

## NAPOLEON LODGE NO. 216

NAPOLEON ( GLENEOR P.O. R.F.D. 1 ) GALLATIN CO., KY.

Received dispensation prior to August 1851. Chartered August 27, 1851.

## GORDONSVILLE LODGE NO. 217

GORDONSVILLE, LOGAN CO., KY.

Chartered August 27, 1851. Reports twenty-three members.

## PHILIP SWIGERT LODGE NO. 218

FISHERVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Chartered August 27, 1851.

## UNION LODGE NO. 219

UNIONTOWN, UNION CO., KY.

The first record made by this Lodge, July 27, 1850, reads as follows:

"Agreeably to a dispensation from the W. G. Master, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky authorizing and assembling the Ancient York Masons of this town and vicinity and to P. M. Henry B. Eaty directed the following brethren met:- H. B. Eaty, P. M.; I. T. Berry, P. M., H. D. Edwards, P. M. At the same meeting Wm. Tightmaster was given the Past Masters Degree. A lodge was then opened on Masters degree with the following brethren present: B. M. Berry, D. S. Brooks, Wm. J. Kidd, Jas. W. Berry,

Jno. Greenfield, Wm. H. Wheeler, Geo. Payne, T. M. Ingram, and Jno. W. Berry. Wm. Tightmaster, who was appointed under dispensation, was then installed Master. The by-laws of Morganfield Lodge, No. 66 were adopted "except such parts as may relate to name, place and time of meeting". The third Friday of each month was adopted as the time of meeting. The next meeting was held on August 16, 1850, and B. M. Berry, S. W., Solomon Sizemore, J. W., Wm. Kidd, J. D., Thos. Ingram, Sec'y and Treas., all being named under dispensation, were installed in their respective offices, the other officers were, as the minutes show, "unavoidably detained". Five petitions were presented for membership, as follows: N. Guynn, A. J. Harris, Isaac Wilcox, J. B. Churgon, Jas. B. Molchon.

The charter is dated August 27, 1851, Lexington, Kentucky, showing the following Grand Lodge officers: J. M. McCorkle, Grand Master; Charles G. Wintersmith, Deputy Grand Master; Thomas Ware, Grand Senior Warden, Thomas Todd, Grand Junior Warden, Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary, and was printed by Hodges, Todd and Pruett, printers.

The following meeting under charter was held October 3, 1851, and the following officers were installed: Wm. Tightmaster, Master, B. M. Berry, Senior Warden, N. Guyn, Junior Warden, W. J. Kidd, Junior Deacon, James Greenfield, Secretary and Treasurer.

On June 4, 1852, an account of \$30.50 for jewels was allowed and these are still in use. They were stolen by a negro soldier during the war and were offered to a druggist, who was a Mason, in Vincennes, Indiana, who questioned the negro and learned from



whence they had come. The druggist then wrote to the Secretary of Union Lodge, No. 219, and returned the jewels.

DE MOSS LODGE NO. 220  
DE MOSSVILLE, PENDLETON CO., KY.

De Moss Lodge No. 220 was organized at Grassy Creek on December 21, 1850, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge with eight members. The following were chosen the first officers: C. F. Violet, W. M., G. B. Mullins, S. W., J. L. Belew, J. W., Aaron Thrasher, Sec'y, L. Cornelius, Treas., R. McNay, S. D., R. Mullins, J. D., Wm. Bonar, Tyler.

The first regular meeting of the lodge was held January 18, 1851, at which time there were received the petitions of Mathew Mullins, L. Shoemaker, Stephen Mullins, and Andrew J. Kidwell. Of these Andrew J. Kidwell, is still living and is a regular attendant of the lodge meetings, he has missed less than fifty meetings in a period of sixty-five years.

The lodge was organized under a charter October 18, 1851, with a membership of twenty-two.

In 1853, the lodge moved from Grassy Creek to 4 Lock, Kentucky, (now Butler), while a new hall was being erected in the town of DeMossville. In September, 1853, the hall was completed and occupied and remained the meeting place of the lodge for a period of sixty years.

In 1913, this old hall was sold to the L. & N. R. R. Co., and a new and up to date meeting place erected in which the regular communications of the lodge are held

ROARING SPRING LODGE NO. 221

ROARING SPRING, TRIGG CO., KY.

Granted a dispensation in 1849, renewed in 1850. Chartered August 27, 1851, became defunct October 8, 1888.

ORION LODGE NO. 222

FALMOUTH, PENDLETON CO., KY.

Orion Lodge No. 222, F. & A. M., located at Falmouth, Pendleton County, Kentucky. Meetings held Friday night on or before the full moon.

The dispensation was granted for Orion Lodge U. D. by Grand Master J. M. S. McCorkle, March 7, 1851, upon the petition of J. I. Hudnall, Reuben McCarty, Alfred Moore, A. R. Northrup, A. F. Monroe, Henry Bird, Samuel Mack and A. B. Hustler, and thereunder commission was given Rev. W. H. Forsythe and Thomas Ware to assemble the brethren comprising said Lodge, and organize the Lodge under dispensation, which was done on April 3, 1851, at Falmouth, Ky., and installed James I. Hudnall, Master, A. R. Northrup, Senior Warden, A. F. Monroe, Junior Warden, Reuben McCarty, Secretary, Samuel Mack, Treasurer, and Henry Bird, Tyler.

The Lodge worked under dispensation until August 27, 1851, when a Charter was granted to Orion Lodge No. 222, which was organized September 12, 1851, by Thomas Ware, then Senior Grand Warden, as proxy of Grand Master McCorkle, who installed the following officers: J. I. Hudnall, Master, A. R. Northrup, Senior Warden, A. F. Monroe, Junior Warden, S. Th. Houser, Secretary, Samuel Mack, Treasurer, and



John E. Records, Senior Deacon. At this meeting F. W. Minturn was duly elected and initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and he is at this time an honored member of this Lodge, and the only person now living that was associated with Orion Lodge at the beginning, and now its oldest member in point of years of life.

The Holy Bible used by the Lodge at its institution was presented by the ladies of the community who felt an interest in its members and the welfare of Masonry.

The Lodge has continued to be active in labor to the present, the membership at this time consists of sixty-nine Master Masons, two Fellowcrafts and three Entered Apprentices.

COMPASS LODGE NO. 223

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

At a meeting of Master Masons held at the Masonic Hall in the City of Louisville, State of Kentucky, June 26, 1851, present: Pre's: Nicholson Fury, E. S. Craig, W. A. Hauser, Isaac Griffin, Harry Hudson, T. B. Johnson and others.

Harry Hudson by authority of the Grand Master took the chair, and by his request, T. B. Johnson and H. S. Thomas acted as Wardens, and Fred. Webber, as Secretary.

A dispensation was then read by the Secretary authorizing the members named therein to form a Lodge.

It read as Follows:- In the name and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

To all whom it may come, Greeting. Whereas a petition has been presented to the undersigned Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Kentucky by Bros. E. S. Craig, Isaac Griffin, W. A. Hauser, Nicholson Fury, Fred. Webber, John M. Farrar and William Cromeey.

Brethren of the society of ancient York Free and Accepted Masons residing in the town of Louisville and its vicinity County of Jefferson, and state aforesaid, praying that they be authorized to organize and proceed to work as a Lodge and being recommended by Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 106 and it appearing to be for the benefit of the craft in general as well as for the aforesaid brethren that their prayer should be granted:

Be it known that by virtue of the power in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower our worthy Bros. aforesaid to form, open and hold a regular constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted ancient York Masons in the town of Louisville, County of Jefferson, and state aforesaid, to be designated and known by the name and style Compass Lodge No. 223 under dispensation, thereby enjoining it upon all, true and regular Constituted lodges of Free and Accepted ancient York Masons. To respect and acknowledge them as such, and vesting them with power and authority to open and hold a lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, and thereby to confer upon worthy applicants the several degrees aforesaid, to receive members, to make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem expedient for their good government, not inconsistent with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge aforesaid and not otherwise. I hereby appoint Bro. E. S. Craig, Master, Isaac Griffin, Senior Warden, William A. Hauser, Junior Warden, of said lodge, hereby commanding and requesting the said Master, Wardens and Brethren to keep a faithful record of their



proceedings from time to time as they occur so far as they should be committed to writing, to correspond with the Grand Lodge aforesaid at their next annual Grand Communication to be held at Masonic Hall in Lexington, on the last Monday in August next, until which time this Dispensation shall continue in force and no longer. And lastly, the Master Wardens and Brethren aforesaid, do by accepted hereof solemnly engage strictly to conform to all of the foregoing requisitions and commands, and at all times acknowledge themselves subordinate to, and recognize the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, in testimony whereof I have hereunto my name and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed. Attesting by the Grand Secretary this the 19th., day of June, 1851, A. L. 5851.

(s) John S. McCorkel, Grand Master.

(s) Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

( Seal )

When the foregoing had been read, Past Master Harry Hudson proceeded to install the following officers:- E. S. Craig, W. Master, Isaac Griffin, S. Warden, W. A. Hauser, J. Warden, Fred Webber, Secretary, William Cromey, Treasurer, J. M. Farrar, S. Deacon, N. Purey, J. Deacon.

On August 30, 1851, the Charter of this Lodge was received and Secretary appointed a committee to procure a frame for the same.

On September 10, 1851, J. J. Simpson, J. E. Robinson, W. E. Robinson and Ham Deinneg received the M. M. Degree. They being the first to receive the M. M. Degree after the Charter was granted.

WILLIS STEWART LODGE NO. 224

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Stewart Lodge U. D. Chartered August 27, 1851. Reports two hundred and forty-five members.

YORK LODGE NO. 225

HOPKINSVILLE, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation 1849, renewed August 1850. Chartered August 27, 1851. December 23, 1857, by joint request this Lodge was merged into Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37.

MITCHELL LODGE NO. 226.

KEENE, JESSAMINE CO., KY.

Chartered August 27, 1851, became defunct July 10, 1886.

MUHLENBURG LODGE NO. 227

SOUTH CARROLLTON, MUHLENBURG CO., KY.

Granted dispensation 1849, renewed 1850. Chartered August 27, 1851, became defunct October 20, 1864.

