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

William F. Gookin, District Deputy Grand Master. John W. Whitehead, District Deputy Grand Master.
 Andrew Tromblee, District Deputy Grand Master.

MASTERS.

1848. Chester Stephens.	1860. Ira C. Sprague.	1872. Hosea B. Willard.
1849. George H. Blinn.	1861. John C. Douglass.	1873. Hosea B. Willard.
1850. Alexander McKenzie.	1862. Rollin E. Warner.	1874. Elijah B. Hedding.
1851. George H. Blinn.	1863. Rollin E. Warner.	1875. Elijah B. Hedding.
1852. John C. Douglass.	1864. Milton McKenzie.	1876. Elijah B. Hedding.
1853. John C. Douglass.	1865. Milton McKenzie.	1877. John W. Whitehead.
1854. John C. Douglass.	1866. John C. Douglass.	1878. John W. Whitehead.
1855. John C. Douglass.	1867. Milton McKenzie.	1879. John W. Whitehead.
1856. John C. Douglass.	1868. John C. Douglass.	1880. John S. Hicks.
1857. Lynds S. Conn.	1869. William F. Gookin.	1881. William R. Woodbridge.
1858. Ira C. Sprague.	1870. William F. Gookin.	1882. William R. Woodbridge.
1859. John C. Douglass.	1871. William F. Gookin.	1883. William H. Woodbridge.

1884. Charles A. Hopper.
1885. Charles A. Hopper.
1886. Charles A. Hopper.
1887. Andrew Tromblee.
1888. Andrew Tromblee.
1889. Benjamin W. Burland.
1890. Benjamin W. Burland.
1891. Benjamin W. Burland.

1892. Joseph Wright.
1893. Charles E. Craigg.
1894. Charles E. Craigg.
1895. Benjamin W. Severance.
1896. Benjamin W. Severance.
1897. Benjamin, W. Severance.
1898. Otis L. Wasson.
1899. Otis L. Wasson.

1900. L. Warren Pratt.
1901. Henry B. Vanderbilt.
1902. Frank H. Grover.
1903. Frank H. Grover.
1904. L. Warren Pratt.
1905. L. Warren Pratt.
1906. L. Warren Pratt.
1907. Geo. E. Lamb.

CONCORDIA LODGE, NO. 143, BUFFALO, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 13, 1849.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Not intact. All records from October 3, 1848, to December 20, 1853, and from May 20, 1865, to January 12, 1870, are missing.

THE DISPENSATION.

By the Most Worshipful JOHN D. WILLARD, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

Whereas, It has been represented to me that Bro's JAMES WENZ, FREDERICK EHRMAN, MORRIS ECHENBARS, AUGUST MILLER, F. ALWICKER, JACOB WEST, GURAU BLACK, F. HOFER and SAMUEL WILDI, Master Masons of the City of Buffalo in the County of Erie, in this State, are desirous of being formed into a Lodge, and their memorial to that effect being duly recommended by Hiram Lodge, No. 105, and by the officers of said Lodge and the several petitioners being vouched for as worthy Master Masons in good Masonic standing. Therefore, he it known that I, having full confidence in the aforesaid brethren and being desirous of extending the light and advantages of a well-regulated Lodge to said brethren as well as those who may see fit to join them in sustaining the Masonic Institution do hereby Authorize and Empower the Petitioners aforesaid to meet together as a regular Lodge of Master Masons with power to make masons, admit members, form a code of By- Laws and do all such acts and things as ought to be done by Lodges under dispensation and for this purpose. I do hereby appoint our well beloved BRO. JAMES WENZ Worshipful Master, Bro. F'DK EHRMAN, Senior Warden and Bro. M. ESCHENBACH, Junior Warden of said Lodge to be held in the city of Buffalo aforesaid, to be known as Concordia Lodge until the first day of June next, or until this dispensation for any irregularity in the conduct of said Lodge be recalled by me or by the Grand Lodge at any intermediate time, and I do hereby enjoin upon said Concordia Lodge a strict observance of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge and I direct that previous to or on the first day of June next this dispensation be returned to the Grand Secretary with a registry of members, with their names in full, in plain hand for registry and the amount of dues accruing thereon according to the printed constitution and a copy of your By-Laws, and I further direct that the minutes and proceedings of said Lodge be kept in the English language.

Given at the City of Troy and sealed with my private seal on the ninth day of September A. L. 5848, A. D. 1848.

By the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

JOHN D. WILLARD, SEAL

Attest.
R. R. BOYD. Grand Master.

The first meeting under the dispensation was held in the rooms of Hiram Lodge, No. 105, October 3, 1848. The officers were:

JAMES WENZ, Master.
FREDERICK EHRMAN, Senior Warden.
JACOB WEIL, Junior Warden.
AUGUST MILLER, Secretary.