BEWLEYVILLE LODGE NO. 228

BEWLEYVILLE, BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

Chartered August 28, 1851. Burned June 1866. New charter granted October 18, 1866. Burned March 1907, new charter issued October 15, 1907. Reports sixty-seven members.



McAFEE LODGE NO. 229,  
CORNISHVILLE, MERCER CO., KY.

This Lodge was chartered August 25, 1851. William Driskill the first Master, John R. Duncan, first Senior Warden, John W. Eastern, first Junior Warden, all three of them long since dead.

In July, 1913, the Lodge building with all of its records and properties were destroyed by fire. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge the following October a new charter was issued in lieu of the one destroyed, and with new furniture and supplies the Lodge is actively at work.

The present Master, who has many times served the Lodge in this capacity, is S. P. Debaum, eighty-three years of age, and made a Mason in this Lodge in 1854. He still retains his Masonic interest and is loved and honored by all the men of the Lodge.

JAMES MOORE LODGE NO. 230  
PEE DEE, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

James Moore Lodge, No. 230, was organized and set to work under the name of Moore Lodge U. D., in 1850. On April the 10th., of that year, Grand Master John D. McClure appointed James Moore, A. H. Phelps and J. F. Buckner, or either of them, to install the officers, and set the Lodge to work; at the house of R. S. McReynolds, on May 10, 1850, Deputy Grand Master, James Moore, met the following brothers at the above named place: F. H. Trice, George P. Street, Gano Henry, J. W. Dupey, W. H. Dupey and J. C. Prewitt, and organized the Lodge, installing the following officers: F. H. Trice,

W. M., George P. Street, S. W., Gano Henry, Sec., A. C. Coffee, S.D. F. Snow, J. D. At that time R. S. McReynolds was not a Mason, but at that meeting his petition for membership by initiation, with that of his brother, Oliver, was presented by F. H. Trice. May 11, (the Lodge having been called from labor to refreshment until 3 P. M. the next day,), the following officers were installed. James Wallace, J. W., and James B. Carloss, Tres. Gano Henry presented the petitions of J. C. Whitlock and D. K. Turner, for initiation.

At the next stated meeting, June 7, and 8th, R. S. McReynolds and J. C. Whitlock were initiated, passed, and raised under a dispensation from the Grand Master.

August 21, 1850, a committee composed of George P. Street, R. S. McReynolds and Gano Henry were appointed to contract for the building of a Masonic Hall over a Church being built at that time, near Street's School House. At its dedication the latter part of 1851, this building was christened Concord Church. The Masons moved into this hall early in the year 1852. The Lodge increased in membership rapidly. At every stated meeting petitions were received, and frequent called meetings were held to do the work.

September 2, 1852, a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge. On September 24, 1852, the Lodge was duly organized, and set to work under the Charter and name of James Moore Lodge No. 230

The Lodge prospered and gained in membership until the breaking out of the Civil War. During the periods of 1861 to 1865, the meetings were irregular, and little work was done; many of them members lost interest in this Lodge, and it was found difficult to revive interest in Masonry at this place. During the summer of 1865



a Church was built at Pee Dee, Christian County, on the Hopkinsville and Linton road, about five miles from Concord. The few brethren who had remained loyal, and had striven to keep up an interest during the Civil strife, that had proved so disastrous, thought a change of location might be best for the Lodge. Consequently, they contracted for and had built a very substantial Hall over the Church at Pee Dee, which Hall is still used by them as a meeting place.

Possibly no Lodge in the State has been composed of men of higher grade than James Moore from its organization. It is interesting to the later generations to look over the register of this Lodge, and see the names of practically all the good and substantial citizens who lived within a radius of ten or twelve miles of it enrolled among its membership.

After moving from Concord to Pee Dee, the Lodge prospered and did good work for many years; but the scythe of time and the creation of other lodges in the community reduced its ranks until today the membership is weak in numbers but strong in Masonic faith and practice.

Past Grand Master W. W. Clarke was made a Mason in this Lodge, receiving the Masters degree July 13, 1872.

BEAR WALLOW LODGE NO. 231

HORSE CAVE, HART CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852, and set to work in a house of its own costing about \$500 and situate in the village, which before

the arrival of the white man had been Bruin's cooling ground, which fact gave the name to the settlement. The Hall was dedicated by Past Master W. B. Allen.

In 1866 the Lodge was moved to Horse Cave and now reports a membership of eighty-one.

DYCUSBURG LODGE NO. 232  
DYCUSBURG, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

Dycusburg Lodge was organized under the dispensation of July 26, 1851, and was granted a charter by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on September the 2nd., 1852. The first charter granted to the Dycusburg Lodge No. 232, was signed by Charles G. Wintersmith, Grand Master, and Thomas Ware, Deputy Grand Master, also by Thomas I. Todd, Sr. Grand Warden and W. M. Smith, Jr. Grand Warden, on September 2, 1852.

The first officers installed for this Lodge were: William Redd, Master, Hiram H. Smith, Sr. Warden, William W. Moore, Jr. Warden, Alfred Brock, Sec'y, Theodore Vosier, Treas., Theophilus Cooksey, Sr., Deacon, John B. Doom, Jr., Deacon, and John C. Graham, Steward and Tyler.

The first petitions received by this Lodge were those of W. H. Goldman and George M. Marshall, who were Entered Apprentices of Koppa Lodge, having been demitted from the Joppa Lodge No. 167, praying to become members of this Lodge.

Theodore Vosier at the same meeting presented the petitions of A. F. Dunn and W. H. Hollinsworth praying to become Masons. At this meeting Theophilus Cooksey, Theodore Vosier and Hiram H. Smith



were appointed as a committee to formulate and draft a code of by-laws for the Lodge.

The first Masonic Hall was built at Dycusburg by Theophilus Cooksey in the month of November, 1851, soon after the Lodge had granted the dispensation. The old inkstand from which the old goose quill pen dipped the ink that recorded the proceedings of the first meeting of this Lodge, together with the old sword and working tools that were wielded on that first meeting may be found in the archives of the Lodge as mute witnesses of the day and event.

Theodore Vosier, T. C. Campbell, J. H. Clifton, Owen Boaz, and J. R. Clifton were and have been faithful and devoted members of this Lodge for more than forty years, and have always been valued and efficient workers of the Lodge, standing as did Saul of olden times, head and shoulders above their fellowmen.

The present Masonic Hall at Dycusburg was erected in the year of 1904, by the younger Masons and since that time has been equipped with a new set of working tools and has done a good work. The Lodge has a membership of twenty-one members, owns its own hall and has no debts whatever against it. It meets regularly on Saturday night on or before the full moon of each month.

RIGHT ANGLE LODGE NO. 233

CLAY CITY, POWELL County, KY.

Right Angle Lodge No. 233 was organized March 14, 1851, under the name of Red River Iron Works Lodge No. 233 in Powell County, Kentucky, where Clay City now stands.

The Lodge was set to work by R. Apperson, acting as proxy of

James S. McCorkle, then Grand Master of Kentucky, John Vosir, S. W., James F. Means, J. W., W. A. Deshon, Sec'y. All the above named brethren were from Montgomery Lodge No. 23.

The following brethren composed the new Lodge and officers:

W. A. Lawell, W.M., James G. Broughton, S. W., Samuel Williams, J. W., David R. McKinney, Sec'y, Samuel J. Vaughn, Treas., Robert Farney, S. D., Josiah J. Vaughn, J. D., Elijah Vaughn, Tyler.

George W. Bush, late of Winchester Lodge No. 20, was also present at this meeting.

This Lodge was moved from Powell County, Kentucky, to Log Lick, Clark County, Kentucky, June 23, 1866. Moved from Log Lick, Kentucky, to present location in 1870. On December the 28th., 1870, the lodge was burned down with all its contents, only having met there once, which was the day before, being the 27th.

In 1870 the present Hall was built and on the 23rd., day of September, 1871, the name of the Lodge was changed from Red River Iron Works Lodge to Right Angle, its present name.

The Lodge was dedicated on the 23rd., day of September, 1871, by R. W. Charles Eginton, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Since the organization of the Lodge it has had thirty-three Masters, of this number sixteen are still living.

NOLIN LODGE NO. 234

NOLIN, HARDIN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation 1850, renewed August 1851. Chartered September 2, 1852. Local meeting place changed 1863. September, 1872 Lodge room burned. In 1884 charter destroyed. February 5, 1889 Lodge



became defunct.

HAMPTON LODGE NO. 235  
CATLETTSBURG, BOYD CO., KY.

Granted dispensation prior to August 1851, which at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1851, was renewed. The Lodge was chartered September 2, 1852. In 1878, this charter, with the building owned by the Lodge, was destroyed by fire. October 25, 1878 a new charter was granted it. This Lodge has a membership of one hundred and forty-two and is one of the most influential lodges in that section of Kentucky.

Judge Laban T. Everett, a Past Master of this Lodge, has always taken prominent part in the councils of the Grand Lodge where his opinions have always had great weight. He was selected by the Grand Master as one of the Grand Lodge Commission to determine the manner and place of celebration to be held in commemoration of the Bi-centennial of organized Masonry, and he was one of the five who made the celebration at Crab Orchard June 23, 1917, in honor of that event, one of the most imposing Masonic celebrations ever held in the State.

LEITCHFIELD LODGE NO. 236  
LEITCHFIELD, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Granted dispensation prior to August 1851. Chartered September 2, 1852, the officers being publicly installed by Grand Master Charles G. Wintersmith. The present membership is eighty-seven.

## HARVEY MASON LODGE NO. 237

DUBLIN, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852. In 1854, the Charter was surrendered.  
The Lodge bore the name of one of its charter members.

## ADAIRVILLE LODGE NO. 238

ADAIRVILLE, LOGAN CO., KY.

Adairville Lodge No. 238 F. & A. M., was chartered and set to work September 2, 1852, under the following officers: Rev. Thomas G. Gooch, Master, D. N. Hardy, S. W., B. F. Hurt, J. W., L. B. Rouse, Sec'y, R. M. Shackelford, Treas., Edmund Burr, S. D., Joseph B. Paisley, J. D., Sterling Davis, Steward & Tyler. The following composed the Master Masons of this Lodge in 1852, J. M. Jones, J. C. Hickman, A. Burr, H. K. Drury, S. L. Morgan, A. L. Smith, Wm. H. S. Stark, J. W. Irwin, S. G. Campbell, J. J. Lowry, R. H. Henderson, Rev. Wm. B. Harris, C. W. Paisley. The last named being an Entered Apprentice. The Lodge became defunct in 1904, September 28th.