The Lodge was formally constituted and the officers installed in the First Universalist Church on Washington Street, June 25, 1849; Hiram Lodge, No. 105, and Buffalo Chapter assisted in the ceremonies.

The officers named in the warrant are:

JAMES WENZ, Master.
FREDERICK EHRMAN, Senior Warden.
JACOB WEIL, Junior Warden.

An event of great interest to the members of the Lodge was the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Bro. GOTTFRIED SCHEFFEL and wife. The festivities were held in Turn Hall, October 13, 1872; this brother was made a mason in zur Eintracht Lodge at Berlin, Germany. He was chaplain of the Lodge from 1858 until his death, which occurred in 1880.

It celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at St. James Hall, June 24, 1874, and on June 11, 12, 13, 1899, it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary; on the 11th services were held in St. Paul's Church, when addresses were made by Wor. HERMAN BERNHARDT, a Past Master of the Lodge. REV. C. MULLER and REV. C. C. ALBERTSON; on the 12th an outing was held at Elmwood Beach and on the 13th public Masonic services were held in the Masonic Temple; at the conclusion of these services a banquet was given at the Ellicott Club.

A sketch of this Lodge would be incomplete without special reference to R.' W.' JOSEPH L. HABERSTRO, who served as Master eleven years and was largely instrumental in making it one of the most prosperous German Lodges in this State.

A complimentary banquet was given by the Lodge in his honor March 22, 1878, this being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his membership. Wor. ERNEST L. VOLGENAU says concerning him: "This sterling man and mason served the Lodge as master eleven years; there were times in the history of Concordia Lodge when its very existence depended upon the loyalty and optimism of JOSEPH L. HABERSTRO. His never failing cheerfulness under the most trying circumstances, his love for the fraternity, his generous support in time of trial, served as an inspiration to all those who came under his influence. It is no exaggeration to say that the present highly satisfactory condition of the Lodge is due more largely to the unaided efforts of this noble character than to any other factor. He died November, 1905, sincerely mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing him."

The Lodge has participated in a number of public ceremonies. It assisted at the laying of the corner-stones of the following: Protestant Evangelist Church, Black Rock, NY, August 25, 1852; NY State Arsenal, Buffalo, May 5, 1858; Universalist Church, Buffalo, August 2, 1864; Memorial Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, September 26, 1866; Normal School, Fredonia, NY, Aug. 8, 1867; Normal School, Buffalo, April 15, 1869; Fireman's Benevolent Association Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, July 23, 1869; Asbury M. E. Church, Buffalo, July 13, 1871; City and County Hall, Buffalo, June 24, 1872; State Hospital, Buffalo, September 18, 1872; Soldiers' Monument, Forest Lawn Cemetery, October 21, 1880; Soldiers' and Sailors' Monuments, Buffalo, July 4, 1882; Masonic Temple, Buffalo, July 20, 1890; Masonic Home, Utica, May 21, 1891; U. S. Government Building, Buffalo, June 19, 1897; Seventy-fourth Regiment, N. Y. S. N. G. Armory, Buffalo, July 4, 1898; Sixty-fifth Regiment, N. Y. S. N. G. Armory, Buffalo, May 30, 1903; it was also represented at the dedication of the Home at Utica, October 5, 1892.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Charles F. Bishop, Mayor.	Frank Sipp, Assemblyman.
Joseph L. Haberstro, Sheriff, City Treasurer.	Nicholas J. Miller, Assemblyman.
Charles F. Sturm, County Auditor.	Anthony Stettenbenz, Street Commissioner.
Charles A. Rupp, Police Commissioner.	Simon Seibert, Fire Commissioner.
Philip Steingoetter, County Treasurer.	

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Joseph L. Haberstro, District Deputy Grand Master.	Charles F. Bishop, District Deputy Grand Master.
Charles F. Sturm, Grand Steward.	George Schlenker, Grand Sword Bearer.

MASTERS.

1849. James Wenz.	1869. George Brost.	1889. Herman Bernhardt.
1850. James Wenz.	1870. George Brost.	1890. Charles F. Wittholz.
1851. James Wenz.	1871. W. C. Zimmerman.	1891. Charles F. Wittholz.
1852. John P. Klein.	1872. W. C. Zimmerman.	1892. Ernest Bamberg.
1853. John P. Klein.	1873. Fred Held.	1893. Ernest Bamberg.
1854. John P. Klein.	1874. Fred Held.	1894. Louis J. Kenngott.
1855. Jacob Weil.	1875. John F. Haberstro.	1895. Louis J. Kenngott.
1856. John P. Klein.	1876. John F. Haberstro.	1896. Charles F. Sturm.
1857. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1877. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1897. Charles F. Sturm.
1858. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1878. Joseph L. Haberstro. ,	1898. George L. Fischer.
1859. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1879. Frank Sipp.	1899. George L. Fischer.
1860. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1880. Frank Sipp.	1900. Robert Eichel.
1861. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1881. Nicholas Moershfelder.	1901. Robert Eichel.
1862. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1882. Nicholas Moershfelder.	1902. William Schmidt.
1863. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1883. Charles F. Bishop.	1903. William Schmidt.
1864. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1884. Charles F. Bishop.	1904. George Schlenker.
1865. Charles H. Rauert.	1885. Peter Frank.	1905. George Schlenker.
1866. Joseph L. Haberstro.	1886. Peter Frank.	1906. Ernest L. Volgenau.
1867. S. C. Kiene.	1887. Henry Zier.	1907. Ernest L. Volgenau.
1868. S. C. Kiene.	1888. Herman Bernhardt.	

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 144, FULTON, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 14, 1849.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

Hiram Lodge was organized in 1848, preliminary meetings were held on May 27th and on June 10th; at a subsequent meeting a petition was prepared asking for a dispensation signed by the following:

Andrew B. Simons.	William It. Penfield.
Samuel Dean.	John B. Parsons.
Jeremiah Baker.	Hugh Gregg.
Anson Fay.	Lowell Johnson.
Silas Chubb.	Hosea W. Holmes.
Richard R. DeLong.	

The officers selected were:

SAMUEL DEAN, Master.
ANDREW B. SIMONS, Senior Warden.
WILLIAM R. PENFIELD, Junior Warden.

In the following August a dispensation was issued and on September 11, 1848, the first regular meeting was held in Sehenck's Block, corner of Oneida and Seymour Streets.

The first petition for degrees was from LORENZ R. KENYON. On September 25th and on October 9th he was initiated.

The officers named in the warrant are:

SAMUEL DEAN, Master.
ANDREW B. SIMONS, Senior Warden.
WILLIAM R. PENFIELD, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held August 21, 1849, when the Lodge was duly constituted and the following officers installed by R. W. EZRA S. BARNUM, Senior Grand Warden:

SAMUEL DEAN, Master.
ANDREW B. SIMONS, Senior Warden.
WILLIAM R. PENFIELD, Junior Warden.
R. C. KENYON, Treasurer.
J. B. PARSONS, Secretary.
C. A. DEAN, Senior Deacon.
LORENZ R. KENYON, Junior Deacon.
J. L. LOTT, Tiler.

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services April 24, 1889. Addresses were made by REV. J. C. BREAKER and REV. B. BRUNING. It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Home at Utica.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

T. D. Lewis, Assemblyman. N. N. Stranahan, State Senator, U. S. Collector -Port of New York.

MASTERS.

1848. Samuel Dean.	1868. Daniel Pardee.	1888. Thomas Ferris.
1849. Samuel Dean.	1869. G. G. Ottman.	1889. Thomas Ferris.
1850. Samuel Dean.	1870. Morris C. Highriter.	1890. T. D. Lewis.
1851. Andrew B. Simons.	1871. G. G. Ottman.	1891. T. D. Lewis
1852. Stephen Pardee.	1872. G. G. Ottman.	1892. G. C. Webb
1853. Stephen Pardee.	1873. M. W. Danks.	1893. G. Wellington Hastings.
1854. Stephen Pardee.	1874. M. W. Danks.	1894. G. Wellington Hastings.
1855. Stephen Pardee.	1875. Daniel Pardee.	1895. Wayland W. Loomis.
1856. Stephen Pardee.	1876. M. W. Danks.	1896. Wayland W. Loomis.
1857. Stephen Pardee.	1877. M. W. Danks.	1897. Fred E. Sutherland.
1858. Stephen Pardee.	1878. Seymour Parmelee.	1898. Fred E. Sutherland.
1859. G. G. Goodell.	1879. William B. Howard.	1899. Fred W. Gardner.
1860. A. T. Loomis.	1880. William B. Howard.	1900. Castle H. Gardner.
1861. Stephen Pardee.	1881. Francis M. Baker.	1901. Castle H. Gardner.
1862. Stephen Pardee.	1882. Francis M. Baker.	1902. Harry L. Platt.
1863. Stephen Pardee.	1883. Seymour Parmelee.	1903. Harry L. Platt.
1864. Daniel Pardee.	1884. Seymour Parmelee.	1904. J. D. McIntyre.
1865. Daniel Pardee.	1885. Seymour Parmelee.	1905. J. D. McIntyre.
1866. Daniel Pardee.	1886. I. C. Curtis.	1906. William H. Hornibrook.
1867. Daniel Pardee.	1887. I. C. Curtis.	1907. E. A. Putnam.

MOUNT MORI AH LODGE, NO.145, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

WARRANT: The original warrant is dated September 4, 1817. The warrant under which the Lodge is working is dated June 15, 1849. Both warrants are in possession of the Lodge.

The name has never been changed. The first number was 297; it received its present number when revived in 1849.

MINUTES: Intact.