November 13, 1911, the present Lodge with the old number was set to work by John G. Ornderff, Past Grand Master. The following composed the officers, T. P. Posey, Master, W. A. Browning, S. D., John E. Russell, J. D., G. H. Smith, Tyler, S. T. Benson, Treas., G. T. McLean, Sec'y,. The original petitioners are as follows, T. P. Posey, J. S. Gilbert, J. F. Angles, J. E. Russell, G. H. Smith, J. G. Traughber, S. T. Benson, G. B. Rush, W. A. Browning, G. T. McLean, R. L. Morrow.

The Lodge now has thirty-seven members who are loyal to the



support of the Lodge. The Lodge rents its meeting place, which is over the Peoples Bank and a very nice one it is. The Lodge is out of debt and has a nice little bank account, it is in a flourishing condition. The members of No. 238 feel proud of the condition and growth of their Lodge and justly so.

ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 239  
LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

St. George Lodge, U. D., was instituted at Masonic Hall on the 1st., day of October, 1851, and having been granted a dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Master C. G. Wintersmith, was put to work by Past Grand Master Charles Tilden, assisted by Jacob Owen, S. W., and Henry N. Gray, J. W.

The first officers appointed were as follows: W. G. Rooker, W.M., J. C. Ford, S. W., George Starky, J. W., George Monsarrat, S. D., Wolfe Samuels, J. D., John Hardin, Sec'y, B. M. Crump, Treas., A. D. Ehrich, Tyler.

The action of the Grand Master in granting the dispensation was approved by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication the following year, when a charter was issued. Under date of September 13, 1852, the lodge was duly set to work by P. G. M. Willis Stewart, who by right of the authority vested in him by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, installed the officers, conducted them to their respective stations and duly proclaimed this as ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 239 F. & A. M.

By the charter granted Wm. Riddell was appointed Master, C. H. Fry, S. W., and S. D. Cross, J. W. At the first regular

election of officers held on December 28, 1852, Wolfe Samuels was elected Master, C. H. Fry, S. W., and D. R. Young, J. W.

The period immediately following the granting of the charter was marked by a lack of interest upon the part of the members which was not only manifested by want of the working spirit, but it also made it necessary at quite a number of its early meetings to call especial attention to the fact that the attendance was discouraging, that the financial condition was distressing, and that the prosperity and even the very existence of the lodge was dependent upon the correction of these defects or failure would result. At various times, it became necessary for the individual members to make personal contributions to the lodge so that it could be financed in its enfeebled condition. It was even discussed as to whether or not the Charter should be surrendered and the Lodge discontinued, but after strong and vigorous debates, it was decided to continue the Lodge and try to improve its conditions. This wise counsel of its founders and early members has been amply justified and vindicated in the present condition of the lodge.

After the first few years of its existence, the affairs of the lodge seemed to take on new life and prospered. The membership increased rapidly, the working spirit was instilled by officers especially suited, enthusiasm was aroused, and in a few years the Lodge became one of the strongest and most prominent factors in Masonic affairs in the State as well as in the City.

When the question was considered as to the advisability of building a Masonic Temple at Fourth and Jefferson Streets in the City of Louisville, the Lodge approved of the plan and left its aid



and efforts and endeavors to the fraternity to see the plan consummated, and even went so far as to borrow itself the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars to be donated for the benefit of a Masonic Temple and after the sale of the first Masonic Temple and the erection of the present one, this Lodge bought liberally of the bonds of the new building.

When called upon to assist in the organization of the Masonic Widow's & Orphan's Home, it was one of the first to come forward, not only with advice and co-operation, but also with strong financial aid, and we find that the members contributed liberally and participated in the many bazaars, theatrical entertainments and various means used and approved by the Masons to raise funds for this building, of which we are now so justly proud.

The Lodge participated at the laying of the cornerstone of the Home, and at various times during the erection of the building when funds became scarce, and were badly needed, subscribed for additional life memberships.

One of the most active members upon the Board of Directors of the Home and who afterwards served as President was Past Master Jacob F. Weller, who remained upon the Board until the time of his death on February 2, 1903. This Lodge has furnished three presidents and a secretary to the St. John's Day League, which has contributed to the Home and other Masonic Charities. One of its members has also served as President of the local Masonic Board of Relief, and is today one of its most zealous and enthusiastic workers.

The information gathered from the records makes it evident that

after its early struggles the Lodge by the efforts of its members and officers worked its way to a sound financial condition, thereby making itself capable of contributing largely and liberally to various charities. Whenever the occasion arose or demanded it was ever ready to do its share in relieving others. At the time of the yellow fever epidemic in the South, the fire in Chicago, the earthquake in San Francisco and other catastrophes, the contributions of this Lodge towards the relief of the various calamities were prompt and generous.

The average attendance of St. George's Lodge in proportion to its membership at the present is perhaps not surpassed by any lodge in the State, more especially at the conference of the Masters degree, when the capacity of the Blue Room in the new Masonic is usually taxed to overflowing.

The officers, assisted by the Degree Team have gained a State wide reputation for the exemplification of the Masters degree, and have been called upon by many lodges to confer this degree for them.

The younger members can always be depended upon to carry their share of the work and labor of the lodge; they are given an opportunity to assist in conferring any and all the degrees. As an example of the enthusiasm and proficiency shown, one of the members at the age of twenty-five as acting Master, assisted by his brother aged twenty-seven, as acting Senior Deacon, raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason their father, aged sixty-one. This unusual occurrence demonstrates the kind of material of which this Lodge is composed.



St. George Lodge No. 239, while now one of the oldest in the State, having borne with the other earlier lodges the brunt of maintaining the dignity of the Masonic Fraternity, spreading Brotherly love and truth, teaching and standing for truly Masonic principles in the City and State, shows yearly a steady increase and a natural growth and is today in a prosperous and flourishing condition, being, as always, ready and willing to assist and aid in any truly Masonic undertaking.

ST. MARY'S LODGE NO. 240

CONCORD, LEWIS CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852. Burned 1877, new Charter issued October 18, 1877, reports a membership of fifty.

TYLER LODGE NO. 241

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

This Lodge was chartered September 2, 1852, and was named in honor of Levi Tyler, Past Grand Master, who was beloved by the people of Louisville for his upright, unselfish, manly life. The Lodge surrendered its Charter in 1854.

In November, 1858, a dispensation was granted to Tyler Lodge U. D., which was mostly composed of the defunct lodge of this name. October 20, 1860, a Charter was granted restoring the old name and number. On October 20, 1860, the Lodge went under and the number has since been vacant on the Grand Lodge register.

CANTON LODGE NO. 242

CANTON, TRIGG CO., KY.

Canton Lodge No. 242, located at Canton, Trigg County, Kentucky, was organized in the autumn of 1851, through the instrumentality of J. E. Thompson, of Cadiz, and a Mr. Weller of Princeton. A dispensation was granted by Charles G. Wintersmith, Grand Master, under which the lodge labored until the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in August 1852, when the first charter was granted with Lemuel Sills, W. M. Kinchen Battoe, S. W., W. L. Friqua, J. W., and Robert Shaw, Secretary. In 1863 the charter having become defaced, a new one was granted October 21st. It is not now known where the Lodge held its meetings in the early days of its existence, at some time a room was fitted up over the village school room at a cost of \$200.00, which served as a meeting place for many years. In January, 1879, this building was destroyed by fire together with all the records and furniture of the Lodge. At the Grand Lodge, October 21, 1879, a new charter was granted. On October 24, same was issued by Jake Rice, Grand Master, Wm. C. Meffert, G. S. W., G. D. Buckner, G. J. W., and Hiram Bassett, G. Secretary, with the following officers: Lafayette R. Wallis, W. M., James H. Lackey, S. W., Cullen T. Bridges, J. W.

A vacant house was purchased and an upper room was fitted up which was used for a meeting place until 1890, when the entire building was wrecked by a storm. Since that time the Lodge has never been able to own a hall.

Since the destruction of their lodge room in 1890, they have been



meeting in a room over the store of Mr. W. J. Fuqua.

Canton Lodge has had several gloomy periods during its existence, yet it has ever been found ready to dispense its charity to the extent of its ability. It has a life membership in the Widow's and Orphan's Home, has had two orphans and one widow in Home since its organization. It has had the honor of making many good Masons. Among the Past Masters now deceased and worthy of mention are Lemuel Sills, Alfred R. Wallace, Wm. Martin, Joseph G. Sumner, Robert W. Mize, Cullen T. Bridges, W. D. Lancaster, James Battoe, Z. T. Thompkins.

BEDFORD LODGE NO. 243  
PARIS, BOURBON CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852. Henry R. Orr, being the first Master named in the Charter. The Lodge became defunct October 18, 1866.

GREENVILLE LODGE NO. 244  
GREENVILLE, MUHLENBURG CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852, became defunct October 20, 1864.

POND RIVER LODGE NO. 244  
GREENVILLE, MUHLENBURG CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1864. Reports a membership of one hundred and thirteen.

CARRELL LODGE NO. 245  
BLUE LICK, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

Carrell Lodge, situated at Mitchell's Mills, Blue Lick, Kentucky, being the Post Office, was chartered September 2, 1852, and continued until January 6, 1880, when it surrendered its charter.

HOPE LODGE NO. 246  
LITTLE ROCK, BOURBON CO., KY.

Charter members of Hope Lodge No. 246: W. P. Bramlett, W. Master; A. Roby, Senior Warden; L. P. Letton, Junior Warden; E. D. Payne, Secretary; Joseph Gibson, Treasurer; John T. Miller, Senior Deacon, John P. Wilson, Junior Deacon; James Donell, Steward & Tyler. A. D. Jan. 30, 1852.