In 1816 the Town of Ellicott comprised a territory of about twelve miles square; within its borders was the territory that afterward became the village of Jamestown; it also included the present Towns of Poland. Carroll, Kiantone, a part of Busti, and what has remained as Town of Ellicott. In this sparsely settled section were a number of masons who in the winter of 1815-16 took measures to organize a Lodge.

At a meeting held January 3, 1816, a petition asking for a warrant was prepared and signed by the following:

Solomon Jones.	John Barr.
Lemuel Smith.	Asahel Andrews.
Theron Plumb.	Heman Bush.
Horatio Dix.	David Boyd.
David Hatch.	Joseph Akins.
Stephen Frank.	Pearley Fairbanks.
Randall Austin.	

The original petition is on file in the Grand Secretary's office; it recommends as officers:

HEMAN BUSH, Master.
SOLOMON JONES, Senior Warden.
THERON PLUMB, Junior Warden.

Over eighteen months elapsed before a charter was granted. The following excerpts from papers on file in the Grand Secretary's office are interesting as they throw considerable light upon the circumstances which were connected with the granting of the warrant.

"Pomfret, Chautauqua, 21st August, 1817.

To E. HICKS. Grand Sec'ty.

SIR: You are herewith presented with a transcript of letters received some time since from his Ex. DeWitt CLINTON by the Masonic brethren of Ellicott, Chautauqua Co., in answer to a letter from them."

"New York 20th June, 1817.

SIR: The \$32.00 was received and has been paid to the Grand Secretary: the charter for your Lodge has been granted on condition that you obtain a recommendation from the nearest Lodge—to wit—Forest Lodge at Pomfret, Chautauqua County: on sending this document to Elias Hicks. Grand Secretary, New York, the charter will be immediately forwarded by him.

Yours fraternally,

E. T. FOOTE, ESQR.

DE WITT CLINTON."

The petition was read in Grand Lodge June 12. 1816; endorsed upon it is the following:

"The prayer of the petition was granted upon condition that the petitioners obtain a recommendation from the nearest Lodge, Viz., Forest Lodge, No. 263, held at Pomfret, Chautauqua. C'y; communicated the same to the M.'. W.'. Grand Master who engaged to write to the applicants on the subject."

"Sept. 4th, received the above mentioned recommendation from No. 263 and issued warrant No. 297, Sept. 10th, sent same by mail."

This recommendation is on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

As soon as the warrant was received notice was given to all of the brethren to meet at the house of HEMAN BUSH, in what was known as Frank Settlement, on October 16. 1817, for the purpose of constituting the Lodge and installing the following officers:

HEMAN BUSH, Master.
SOLOMON JONES, Senior Warden.
THERON PLUMB, Junior Warden.
DAVID HATCH, Treasurer.
HORATIO Dix, Secretary.
PHINEAS STEVENS, Senior Deacon.
PEARLEY FAIRBANKS, Junior Deacon.
WILLIAM PIER, Master of Ceremonies
ASAHEL ANDREWS, Master of Ceremonies.
OLIVER HIGLEY, Tiler,)

The installing officer was PHINEAS STEVENS, who made the following report of this event:

"Ellicott, November 27, 1817.

HONOURED SIR:

By virtue of a warrant from the R.'. W.'. Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York to me directed I proceeded to constitute Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 297, and install the officers in form, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, on the sixteenth day of October last.

I am yours fraternally,

E. HICKS, ESQR.

PHINEAS STEVENS, Past Master."

The Lodge ceased to work in 1830 owing to the Morgan persecution.

In a sketch of this old Lodge W.'. JOHN C. MASON says:

"In those days people enjoyed none of our modern conveniences. The best light they had was a tallow candle or lard oil lamps; the Lodge met at two o'clock in the afternoon during the winter and at five o'clock in the summer."

He says concerning the Morgan episode:

"By the beginning of 1827 the excitement had reached fever heat. The controversy invaded politics and an anti-Masonic party entered the field. It convulsed the church and its progress is plainly marked by two resolutions passed by the Congregational Church at Jamestown. In the beginning of the struggle the church was inclined to stand by the Masons and in 1827 the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*. That this church does not consider the visiting of Masonic Lodges by the members of this church an offense of itself requiring church discipline, or cause of censure; nor does it believe that because a man is a Mason that for that cause he ought to be debarred from being received as a member of this church, nor does the church believe that any brother of the church has a right to implicate any other member of the church in the late outrage on WILLIAM MORGAN or the circumstances growing out of it."

But the anti-Masonic sentiment, aided by the savage attacks of the press, grew and in 1829 it had attained such strength in the church that the action of 1827 was rescinded and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*. That it is the duty of every member of this church who is or has been a member of a secret society and who has never publicly renounced the same to dissolve all connection with such institution or society and holding himself no longer bound by any of its ties of allegiance to the same or to its obligation, laws and customs and that he give to this church satisfactory evidence of the same, thereby disapproving of such institution."