In the conception and achievement of a Widow's and Orphan's Home, the first in America or Europe, by Kentucky Masons, none were more devoted and loyal to that splendid charity than Hope Lodge No. 246. When the movement was inaugurated in 1869, the Lodge assessed its friends \$100.00, and the individual members contributed a like sum. Every later assessment met with her hearty support and approval and every dollar voted was promptly paid. And now with the historians impartial pen we emphasize the fact that a representative of Hope Lodge at Grand Lodge 1892 session originated the legislation which resulted in the increase of the assessment from fifty cents to one dollar, which simply doubled the income of the Home and assured a competency for its support. The handsome sum of \$198.50 was also contributed to the Old Masons Home at Shelbyville, Kentucky, showing faithfulness and consistency



in the discharge of every Masonic charity.

Some years ago a representative of Hope Lodge at the Grand Lodge, single handed - without one word of encouragement or nod of approval from any brother, attempted the task of reducing the mileage paid delegates to Grand Lodge, and secured a reduction of one cent each way. This in the aggregate amounts to quite a sum annually, a saving to the Home on the basis then of 23000 members, over \$1200.00 yearly. On present membership 43000 - doubled. Past Grand Master Leathers pronounced this the only instance of reduction of mileage rates on record in secret societies.

Flat Rock Lodge No. 101 defunct had her representatives in the galleries of the Grand Masters. Hope Lodge, her successor, has impressed herself upon the legislation of the Grand Lodge with no representative in Grand Lodge stations.

The most distinguished name borne on the rolls of membership of Hope Lodge is that of W. P. Bramblett, charter member and the first Master. He was entered, passed and raised at Daugherty Lodge No. 85 in 1847. From a Masonic compeer we have a brief estimate of his character and influence, "prompt and energetic, taking an active part in all discussions pertaining to lodge interests." His death was premature and his Masonic life was too brief for prominence. Early in his career he showed great fondness and devotion for military art, becoming a proficient in the militia exercises of the day. He was an officer in the Mexican war. Early in 1861 when it became apparent that the opposing sections of our common country were determined on submitting their differences to arbitrament of war, Captain Bramblett at the

head of his company became an integral part in the organization of the Fourth Regiment of Infantry Orphan Brigade of the Southern Tennessee Army. This Brigade of infantry achieved the most brilliant record of any similar organization in either army - North or South.

Captain Bramblett was a military genius. Two examples will demonstrate the affirmation. Whilst in camp on the Northern border of Tennessee in 1862 it was the nightly custom of the officers to discuss and outline the future campaign of the army to which they were attached and locate the great battle for the supremacy of the State. Opinions were various and divergent. Captain Bramblett alone was capable of outlining the future campaign of the army by affirming - to hold this State you must first evacuate it, concentrating your strength beyond its southern border and somewhere on that line the great battle will be fought - these three navigable rivers must be considered - we have no boats the Federals have. The battle of Shiloh fought on the Southern borders and the evacuation of the State preceding it proves the correctness of his views.

Another incident to the purpose quite foretelling the designs of the enemy, illustrative of his acumen. The battle of Murfreesboro fought early in January 1863. The two days fighting resulted in the Federals being driven from every position. The night after the battle Gen. Breckinridge was ordered to cross Stone River by Bragg and take position on opposite bank. The next morning a Federal Division was in full view on a level plateau some two miles away. Directly in rear of this command one mile or more



the hills arose to quite a height with a very heavy seemingly impenetrable undergrowth. General Breckinridge became suspicious. From his entire division he selected Captain Bramblett and his company to make a reconnoissance, the order was obeyed and report submitted. "You can readily force that command from its position but I suspect many pieces of artillery hidden in the dark recesses of those hills beyond," reported Captain Bramblett. These were prophetic words. Soon appeared a staff officer with a verbal order from Gen. Bragg to make the attack. The response came in ringing tones - My compliments to Gen. Bragg. Say this to him, I prefer the order to attack be reduced to writing. The written order was soon received and in due season the fight was made, the enemy driven from their position when opened from those brushy heights fifty pieces of artillery and in forty minutes eighteen hundred men were killed and wounded. Bramblett fell in this fatal charge badly wounded and was left on the field. During the night he was found by the enemy and taken to a temporary field hospital. The Federal surgeons had been engaged all day up to twelve o'clock at night in the humane efforts of their profession mitigating, if possible, the horrors of war. One of these angels of mercy on leaving hospital quarters for his own for a well earned partial rest heard a distinctly low acclamation - the Masonic words of distress which attracted his attention at once and repairing to the spot inquired "Who are you?" "I am Captain Bramblett of Fourth Kentucky Infantry, Hanson's Brigade. Will you please examine my wounds and tell me if they are mortal?" The Federal surgeon proved to be a

Masonic brother and at once was in full sympathy with his wounded foe, had him taken within the operating tent, hastily examined and dressed his wounds. Captain Bramblett was stiff from cold and the loss of blood, the surgeon humanely administered a generous measure of whisky, had him placed on a bed of ungermed cotton with new army blankets sufficient if possible to make him comfortable. The surgeon promised his fallen brother to probe his wounds with the assistance of a medical attendant the first thing in the morning, took his departure with the assurance that he had rendered the best service possible. Sometime during the early morning he was put aboard a train en route for Nashville. Some days after Dr. Hicklan, the surgeon, was ordered to the city to take charge of a hospital. On assuming the charge among its inmates he discovered his wounded brother of the battlefield of Murfreesboro. The hospital was so crowded the citizens of the city were invited to take the Southern wounded to their homes. A Mrs. Payne, an old friend, formerly from the village of Flat Rock, applied to Captain Bramblett to take him to her home where he could have better attention, he responded, "No, the Federals have me a prisoner badly wounded; their duty is to care for me, and I am not willing to relieve them by taxing you. Mrs. Payne insisted. The Captain was immovable. She repaired to the Surgeon and both appeared at the cot of the wounded soldier. Under the persuasion of each, he consented. The Surgeon gave him every attention. Some days after the transfer it became apparent to the watchful eye of Mrs. Payne that her friend was in a rapid decline, she determined he should not die on Federal



blankets and in the act of substituting her own it aroused his attention. "What are you seeking to do Mrs. Payne?" "You are going to die Captain Bramblett and I do not want you to die on these blankets." "Make no change now, they have saved my life on the battlefield and I prefer to die on them". A last tribute to his brother in Masonry, Surgeon Hicklan. Thus cross over the river all that was mortal of W. P. Bramblett, first Master of Hope Lodge No. 246.

The facts relating to Captain Bramblett from the time he became a wounded prisoner up to his death at Nashville are from the pen of Dr. Hicklan, a Federal Surgeon from Illinois in an article contributed to the Confederate Veteran, Nashville, Tenn.

Hope Lodge now owns and occupies a new hall of brick and metal roof, gas fixtures for light and well furnished, free from debt. Her last returns to Grand Secretary, 1914, shows a membership of fifty three (53).

FREDONIA LODGE NO. 247

FREDONIA, CALDWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

Fredonia Lodge was organized under dispensation granted by the Grand Master of Kentucky, about February 1852. His action was approved by the Grand Lodge at Lexington, Ky., at its annual meeting the following September 2, 1852; and the Lodge was given the numerical designation of Fredonia Lodge No. 247.

The charter was signed by the following Grand Officers:

Charles C. Wintersmith, Grand Master, Thomas Ware, Deputy Grand Master, W. M. Smith, Junior Grand Warden, and P. Sargeant (in

another place the name appears as P. Swigert) Grand Secretary.

The first officers of Fredonia Lodge U. D., were, Rev. W. C. Love, Master. J. H. Maxwell, Senior Warden, W. D. Kirkpatrick, Junior Warden, R. S. Debson, Treasurer, R. R. Bush, Secretary, Wm. Asher, Steward and Tyler, T. B. Johnson, Senior Deacon, W. S. Johnson, Junior Deacon, five of whom were physicians.

The first meeting was held at the residence of Dr. T. B. Johnson, March 6, 1852, where they formed a procession and marched to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the town of Fredonia. After an elegant address by S. N. Davis, and J. C. Weller, the officers of the Lodge were publicly installed by J. C. Weller, Deputy Grand Master, pro tem, after which the Lodge returned to T. B. Johnson's residence and partook of a sumptuous repast prepared for the occasion by the good wife of Dr. Johnson.

The Lodge was incorporated in February, 1867, under the laws of the State of Kentucky.

The Lodge adopted the by-laws of Clinton Lodge No. 82 with the exception, that the meetings be on Monday after the first Sunday. A committee was also appointed to contract for and build a hall. For some time meetings were called very often.

On March 31, 1852, two petitions were received and the candidates initiated April 1st., the same candidates were passed, and on April 2, both were raised, (the by-laws having been suspended requiring a lunar month to elapse on account of an emergency) April 5th.

Members of the following Lodges were frequent visitors to this Lodge: Clinton No. 82 (15 miles), Salem No. 81, (15 miles),



Suwanee No. 190, (15 miles), Cadiz No. 131, (30 miles).

The first election of officers was held on September 10, 1852, which resulted as follows: T. M. Rankin, Treasurer, R. R. Bush, Secretary, T. B. Johnson, Senior Deacon, W. S. Johnson, Junior Deacon, D. D. Maxwell and S. M. Miller, Stewards, R. D. Johnson, Tyler. These were duly installed September 16, 1852. The Master and Wardens having been retained by virtue of the charter September 2, 1852.

On August 8, 1853, the delegate to the Grand Lodge was instructed to vote against the motion to change the time and place of the meetings of the Grand Lodge from Lexington to Louisville in February to the second Monday. He was also instructed to vote in favor of allowing \$1.50 per diem during the sitting of the Grand Lodge, in addition to mileage; also to vote for the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge "requiring all petitions for initiation or membership to be referred to a committee, and lie over one lunar month before action."

The first hall for the Lodge was built by D. A. Butler and was received by the Lodge February 6, 1854. This building was continuously occupied by the Lodge until May 1899. The Lodge being financially unable to rebuild, or complete the necessary repairs, the building was sold and removed. Since that time the Lodge has been located in rented quarters.

On October 8, 1855, Robert Morris, the able editor of the American Freemason, presented to the Lodge a neatly bound copy of the same, which was ordered to be received, and deposited in

the archives of the Lodge.

The first celebration of St. John the Baptist was observed June 24, 1857. Rev Wm. Randolph preached the sermon and Past Grand Master Marcus Tyler made an address.

On November 8, 1858 resolutions of respect were adopted on the death of Past Grand Master Marcus Tyler, and the brethren were ordered to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

No minutes appear from July 7, 1862 to July 11, 1863. During this time the jewels of the officers of the Lodge were lost.

The years of 1864 and 65 were the most prosperous the Lodge ever enjoyed. In 1864 there were thirty one meetings and T. B. Johnson, Master, presided twenty three times. In 1865 there were thirty two meetings and W. C. Love, Master, presided each time.

On November 15, 1871, Past Grand Master E. S. Fitch made an address before the Lodge in behalf of the Widow's and Orphan's Home and Infirmary, to be located in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. The Lodge voted \$200.00 to the building fund of the same.

On May 15, 1891, the Lodge voted to celebrate St. John the Baptist's day June 24th., which plan was carried out proving the greatest day Fredonia Lodge ever had, from fifteen hundred to two thousand people being present to hear the eloquent addresses delivered by the Rev. J. W. Bingham of Henderson, Ky., and Rev. H. C. Yates, of Vincennes, Indiana, and others. The success of which depended largely upon the untiring efforts of Rev. M. E. Chappell, Master, and the assistance of the brethren, with the co-operation of Clinton 82, Bingham 256, Liberty 580. Most all the lodges between Henderson and Princeton on the railroad, also



a number of inland lodges were represented.

On May 8, 1914, the Lodge began to consider the propriety of another celebration of St. John the Baptist's Day June 24, 1914. About twenty-four lodges were invited to participate in the festival occasion but few responded. There were three Chautauquas within the bounds and severe drouth in the land, and very little encouragement was expressed by the other lodges. Nevertheless Fredonia Lodge decided to celebrate the day, which plan being carried out proved to be a good day to more than six hundred people. J. B. Baker, of Princeton, made an eloquent address in the forenoon. In the afternoon James F. Price, of Marion, Kentucky, preached an excellent sermon, followed by an eloquent address by J. A. Bennett, of Utica, Kentucky. The day was observed by the business men closing their places of business from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fredonia Lodge, like all others, has had its years of adversity, and prosperity, barely escaping the relinquishment of its charter in the year of 1887. In the year of 1906, the Rev. D. P. Campbell, J. I. Loyd and C. B. Loyd met, opened the lodge a sufficient number of times to hold the charter, the latter two advancing the money to pay the Grand Lodge dues. Since that time the Lodge has gradually taken on new impetus and at the present time is in a prosperous condition.

William Calhoun Love, the first Master of the Lodge, was born in Knox County, Tennessee, March 9, 1798. His father was of Scotch descent though a native of South Carolina. His mother was Irish.

The family started out to find a home in the West, the father

leaving his family in Knox County, Tennessee, while he went forward to find a location; during his absence William C. was born. Shortly afterwards they came to Kentucky and settled on the Donaldson Fork of Tradewater river (then Christian County), now Caldwell, County. He was by profession a surveyor. As soon as his family was settled, he started again on his profession. The next year he was surveying on Tradewater river in Christian County where he was captured and killed by the Harps, near the Harps Head forks of the road. This occurred the day before that notorious band was captured and the leader's head cut off and stuck upon a pole at the forks of the road that bears the name. This was in the year 1799. Thus William C., was left fatherless at the age of one, with a widowed mother to undergo the privations of a frontier life, which afforded little if any advantages for an education. He, however, gathered from such sources as the country afforded, sufficient knowledge to equip himself with the essentials of surveying, which profession he followed through life.

He heard the call of his country, and enlisted as a private soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of New Orleans, January 8, 1815.

He was married twice; the first time in 1817, second time 1838. By the two wives he had seventeen children.

He moved from Kentucky to Tennessee, during the year 1821, and lived near Trenton, Gibson County, Tennessee. Although at that time there were no organized counties in that part of Tennessee. He moved to Tipton County during the year 1836. The next year, 1837, he moved to Piney Fork Camp Ground (then in Livingston County), now Crittenden County, Kentucky. During the year 1844 he moved to



Caldwell County, where he resided up to the date of his death which occurred April 18, 1872.

He professed religion during the year 1828, and united with the Cumberland Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a candidate for the holy ministry and was ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1835, serving the church faithfully until he heard the call "come up higher".

He was initiated, passed and raised in Paris Lodge No. 55, of Paris, Tennessee, in 1827. Paris being fifty five miles from his residence, he was compelled to ride that distance to receive his lectures. Soon after receiving the degrees he called for a demit and assisted in organizing a lodge in Trenton, Gibson, County, Tennessee. After removing to Caldwell County, Kentucky, he assisted in organizing Fredonia Lodge No. 247 and was its first Master, which position he held at several different times.

On April 2, 1852, he was made a free member of this lodge on account of being a Minister of the Gospel.

ASHBYSBURG LODGE NO. 248

ONTON, WEBSTER CO., KY:

Chartered September 2, 1852 and set to work at Ashbysburg.

In 1900 the lodge was moved to Onton in the same County and has now a membership of thirty-nine.

## HENRY LODGE NO. 249

CAMPBELLSBURG, HENRY CO., KY.

Henry Lodge No. 249 was organized in 1851 with W. L. Davies first Master, Dr. F. J. Yager, Junior Warden. Lodge room was destroyed by fire in 1896, together with all records, charter and paraphernalia. New charter granted same year, with W. T. Chilton, Master. The Lodge has continued to meet regularly since and is now in a prosperous condition.

## PIKE LODGE NO. 250

NEWTOWN, SCOTT CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1852. Dabney Gains the first Master. Became defunct October 21, 1861.

## GRADYVILLE LODGE NO. 251

GRADYVILLE, ADAIR Co., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853. October 22, 1868, the Lodge was moved to Miltown. October <sup>21</sup> 1, 1895, moved back to Gradyville. Charter burned in 1871 and new one issued.

## C. S. HOFFMAN LODGE No. 252

NEBO, HOPKINS CO., KY.

C. S. Hoffman Lodge No. 252, was organized as Hoffmanville Lodge No. 252, at Hoffmanville, about two and a half miles North of Nebo, on the Morganfield road, in the year 1852, and worked under



dispensation granted by Grand Master C. G. Wintersmith, until August 31, 1852, when the Lodge was granted a charter with the following officers and members: M. B. Winstead, Master, A. B. Herralson, Senior Warden, H. N. Grace, Junior Warden, W. H. Winstead, Treasurer, C. S. Hoffman, Secretary, W. C. Langley, Senior Deacon, S. G. Cox, Junior Deacon, John W. Cox, Steward and Tyler. Master Masons were as follows: P. B. Winstead, L. C. Simms, John B. Cargile, W. W. Langley, G. N. Shackelford, and F. D. Clayton.

The first lodge room was a two story log building, the lower floor being occupied by C. S. Hoffman as a general store room, and the upper story by Hoffmanville Lodge, each party owning their respective rooms. The exact location of this lodge room is at the old Wallace H. Barron's field, about 100 yards East of the Nebo and Vandersburg road, and nearly in front of Mrs. John E. Cates residence.

The Lodge remained at Hoffmanville until about 1858, when the lodge and store room were moved to Nebo and located where the Christian Church now stands. The lower floor was used as a school room and the Masons occupied the upper room. The Lodge remained here until June 1871, when the building and contents including charter and minutes were destroyed by fire. The Lodge was then granted a dispensation by Grand Master Charles Eginton, July 17, 1871, under which the Lodge worked until October 18, 1871, when a new charter was granted under the name of C. S. Hoffman Lodge No. 252 F. and A. M.

The members met on July 17, 1871, at the residence of G. A.

Eudaley, to devise ways and means to rebuild. (Mr. Eudaley is the oldest living member of the Lodge and then lived at the residence now known as the Ailsie Morrow place.)

From July 26, 1871, the Lodge met at the residence of Reuben J. Laughlin, until the new lodge room was completed in January, 1872. (Reuben J. Laughlin then lived at the two story brick now owned and occupied by Eli Cox). Here the Lodge has met for more than forty years, seldom ever missing a meeting. The second Saturday night is the regular meeting night and has been most of the time since the lodge was organized. The Lodge has not missed a meeting for more than thirty years.

In 1871 the Lodge and school bought two acres of land from John W. Bone and I. M. P. Stewart, the tract being on the East side of Bernard Street and about half way from the depot to Main Street, near the center of this tract the Lodge and school erected a two story brick building, the Lodge occupying the upper and the school the lower room. The Lodge and school has owned their property together since 1858.

CERALVO LODGE NO. 253

CERALVO, OHIO CO., KY.

Ceralvo Lodge was organized August 31, 1853, with thirty-three members, this being the oldest Lodge in Ohio County. It has once been destroyed by wind, it was rebuilt and then burned to the ground with all records June 6, 1897, but replaced by the present hall which is located on one of the high hills of Ceralvo.



The Lodge is in a prosperous condition with a membership of seventy-two.

MORSE LODGE NO. 254

MENELAUS, MADISON CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853, burned 1870, became defunct October 1870.

MT. GILEAD LODGE NO. 255

PULASKI, PULASKI COUNTY, KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853. This Lodge at an early day erected a suitable lodge building but neglected to secure a deed to the land which had been purchased and upon which the lodge building had been erected. The vendor of the building site, prior to the war, mortgaged for debt the entire tract of land from which it had been sold, after the Civil War the creditor enforced the mortgage lien and the Lodge property was sold with the balance of the land, and through neglect Mt. Gilead found itself without a home.

During the Civil War the records of this Lodge were all carried away - but later the charter was brought back under the cover of night. After losing their hall at Mt. Gilead the lodge was in 1875 moved to Science Hill, Pulaski County, and held the Lodge meetings in a rented hall for a time, and then built a Lodge room over the store of James Langdon which was destroyed by fire in 1891. For about a year the Lodge held its meetings

in vacant houses and school houses. In 1893, upon its own land was erected a store with lodge rooms on the second floor which the Lodge owns free of debt and in which the meetings are held at 2 P. M. on Saturday before the full moon.

BIGHAM LODGE NO. 256  
MARION, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

Bigham Lodge No. 256, was chartered August 31, 1853, with the following officers and members: J. S. Gilliam, Master, R. G. Stewart, Senior Warden, I. N. Clement, Junior Warden, Ewell Cruce, Secretary, Franklin Ford, Treasurer, John McDowell, Senior Deacon, William R. Asher, Junior Deacon, J. B. McMican, Steward and Tyler. Master Masons: R. M. Tetherington, M. V. Ragsdale, D. E. Carter, A. C. Gilbert, J. A. Hodge, Presley Cruce, W. W. Asher, J. M. Johnson, Randolph Noe, C. C. Cole, J. M. Fowler, M. Bristo, J. H. Travis, Daniel Travis.