There was a strong element in the church that did not approve of the second resolution and the controversy waxed so warm that in 1833 the church was divided and a just proportion of its property allotted to each party. Some idea of the earnestness, not to say bitterness, of the discussion and the intense excitement which prevailed at that time can be gained from this incident in the history of the Congregational Church.

In the fierce struggle engendered by the Morgan episode all of the Masonic lodges, young and old, in this section of the country succumbed. Mount Moriah struggled manfully against the adverse tide until 1830, when it was deemed expedient to suspend operation."

In an address delivered by W. ABNER HAZELTINE at the Chautauqua County Centennial Anniversary is the following reference to the old Lodge:

"At the great excitement that followed the year 1826, when it was by then enemies of Freemasonry confidently believed that it had received its death blow, the lodges and chapters in this county surrendered their charters and jewels, and ceased Masonic labor. Most of their records became scattered or were destroyed and had it not been for the great care of JUDGE FOOTE, HON. THOMAS B. CAMPBELL and SYLVANUS L. HENDERSON of Sinclairville, none would have been preserved. A belief exists among the Masons of to-day that JUDGE FOOTE, having obtained possession of the charter, record and Jewels of Mount Moriah Lodge, buried them, secure against frost and mold in an iron box in his garden, at a spot known only to himself. Precisely how or by what means he preserved them he never told, nor did he at the time tell that he had preserved them. It was with great delight and astonishment that in 1870 the members of the present Mount Moriah Lodge of Jamestown, the successor of the former Mount Moriah Lodge, received from the hands of our venerable brother, the old records beautifully bound, a portion of the jewels and the old charter neatly framed, upon which he inscribed words of wisdom, warning, and encouragement. Without the labor of love in preserving these records on the part of Judge Foote, and the fond care he took of them, most of the early history of Freemasonry in this county would have been forever lost. These records, the subject of this care and of this gift, are a matchless heritage and are, and will be, carefully preserved for their great value and as a memento of the thoughtfulness of him who preserved them.

No Masonic secret was ever better kept than was kept the fact that the records and jewels had been preserved from the vandalism and fury that was the occasion of their being hid: preserved to be delivered to the rightful successors of those whose labors and services they record. It will not be a betrayal of any Masonic secret or mystery, if one incident or fact recorded in this volume should be publicly told. It will illustrate the privations and hardships endured by our fathers in the struggle in this wilderness, to make it what they left it to us, a fair land that it is the delightful home of a happy people.

It is well known that the jewels of a Masonic Lodge are wrought in silver. In 1817, when Mount Moriah Lodge was organized, jewels of silver could not be procured short of Albany. To obtain them from there would mean a delay of weeks, more than the faithful men who organized the Lodge would submit to in patience. More than that, they were without the necessary funds to buy them. Of their poverty at that time we have little conception. Accordingly jewels were made of tin, that were used until jewels of silver were obtained, by RANDALL AUSTIN at Wheeling, on the Ohio River, now in the State of West Virginia. It is needless to say that these old records and charter and tin jewels are esteemed of priceless value by Mount Moriah Lodge."

HON. OBED EDSON, Past Master of Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, in "Masonry in Chautauqua," says concerning the Morgan episode:

"The severity and bitterness with which Masonry was assailed can now be scarcely imagined. Malignant and improbable falsehoods were believed. The words of men who were Masons, although they had always maintained the highest character went for naught. It was impossible for the Masons of western New York to withstand the storm, and all the lodges in Chautauqua County gave up their charters. After nearly a score of years interest in the institution was revived, and in 1849, Mt. Moriah Lodge was re-established at Jamestown, and since that time Masonry in Chautauqua has had a steady and substantial growth. Masonry stands higher in public esteem than ever before and all this change has come about while yet the old Masons, upon whose heads fell the full fury of anti-Masonic wrath, were still living. This early and rapid revival of Free Masonry in localities that had so recently been swept by anti-Masonic fires was the best possible vindication of the order. They had failed to establish in the public mind the impression that Masonry was a disloyal institution, for the simple reason that it was plainly untrue. Obedience to the law has always been a principal tenet of the order and moderation a virtue most inculcated."

Almost twenty years elapsed before a successful effort was made to revive masonry as an organized body in Jamestown. W. ABNER HAZELTINE, in his address previously mentioned, says:

"In 1848 it became evident that the storm and fury of anti-Masonry had spent its force, and the contempt and obloquy that had been unceasingly cast upon Freemasonry and Freemasons had worn itself out, and a more friendly interest in Freemasonry prevailed. A few courageous men who remained of the old Mount Moriah Lodge—among whom were Rufus Green, Judiah Budlong, Samuel Barrett, Silas Tiffany, Nathan A. Alexander, petitioned the Grand Master for a dispensation to form a new Lodge. The dispensation was granted and Masonic work was renewed by its authority. A charter was granted at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, under its old name of Mount Moriah, but under the number of one hundred forty-five [145] instead of its former number of two hundred ninety-seven [297]. To the Masons of Jamestown belongs the credit of re-establishing Masonry in this county: and they were among the number of the faithful who, in the western part of New York, were first to restore it to its usefulness."