Dr. John Bassett, of Providence, Kentucky, was the proxy of the Grand Master to install the officers and set the Lodge to work. The records of the beginning of this Lodge have been lost by fire and it is not known how it was organized, nor what Lodges the charter members came from. The Grand Secretary supplied the above list from the records of his office.

The Lodge was named in honor of Harvey Bigham, who was then a member of Salem Lodge No. 81, and who was the first County and Circuit Court Clerk for Crittenden County, after it was organized in 1842.

This Lodge held its meetings in the Court House until about 1856,



when a lot was purchased from J. S. Gilliam, at the corner of Main and Bellville streets, and a two story frame structure was erected. This building was destroyed by fire in 1869, charter and all records being lost. In the same year a two story brick house was built, and on October 31, 1869, a new charter was granted.

This building was burned October 1, 1895; charter again lost. October 16, 1895, a new charter was granted. In the winter of 1895-6 a new three story brick building was erected. This building, together with practically the entire business section of Marion was wiped out by fire on Tuesday, March 28, 1905, charter and existing records being saved.

A handsome three story brick temple now stands on this memorable corner as a monument to the many worthy brethren who so faithfully labored for the upbuilding of this Lodge in its early days, who have "crossed the bar", among whom are: W. H. Asher, I. N. Clement, J. M. Fowler, A. C. Gilbert, J. M. Gilbert, M. G. Gilbert, Albert Gilliam, W. H. Rochester, R. H. Stewart, Jas. H. Travis, T. J. Yandell, Sr., J. W. Blue, SR.,

Two of the oldest and most faithful members of this Lodge now living - P. C. Stephens and R. Ed Fowler - helped to erect the first lodge building in 1856.

M. G. Gilbert was the first person to be initiated, passed and raised in Bigham Lodge. Among the early initiates who are now living are: A. S. Threkold, of Fredonia, Ky., S. Hodge, of Princeton, Ky., and D. Woods, of Marion. Mr. Hodge was delegate to the Grand Lodge, in 1858, when it was moved from Lexington

to Louisville.

Bigham Lodge has always been a loyal supporter of the Masonic Wisow'a and Orphan's Home, the Old Masons' Home, and the Masonic Home Journal. It holds a life membership in the Widow's and Orphan's Home and has paid towards its support, exclusive of donations, nearly \$3,500.00. This Lodge has never had a ward in either of the Homes.

Judge T. J. Nunn, who rose to a place on the bench of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, and his son, Hon. C. S. Nunn, who has succeeded him on the same bench, are both Past Masters of Bigham Lodge.

The oracle of Masonry in Bigham Lodge, and in fact in Western Kentucky, is Past Master William D. Cannan. He has rendered an invaluable service to this Lodge during the past twenty years. Mr. Cannan is Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters.

J. Bell Kevil served this Lodge as Secretary continuously for nineteen years, when in 1912 he served his second term as Master. Among others who have been loyal members and energetic workers in this Lodge are T. Achison Frazer, C. D. Haynes, F. B. Heath, L. J. Randolph, C. W. Lamb, W. E. Potter, all past Masters.

On June 24, 1911, Bigham Lodge laid the cornerstone of the handsome new Methodist Church building in Marion.

On December 29, 1913, a public installation of officers was held in the auditorium of the New Methodist Church, at which the following officers were installed to serve during the year



1914: Robert E. Wilborn, Master, E. L. Harpending, Senior Warden, David B. Fohs, Junior Warden, W. D. Cannan, Treasurer, C. W. Lamb, Secretary, Aubrey Cannan, Senior Deacon, J. B. Wiggins, Junior Deacon, J. Bell Kevil, Chaplain, J. R. Summerville, E. Jeffrey Travis, Stewards, Creed A. Taylor, Tyler.

After the installation ceremonies a banquet was served in the basement of the Church.

Bigham Lodge is now in first class condition., It has a membership of one hundred and ten, owns lodge building and is well equipped in its Lodge room.

**LYNCHBURGH LODGE NO. 257**

**LYNCHBURGH, JACKSON CO., KY.**

Chartered August 31, 1853. Hugh Bracken the Master named in the Charter. Charter forfeited in 1855.

**EXCELSIOR LODGE NO. 258**

**LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.**

Excelsior Lodge No. 258, was chartered August 31, 1853. This Lodge has furnished to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home several of its directors and two of its presidents, and has always contributed liberally to the Home, of its means; at one time devoting its entire surplus funds to that purpose. Excelsior Lodge has always responded promptly and generously to any movement looking to the advancement of Masonry. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition with a membership of about three hundred, earnest

active men, representative of nearly every interest in the City of Louisville.

KEYSBURG LODGE NO. 259

KEYSBURG, LOGAN CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853. J. A. Hutcheson the first Master. October 13, 1858 Charter arrested by order of the Grand Lodge.

SPARTA LODGE NO. 260

SPARTA, GALLATIN CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853. Reports forty-one members.

TRUMBO LODGE NO. 261

WYOMING, BATH CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1853. B. D. Dixon first Master, became defunct in 1862. Revived October 2, 1868. Surrendered Charter July, 1883.

HUDSONVILLE LODGE NO. 262

HUDSON, BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

Hudsonville Lodge No. 262, located at Hudson, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, was granted a dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky October 26, 1852, with the following officers serving under the dispensation, R. E. Cox, Master, H. T. Lampton, Senior Warden, Z. Green, Junior Warden, E. H. Mercer, Treasurer,



William Crawford, Secretary, James Woodyard, Senior Deacon, Robert Heston, Junior Deacon, John Ganaway, Steward and Tyler. The charter was granted by the Grand Lodge at Lexington, August 31, 1853, Thomas Ware being then Grand Master, Thomas Todd, Deputy Grand Master, Marcus M. Tyler, Grand Junior Warden, Philip Sargeant, Grand Secretary. The following officers served the first year under the new charter H. T. Lampton, Master, Z. Green, Senior Warden, T. J. Hall, Junior Warden. This Lodge is out of debt, owns its own hall, has forty-six members and one charter member still living, E. T. Drane, who was initiated January 15, 1853.

MT. EDEN LODGE NO. 263

MT. EDEN, SPENCER CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1853. Reports seventy members.

BURLINGTON LODGE NO. 264

BURLINGTON, BOONE CO., KY.

After Burlington Lodge No. 56 surrendered its Charter, February 14, 1847, until October 8, 1853, there was no Masonic Lodge at this place. On the latter date a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in Burlington, Kentucky, with the following brothers present - David DeGarmo, Grand Master, Adam Finch, Deputy Grand Master, Henry Riley, Senior Grand Warden, John McDermott, Junior Grand Warden, George R. Hill, Grand Secretary, John H. Brooky, Grand Treasurer, Robert Hayden,

Senior Grand Deacon, S. S. Scott, Junior Grand Deacon, and J. Kirkpatrick, G. T. The Lodge officers were duly installed and the Lodge set to work at this meeting. The Lodge held meetings regularly and did quite a good deal of work until 1862, and from that time until after the war of the rebellion very few meetings were held, but the members met each St. John's Day, elected officers and paid their dues. During this period a number of her members were on the battlefield, some wore the Blue but more wore the Gray. Shortly after the War regular meetings were held and great work was done in assisting in restoring peace and harmony in the county. The Blue and the Gray met around her sacred altar, working together, for the Masonic cause, others seeing this gathered an inspiration from it and followed the example set by the Masonic Fraternity. As we read the roster of the lodge we find the names of men who were prominent in public life in the county, members of the General Assembly of Kentucky, and all of the public offices in the county.

One of her members, Judge John Morris Lassing has been a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. At the present time we find members holding the following offices: A. B. Rouse, Representative in Congress; W. D. Cropper, Sheriff; E. A. Conner, Deputy Sheriff, and N. B. Riddell, County Attorney.

Peace and harmony has prevailed in the Lodge from its organization to this hour. (See No. 56)



WEST UNION LODGE NO. 265

TURKEY FOOT, SCOTT CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1853. William Penn first Master, became defunct July 10, 1866.

ROBINSON LODGE NO. 266

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Robinson Lodge met for the first time on the East side of Eighth St., between Jefferson and Green streets, on September 23, 1852, under the dispensation of Grand Master Thomas Ware. It was set to work by Past Masters J. C. Robinson and Charles Tilden, with the following brothers present, J. C. Robinson, Hudnell, Griffin, Read, J. M. Smith, M. Cotter, George Meadows, H. Spillman, S. Trainor, T. R. Parent, P. C. Hoskinson, James Johnson, Charles Tilden, M. V. Watts, John Stevens, J. McBurnie, and Edward Fuller.

T. R. Parent was the first Master. On October 23, 1852, a copy of the constitution known as the Old Book of Constitutions was presented to the Lodge by R. Storey. By-laws were adopted on November 8, 1852.

The original Bible still in use by Robinson Lodge was purchased December 2, 1852.

On August 4, 1853 Robinson Lodge made application for Charter which was granted on September 15, 1853. Incorporated February 15, 1856; met in Falls City Hall, Market between 11th and 12th., November 21, 1872; met in Odd Fellows Temple, Walnut and Sixth

streets, November 18, 1886; met in Pfeister's Hall Market and 25th., streets, January 7, 1892; met in Hall at 17th., and Main streets August 7, 1902; purchased present Hall on South-west corner 17th., and Main, April 5, 1906. This building was dedicated to the use of Free Masonry in October, 1906, by John H. Cowles acting as proxy for Grand Master James Garnett.

Robinson Lodge to date is in flourishing condition, having three hundred and sixty members, all having that true Masonic virtue, charity, uppermost in their minds at all times.

McCORKLE LODGE NO. 267

BROOKLYNN, BUTLER CO., KY., (COGORS LANDING.)

Chartered September 1, 1853. Named in honor of J. M. S. McCorkle, the Grand Secretary at the time and Past Grand Master. Became defunct October 2, 1868.