On October sixteenth, 1848, a dispensation was issued by M. W. JOHN D. WILLARD authorizing the following brethren to organize as a Lodge:

Julius Alvord.	Isaac Eames.
Rufus Greene.	Solomon Jones.
Benjamin Howland.	Walter Simmons.
Aaron Taylor.	Royal Keyes.
Rufus Pier.	M. Hoyt.
Abijah Clark.	J. W. Winsor.
J. E. Budlong.	Joseph Wait.
Samuel Barrett.	Henry Baker.
E. Evans.	Gordon Swift.

1902. Edwin P. Dewey.
1903. William F. Wallis.

1904. Chester D. Babcock.
1905. Royal S. Blodgett.

1906. Paul M. Dean.
1907. Fred C. Prachthausen.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nychauta/HISTORY/Early-settlers2.htm>

Heman Bush from Litchfield, Herkimer, NY, came to Busti, in June 1812, having previously, (1810) bought part of lot 60, April 1811, lot 61, on which he settled. He kept a tavern and ashery, and a store for many years, and died May 1839 aged 62 His widow whose maiden name was Abigail FROST, died 1872 age about 90. His sons were Heman C., Selden F., Solomon, Solon, and Stephen, Heman and Solomon and Stephen removed to California; Hiram died in Busti, Selden is in Iowa, and Solon at Busti Corners

<http://history.rays-place.com/ny/chau-busti.htm>

The first saw mill at Busti Corners was built by (Capt. in the Militia from Herkimer County) Heman Bush (on Stillwater Creek in 1815). A clock factory was built in 1830, by Samuel Chappel and James Sartwell, and continued several years. After its discontinuance, a grist mill was built on the same site by Heman Bush. The first hotel in Busti was built by Heman Bush, and the first town meeting was held in "the long room" of this hotel, March 2, 1824. Heman Bush is given on the Charter of Olive Branch Lodge No. 221 (now No. 40) of Litchfield, Herkimer, NY, as the Charter Master in 1812.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=REG&db=loriward36&id=1365>

Lucretia ENSIGN (Datus ENSIGN⁵, David ENSIGN Jr.⁴, David ENSIGN Sr.³, James ENSIGN², Thomas ENSIGN¹) was born 6 JAN 1759 in Hartford, Hartford, CT, and died 22 APR 1814 in Westfield, Hampden, MA. She married **Moses BUSH** 8 JAN 1777 in Westfield, Hampden, MA, son of Aaron BUSH and Mary ASHLEY. He was born 23 MAY 1756 in Westfield, Hampden, MA, and died 1840 in Suffield, CT.

Children of Lucretia ENSIGN and Moses BUSH are:

- i. **Heman BUSH** was born 17 JAN 1777 in Westfield, Hampden, MA, and died 8 MAY 1839 in New York. He married **Abigail FROST** 17 FEB 1799 in Litchfield, Herkimer, NY. She was born 10 SEP 1780 in West Springfield, Hampden, Mass., and died 28 NOV 1872 in New York.
- ii. **Ensign BUSH** was born 12 JUL 1781 in Suffield, CT, and died 25 AUG 1848 in New York.
- iii. **Lucretia BUSH** was born 4 MAR 1783 in Suffield, CT.
- iv. **Sally BUSH**.

WESTERN UNION LODGE, NO. 146, BELFAST, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 16, 1848.

The name has never been changed; its first number was 364.

MINUTES: Not intact.

The original Western Union Lodge was organized in 1823; the first recorded meeting was held November 13, 1823. At this meeting the following officers were elected:

HIRAM GRAY, Master.
FREEMAN S. WILSON, Senior Warden.
D. D. HARDY, Junior Warden.
GEORGE P. KETCHAM, Treasurer.
J. S. RAYMOND, Secretary.
SIMON WILSON, Senior Deacon.
LEWIS WILSON, Junior Deacon.
DANIEL INGERSOLL, Steward.
TIMOTHY DANIELS, Steward.
CYRUS H. CLEMENT, Tiler.

These officers were installed by CALVIN T. CHAMBERLAIN, of Cuba, NY.

The records of this Lodge, which are in possession of the present Lodge, show that it thrived and increased in membership for a time, but circumstances occurred which brought about a different state of affairs. It appears from the records that the Lodge accepted notes in payment for fees from applicants for membership and dues were not paid, consequently the Lodge was soon without funds to meet its running expenses.

The minutes contain frequent references to the expenses of the Secretary for ink and paper and directions "that they be paid when the Lodge is in funds." In 1820 the affairs of the Lodge appear to have been unsatisfactory and the influence of the Morgan episode began to affect its welfare. No acquisitions were made to its membership. Some of the lukewarm members withdrew and by 1830 there was a general apathy in the Lodge: even the officers were indifferent to its welfare. The following excerpt from the minutes clearly illustrates the condition of affairs in this respect:

"Regular Communication Sept. 2, 1830.