Wm. B. ALLEN LODGE NO. 268

(PITMANS CREEK) SUMMERVILLE, GREEN CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1853, named for William B. Allen, Past Grand Master. The place of meeting was in the County Seminary Building in a room fitted up for the purpose at a cost of \$300.00. Lodge became defunct July 1, 1887.

DINWIDDIE LODGE NO. 269

BOWLING GREEN, WARREN CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1853, became defunct October 1, 1863.



## ROCHESTER LODGE NO. 270

ROCHESTER, BUTLER CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1853, became defunct October 22, 1868.  
Restored October 19, 1870. Reports fifty-five members.

## HILLSBORO LODGE NO. 271

HILLSBORO, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered September 2, 1853. Reports thirty-three members.

## CASSIA LODGE NO. 272

MORGANTOWN, BUTLER CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854, moved to Lebanon Church 1865. Moved  
back to Morgantown in 1868 and now reports a membership of  
seventy-one.

## ZEBULON LODGE NO. 273

PRESTONSBURG, FLOYD CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. Reports one hundred and twenty-one  
members.

## FOSTER LODGE NO. 274

FOSTER, BRACKEN CO., KY.

Foster Lodge No. 274, F. & A. M., Bracken County, Kentucky,  
was instituted and set to work under dispensation January 23, 1854,  
by the following deputy grand officers: J. N. Furber, Deputy

Grand Master, B. G. Willis, Deputy Grand Senior Warden; J. D. Weaver, Deputy Grand Junior Warden, P. H. Clayton, Deputy Grand Senior Deacon, Peter Demoss, Deputy Grand Tyler; all of Brooksville Lodge No. 154, Brooksville, Ky.; John Davis, Grand Junior Deacon, Thomas S. Turner, Deputy Grand Treasurer, Joseph Mains, Deputy Grand Secretary, of Demossville Lodge 220, Demossville, Kentucky.

The following demitted brethren were present: A. D. Moore, R. N. Huston, W. Thomas, J. W. Kendall, A. L. Pepper, W. S. Record, A. R. Longshore - whose demits are not on record.

The Lodge having been opened in due form on the Masters degree the following brethren were elected to fill the various stations and places: James W. Kendall, Master, A. L. Pepper, Senior Warden, W. S. Record, Junior Warden, A. D. Moore, Secretary, A. R. Longshore, Treasurer, R. N. Huston, Senior Deacon, W. Thomas, Junior Deacon.

August 30, 1854, the work of Foster Lodge U. D. was inspected and approved by Grand Lodge, after which a charter was issued, signed by the following Grand Officers: Thomas Todd, Grand Master, Marcus M. Tyler, Deputy Grand Master, D. T. Monsarrat, Senior Grand Warden, T. N. Wise, Junior Grand Warden, Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

The charter then granted is the same one that now hangs in the Lodge. It has never been renewed, revoked nor suspended.

The first ten years of its existence Foster Lodge No. 274 met in rented quarters and paid the rent. During this period Civil War and all that went with it raged in the land. However, the



Lodge met and brethren of opposite political views came together on a common level, and the record informs us that the Lodge never failed to make annual return and pay Grand Lodge dues. During those troublesome times the Lodge held its own.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge late in the year 1863 it was declared necessary to build a hall. Objections were urged, citing the high cost of material to support their objections. However, a committee was appointed and authorized to act. A suitable lot was secured and in connection with the School district a two story, frame building was erected, the upper room of which has since that date, 1864, been the home of Poester Lodge No. 274. Today, tho' fifty years have gone by since it was erected, it will not suffer when compared with the average rural hall. It still remains "plumb, level and square."

The building fund was raised in the usual way, by donation, taxation and "vexation", supplemented with a few pledges, these latter to be redeemed by fees and dues of those successful applicants who were expected later, and thus it happened that the Lodge ultimately got out of debt. After the hall was completed the membership grew quire rapidly for a few years. Then a gradual decline followed, caused by deaths, dismissions and suspensions for "n. p. d.". During this period the annual returns were below the normal.

From the record of the early years if its existence we infer that those old boys were a very zealous bunch of Masons. They seemed to think nothing of riding five or six miles to be on hand at every meeting of the Lodge, despite the fact that the

roads in those days were so-called solely out of courtesy. The weather seldom operated as a bar to their presence.

About the year 1868, the Grand Lodge began to suggest the advisability of providing a home for the widows and orphans of worthy Masons. The suggestion met with pretty general approval and in October, 1869, the cornerstone was laid in the midst of a severe snowstorm.

Thus the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., of the State of Kentucky set an example to the world, taking the initiatory in this method of dispensing Masonic charity. In this worthy cause Foster Lodge No. 274 joined to the extent of its ability.

E. S. Fitch, Past Grand Master, visited the Lodge in the interest of the Home in 1869, being the first Grand officer to cross its threshold. After this, however, J. W. Staton, of this County, was made Grand Master.

In January, 1889, Foster Lodge sent Fannie, Eliza J. and Frank Russell to the Home, they being the three oldest children of Thomas Russell, deceased, the widow electing to care and provide for herself and the younger children outside the Home.

From 1884 to 1890, the Lodge gained in membership but lost between 1894 and 1900, 'suspensions for "n. p. d." being the chief cause.

From 1900 to 1914 the record shows a steady gain, the added material measuring well up to the required standard.

Foster Lodge No. 274 has initiated, passed and raised and admitted one hundred and eighty-five members. The Lodge has extended local aid to the worthy distressed and withheld relief



from the unworthy.

AUSONIA LODGE NO. 275

FERGUSON, ( FORMERLY VOLNEY ), LOGAN CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. N. H. Waters first Master. Became defunct April 17, 1906.

TEMPLE HILL LODGE NO. 276

(ALAMO P. O.) CALLOWAY CO., KY.

Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 was chartered August 4, 1854, and the following are the officers and charter members: Thomas Dodd, Master, William Hatcher, Senior Warden, W. H. Cutchens, Junior Warden, William Hardy, Secretary, Howell Smith, Treasurer, Thomas Dunn, Senior Deacon, James H. Mooney, Junior Deacon, W. A. Walston, Steward and Tyler. Master Masons: E. W. Wilson, B. R. McNabb, W. Keys.

The Lodge has enjoyed a steady growth and the membership is about sixty. However it has had its ups and downs with the rest of the County lodges, it being one of the three surviving Lodges out of eleven that were chartered in Calloway County.

This Lodge has made about two hundred Masons and today is in the most thriving condition, more so than ever before in its existence. It owns its own hall and has no debts.

During the period of sixty years the lodge has had twenty one masters, ten of whom are now living.

J. A. Howlett, the present Master and oldest Past Master of

this Lodge having been a member forty-three years and served the Lodge officially thirty-nine years.

J. W. Wade, the present Secretary, has been a Mason eighteen years, and has served the lodge officially eighteen years.

The Hon. T. Rafe Jones, who now represents the County of Calloway in the lower house of the General Assembly was made a Mason in this Lodge and he still holds his membership here.

On August 1, the Lodge spread a barbecue and had one hundred and thirty-eight visitors with three different States represented.

EDMONDS LODGE NO. 277

GLASGOW, BARREN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation April 4, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854.

James P. Bates, first Master. First meeting held September 6, 1854. This Lodge co-operated fully and fraternally with Allen Lodge No. 24 in the same town.

October 19, 1865, it became defunct, leaving Allen Lodge No. 24, in full possession of that Masonic Jurisdiction.

MERIDIAN LODGE NO. 278

POPLAR PLAINS, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. J. C. Hardy first Master. Charter arrested October, 1897.



CHARITY LODGE NO. 279  
MAYSLICK, MASON CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854, as Murphysville Lodge No. 279.  
In 1861, the Charter was lost and a new one issued October 25,  
1867.

WOODBURY LODGE NO. 280  
WOODBURY, BUTLER CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. Moved to Morgantown, and in 1871  
moved back to Woodbury.

PRESTON LODGE NO. 281  
LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

In the latter part of 1853, Smith Gregory, H. F. Vissman, W. K. Thomas, Jeremiah Bush, Philip Husser, Taylor P. Smith, Alexander Stafford, Henry Koehler and J. T. Norwood, all of whom had demitted from the following Lodges, of which they had been members, viz: Abraham Lodge, No. 8, Clarke Lodge, No. 51, and Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 147, made an application to Thomas Todd, at the time the Grand Master of Kentucky, petitioning him to grant a dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be located in the eastern part of the City of Louisville. The prayer of the petition was granted, and thus was brought into being what has been proven to be one of the largest lodges on the American continent, at this time its numerical strength is twelve hundred, being the seventh largest

Lodge numerically in this country.

Preston Lodge, U. D., was organized in their hall on Main street, between Campbell and Shelby streets, on Thursday evening, January 19, 1854, and regularly constituted under dispensation by David T. Montserrat, Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge was chartered August 31, 1854 as Preston Lodge, No. 281, being named in honor of William Preston, a distinguished Mason, statesman, diplomat and soldier. He was a graduate of West Point, member of Congress, member of the Constitutional Convention in 1849, United States Minister to Spain under President Buchanan and a Major General in the Confederate Army.

Deputy Grand Master, Robert Morris, and Past Master Smith Gregory, organized the aforesaid members into a regularly chartered Lodge, installed the officers, and set them to work in ancient form and manner, and dedicated the hall to Masonry.

At the annual meeting held December 27, 1859, A. Y. Johnson, from the committee appointed by the Lodge to confer with the committee of LaFayette Fire Company in reference to the purchase of their hall and furniture, reported that said company had made a proposition to sell their interest in said property for the sum of \$400.00. On motion the committee was instructed to accept the proposition and buy the property. The committee closed the deal and bought the property, and the Lodge removed to the new hall in January, 1860. This proved to be a very wise move made by the Lodge, for by the purchase of the LaFayette Fire Company's interest in this engine house (which consisted of the third floor of said building), and the contents of their hall, it not only



enabled the Lodge to live free of rent, but gave them a home of their own under their exclusive control. The quarters they were now in possession of were far superior to those formerly occupied in Sommer's Hall, located on the same block.