Lodge opened in due form on the first degree of Masonry. BRO. ELIJAH REYNOLDS, W. M., *pro tem*, BRO. S. W. REYNOLDS, S. W., *pro tem*, BRO. J. McCray, J. W., *pro tem*, Bro. A. BOYNTON, J. D., *pro tem*, BRO. I. JENNINGS, Tyler, *pro tem*.

Voted to summon a Lodge to meet next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

J. McCray, Secty., *pro tem*."

The records are silent regarding the closing hours of the old Lodge.

The Grand Lodge register says: "Warrant declared forfeited June 8, 1832."

From this time until 1848 nothing appears to have been done to revive masonry in that vicinity.

In July, 1848, a dispensation for a Lodge was obtained and on August 10th it met for the first time as an organized body.

The first officers were:

ALANSON BURR, Master.
 ELIJAH REYNOLDS, Senior Warden.
 CYRUS H. CLEMENT, Junior Warden.
 ROCKWELL HOPPER, Treasurer.
 WILLIAM DEAN, Secretary.
 SIMON WILSON, Senior Deacon.
 GEORGE PARKER, Junior Deacon.
 DAVID W. REYNOLDS, Tiler.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~knorthup/Webpage/Atlanta/Brees/Brees%20HTM%20pages/CorneliusHopperFamily.htm>

Rockwell Hopper was born April 30, 1792 in Tioga (later Chemung) Co., NY. Rockwell married Elizabeth Comfort on October 26, 1811 in Wellsburg, Tioga (later Chemung) Co., NY, and they had 8 children. The family is listed on the 1820 census of Rushford, Allegany Co., NY. They are listed on the 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Belfast, Allegany Co., NY. Elizabeth Comfort Hopper died on August 16, 1865, and Rockwell is listed at age 78 in the household of his married son Edward/Edwin. Rockwell Hopper died on May 20, 1875 in Belfast, Allegany Co., NY. Children of Rockwell Hopper & Elizabeth Comfort are: Lovina (1812), Cornelius (1814), Edward (1817), Hannah (1818), Christina (1823), Alfred Rockwell (1826), Emma (1830) & Charles (1835).

The Lodge worked under dispensation until June, 1849.
 The warrant was issued June 10, 1840, and named as officers:

JOHN HAMMOND, Master.
 ELIJAH REYNOLDS, Senior Warden.
 CYRUS H. CLEMENT, Junior Warden.

The first meeting under the warrant was held August 2, 1849, and since then the Lodge has flourished. In 1880 it met with a severe loss in the destruction of its property by fire. It has had several meeting places in the village but since 1887 it has met in the second story of a brick building on the corner of Main and Sherman Streets.

It held "Jubilee" services on April 24, 1889, in its Lodge room to which the public were invited. An address was delivered by REV. BRO. J. HERRICK.

MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

John Hammond, Assemblyman.	David P. Richardson, Congressman.
Charles M. Crandall, Assemblyman.	William M. Smith, Health Officer, N. Y. City.
Hiram H. Wakely, Assemblyman.	John B. Hughes, Sheriff.
George W. Tibbits, School Commissioner.	Joseph Benjamin, Sheriff.
David M. Hancock, Sheriff.	John S. Smith, School Commissioner.
Wilkes Angell, State Senator.	

<http://history.rays-place.com/ny/cuba-village-ny.htm>

In 1841 and 1842 Cuba was quite a place. Work on both canal and railroad was in progress, and there was nearly 400 population and it had a newspaper, the Cuba Advocate, started in 1839 by I. C. Sheldon. Hon. Wilkes Angel described it at that period thus: The country around was comparatively new. The village was mostly located on swampy ground. It had no sidewalks, and locomotion was extremely disagreeable and difficult, especially in wet weather. There were several dry goods stores and groceries, and two hotels.

MASTERS OF No. 364.

1823. Hiram Gray.	1826. Freeman S. Wilson.	1829. John Reynolds.
1824. Hiram Gray.	1827. Freeman S. Wilson.	1830. Alanson Burr.
1825. Hiram Gray.	1828. Joseph S. Raymond.	

MASTERS OF No. 146.

1848. Alanson Burr.	1863. Jonathan Warford.	1877. Granville D. Miller.
1849. John Hammond.	1864. Rodney M. Willis.	1878. Wallace W. Byrnes.
1850. John Hammond.	1865. Rodney M. Willis.	1879. Volney I. Cook.
1851. John Hammond.	1866. Rodney M. Willis.	1880. George W. Tibbets.
1852. John Hammond.	1867. Rodney M. Willis.	1881. George W. Tibbets.
1853. James McCray.	1868. Rodney M. Willis.	1882. George W. Tibbets.
1854. Daniel A. Knapp.	1869. Rodney M. Willis.	1883. George W. Tibbets.
1855. Daniel A. Knapp.	1870. Darwin D. Nye.	1884. Granville D. Miller.
1856. Jonathan Warford.	1871. Richard G. Young.	1885. Granville D. Miller.
1857. Charles M. Crandall.	1872. Edwin A. Wilson.	1886. Frank H. Smith.
1858. Charles M. Crandall.	1873. Darwin D. Nye.	1887. Joseph H. Chamberlain.
1859. Edwin A. Wilson.	1874. Darwin D. Nye.	1888. Joseph H. Chamberlain.
1860. Richard G. Young.	1875. Darwin D. Nye.	1889. Richard G. Young.
1862. Jonathan Warford.	1876. Granville D. Miller.	1890. Richard G. Young.

1891. William S. Gibson.
1892. William S. Gibson.
1893. Solon D. Clapp.
1894. Solon D. Clapp.
1895. Arthur P. McIntosh.
1896. Arthur P. McIntosh.

1897. Arthur P. McIntosh.
1898. Volney I. Cook.
1899. Volney I. Cook.
1900. Oscar Wilson.
1901. Oscar Wilson.
1902. Meldon E. Jones.

1903. Meldon E. Jones.
1904. Meldon E. Jones.
1905. Charles A. Rich.
1906. George H. Madison.
1907. Ebenezer S. Bartlett.

WARREN LODGE, NO. 147, UNION SPRINGS, N. Y.

WARRANT: The warrant in possession of the Lodge is dated June 18, 1849.

The name or number has never been changed.

MINUTES: Intact.

The officers named in the warrant are:

STEPHEN LOMBARD, Master.
JOHN BARRETT, JR., Senior Warden.
DAVID S. TITERS, Junior Warden.

The Lodge held "Jubilee" services April 24, 1889.

It was represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home at Utica, May 21, 1891.

MASTERS.

1849. Stephen Lombard.
1850. John Barrett.
1851. Stephen Lombard.
1852. Stephen Lombard.
1853. Nelson Peabody.
1854. Samuel C. Van Sickle.
1855. Samuel C. Van Sickle.
1856. Samuel C. Van Sickle.
1857. Thomas J. Mersereau.
1858. Thomas J. Mersereau.
1859. Thomas J. Mersereau.
1860. Thomas J. Mersereau.
1861. Thomas J. Mersereau.
1862. Albert Beardsley.
1863. Albert Beardsley.
1864. Thaddeus Howell.
1865. Thaddeus Howell.
1866. Judson W. Perrine.
1867. Judson W. Perrine.
1868. Judson W. Perrine.

1869. Judson W. Perrine.
1870. Judson W. Perrine.
1871. Judson W. Perrine.
1872. James S. Keeler.
1873. James S. Keeler.
1874. Judson W. Perrine.
1875. Judson W. Perrine.
1876. Judson W. Perrine.
1877. Eli F. Rosecrants.
1878. Eli F. Rosecrants.
1879. William J. Winegar.
1880. Noyes S. Collins.
1881. William G. Schenk.
1882. William G. Schenk.
1883. William G. Schenk.
1884. William G. Schenck.
1885. Edgar M. Hart.
1886. Esek W. Hoff.
1887. Henry S. Anderson.
1888. Walter S. Schenck.

1889. Robert H. Robinson.
1890. Robert H. Robinson.
1891. Robert H. Robinson.
1892. Thomas S. Hammond.
1893. Thomas S. Hammond.
1894. Thomas S. Hammond.
1895. Thomas S. Hammond.
1896. William J. Fessenden.
1897. William J. Fessenden.
1898. William J. Fessenden.
1899. William J. Fessenden.
1900. William J. Fessenden.
1901. William J. Fessenden.
1902. William J. Fessenden.
1903. William J. Fessenden.
1904. William J. Fessenden.
1905. Arthur M. Seekel.
1906. Arthur M. Seekel.
1907. Arthur M. Seekel.

Capt. Thomas J. Mersereau (also spelled 'Mesereau') was of Battery B, 3rd NY Light Artillery Regiment during the Civil War.
MERSEREAU, THOMAS J.—Age, 29 years. Enrolled, October 23, 1861, at Springport; mustered in as second lieutenant, Co. K, October 23, 1861, to serve two years; mustered in first lieutenant, September 3, 1862; appointed regimental adjutant, December 24, 1863; mustered in as captain, Battery B, August 25, 1864; mustered out with battery, July 13, 1865, at Syracuse, N. Y.; commissioned second lieutenant, March 12, 1862, with rank from, December 16, 1861, original; first lieutenant, May 21, 1862, with rank from April 10, 1862, original; captain, August 12, 1864, with rank from June 22, 1864, vice J. E. Ashcroft, mustered out.