The Lodge was called at 8 o'clock a. m., May 30, 1866, to participate with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and all Masonic bodies of the city in the ceremonies of unveiling the statue of the "Great Commoner", Henry Clay, Past Grand Master. The statue is of marble, life size, by Hart, and occupies the rotunda on the main floor of the Jefferson County Court House, and is a life like representation of the great statesman in the attitude of addressing the United States Senate.

The ceremonies of unveiling were of a very imposing nature. A choir of one hundred voices sang a poem written for the occasion by George D. Prentice.

At a stated meeting held May 15, 1867, the Lodge subscribed for three life memberships in the proposed Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary, amounting to \$300.00, which was the first subscription made by any Masonic body to this institution. With this action of the Lodge at that time, she enlisted for all time in this holy cause. She also gave the first subscription made by any Masonic body to the Endowment Fund, and the first free will offering to the Home, which has been continued for the past fifteen years, averaging about eight hundred dollars per annum, in addition to the Home assessment. The Lodge remodeled and put in first class condition the infirmary of the Home at an expense of \$3,000, and also put the first decorative

window into the Chapel of the Home.

The first celebration of St. John's Day in the interest of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home by the Lodges of the City of Louisville was held June 24, 1872. The celebration was a great success. More than forty-one hundred dollars was realized for the Home. Preston Lodge's membership and their ladies took a very active part, and the amount realized at their booths amounted to \$462.15.

The success of the first effort in the interest of this great charity proved to be an incentive to attempt greater things. The next year this entertainment netted to the Home the sum of \$15,945.05. Nearly \$3,000 of which was turned into the Finance Committee by Preston Lodge.

Preston Lodge, No. 281, December 27, 1873, was the scene of one of those incidents in the history of organizations where unremitting zeal and fidelity on the part of the presiding officer are marked by the substantial appreciation of the members. At six annual elections heretofore held, William H. Meffert had been elected Master. At the close of the installation ceremonies Charles R. Long, on behalf of the members of Preston Lodge, presented Mr. Meffert with a magnificent gold watch, chain and Maltese cross, costing \$300.

E. Y. Parsons, member of Congress and a member of this Lodge.

On June 2, 1875, a severe storm passed over our Home, situated in the southern portion of the city. The center building was blown down, causing a loss of about \$35,000.

A public meeting was called soon after the disaster and enough



money was subscribed to re-erect the building destroyed. Preston Lodge subscribed \$2,500. This amount was raised by a voluntary subscription made by the individual members of Preston Lodge.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary occurred at Oliederkranz Hall on Tuesday evening, January 21, 1879. The date of the founding of the Lodge is January 19th., and it coming on Sunday, the Lodge decided to celebrate on the date named. Elaborate preparations had been made for this great event. The entire building was secured for the occasion. It was suitably and handsomely decorated, so as to fittingly carry out the program arranged.

The celebration began with a grand concert at 8 P. M., in the large auditorium on the second floor. Schneider and Kerker's orchestra, number twenty-five pieces, occupied the stage. The musical program was superb and was admirably rendered. W. H. Meffert made a very elaborate address, giving a succinct history of the Lodge from its organization up to the present time. At the conclusion of the concert the assembly formed into line and proceeded to the lower hall to the banquet, at which were seated about six hundred members and their ladies.

On November 26, 1881, Grand Master W. H. Meffert prepared a circular letter relative to the fifty cent assessment for the maintenance of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home of the State of Kentucky, and had the Grand Secretary mail a copy of it to each Subordinate Lodge in the State so that the Craft at large could vote intelligently upon the proposition. After it had been sent out he learned that an effort was being made in

various parts of the State to defeat the measure. In order to circumvent this, and so that the large majority of the Craft, who do not attend the stated meetings of their Lodges regularly, should fully understand what the Home had accomplished and what its necessities were, he conceived the idea, and carried it into execution, personally addressing and mailing to each individual Mason in the State, outside the City of Louisville, a copy of this circular letter. By this method the Home's wants reached every Masonic family in this jurisdiction.

In 1892 it became apparent that the old building in which the Lodge had held its meetings for thirty-three years was becoming unsafe, and steps were taken by the Lodge to secure another home, either by purchase of a suitable building or the erection of a new one. At the stated meeting of the Lodge, held on February 1, 1893, the Master was instructed to call a meeting of the Lodge on February 10th. The membership were notified, and a called meeting, which was numerously attended, was held on the 10th., day of February in the Grand Consistory rooms in the Masonic Temple, Fourth and Jefferson streets, and opened on the third degree. The Master stated that the Lodge had been called for the purpose of considering the question of building a new hall over the proposed new No. 3 engine house. W. H. Meffert moved that a subscription list be raised for the purpose of building a new hall, the amount subscribed and paid in, by the members to be a gift to the Lodge, which motion prevailed. The Master appointed W. H. Meffert, H. C. Struss, I. A. Kelly and Joseph Laufer a committee to canvass the membership present.



A canvass was made and subscriptions secured from seventy members, amounting to \$1,350, ranging from the highest, \$300, made by Wm. R. Ray, down to \$5.

At the stated meeting, held April 5, 1893, Past Grand Master W. H. Meffert, Chairman of the committee to confer with the city authorities in reference to building the new hall, reported that the committee had succeeded in making a contract with the City of Louisville to build a third story on the new No. 3 engine house, to be the property of Preston Lodge, the Lodge agreeing to pay the sum of \$3,500 for same, the Lodge further agreeing to pay for all work on the interior not included in the specifications, and moved that the contract with the city be confirmed and the officers of the Lodge instructed to sign the contract and have the same recorded, which motion prevailed. On motion W. H. Meffert, John H. Laufer and Paul C. Barth were appointed a committee to direct the building of the new hall and to furnish the same.

At the stated meeting held September 6, 1893, W. H. Meffert, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported the new building would be completed and ready for dedication by October 16, 1893. On motion, October 16th was set apart for the dedication of the new home of Preston Lodge No. 281, and the Secretary instructed to communicate with the Grand Master, requesting the Grand Lodge to dedicate the same.

With imposing ceremonies Preston Lodge, No. 281, Free and Accepted Masons, took possession of their elegant new quarters at Main and Shelby streets, October 16, 1893, and they were

dedicated to Masonry by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky with the imposing ceremonies peculiar to our Ancient Fraternity.

Pursuant to call the Lodge met in called communication in the large hall at Masonic Temple, Fourth and Jefferson streets, at 7:15 P. M., and opened on the third degree. The attendance of members numbered nearly three hundred. The Master stated that the Lodge was called for the purpose of receiving the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and escorting them to the new hall for the purpose of dedicating same; after which it was announced that the Grand officers were in waiting. They were escorted into the hall by Past Grand Master W. H. Meffert, who presented them to the Lodge, and they were received with the grand honors of Masonry. The Master then requested the officers of the Lodge to surrender their stations to the officers of the Grand Lodge, which was done, J. Speed Smith, Grand Master, presiding.

A procession was formed and proceeded to the new hall, preceded by the First Regiment Band. Arriving at the Hall the Grand Lodge officers entered the Lodge room in procession in the following order: A brother bearing the Great Lights of Masonry, the Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, bearing vessels containing corn, wine and oil, and after marching around the hall three times the Grand officers took their stations.

The Building Committee then appeared in the center of the Lodge, and through its Chairman, Past Grand Master W. H. Meffert, reported that they had completed their labors, and hoped that the building would meet with the approval of the Grand Master,



to which the Grand Master responded, complimenting the Building Committee for the zeal and efficiency that had marked their labors, assuring them that they met the full approval of the Grand Lodge.

After the singing of a psalm, "How Good and How Pleasant it is for Brethren to Dwell in Unity", Past Master Hiram Roberts delivered an address.

Past Master John H. Laufer then stated that the members of Preston Lodge had contributed with great liberality to the erection and furnishing of the new hall, which would cost about \$6,000, but that, as usual in such cases, the cost had exceeded the estimates, and that about \$800 would be necessary to pay the debt incurred, and it was desired to raise this amount before the dedication. Thereupon a subscription was taken, and in a short time that amount was raised.

The ceremonies of dedicating the new Lodge rooms were then begun and concluded.

Preston Lodge was chartered August 21, 1854. It now has eleven hundred and sixty-five members - the largest membership of any Lodge in the State. It met for many years in a hall which stood on the same site as the present structure, but, having become unsafe, was pulled down and the new structure erected in its place.

At the stated meeting held February 21, 1894, Past Grand Master W. H. Meffert stated that Mrs. Susan P. Hepburn, sister of our brother, Gen. William Preston, for whom this Lodge is named, had visited and inspected the new hall on the day following its

dedication, and seeing that the old Bible, that had been presented by her illustrious brother to the Lodge at its organization, and which had been in use ever since, and on which for about forty years all of the members who had ever been initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason had been obligated, requested the privilege of having it rebound and its tattered leaves restored with the original print. Her request was granted, and now, on behalf of Mrs. Hepburn, he returned to the Lodge the old Bible, with all the tattered leaves restored and handsomely rebound, with a silver plate on its covering bearing the following beautiful inscription:

A SOUVENIR OF THE PAST  
 FROM  
 MRS. SUSAN P. HEPBURN  
 SISTER  
 OF OUR ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER  
 GEN. WILLIAM PRESTON,  
 AFTER WHOM THIS LODGE IS NAMED.

The Worshipful Master, Joseph F. Laufer, received the book with appropriate remarks and placed the same upon the altar.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held in October, 1898, Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith (now deceased) submitted a plan for the celebration of the Grand Lodge's centennial in October, 1900, the principal feature of which was to be the establishment of an Old Masons' Home, where the aged, indigent Craftsmen of Kentucky could spend their remaining days in peace, quietude and comfort. Preston Lodge, with her accustomed



zeal and generosity, subscribed \$1,000, and appointed a committee to canvass the membership and take subscriptions from them to this worthy charity. The amount subscribed and paid by Preston Lodge and its members, makes a total of \$2,919 paid to the Directors of the Old Masons' Home. Preston Lodge also fitted up the library in this institution.

January 3, 1894, a committee was appointed to have a portrait of Past Master W. H. Meffert painted and place the same in the Lodge room. At the stated meeting held February 21, 1894, I. A. Kelly, Chairman of the committee, reported that the committee, reported that the committee had discharged said duty and presented the portrait to the Lodge, and in a touching address referred to the great services rendered to the Lodge and Masonry in general by Past Grand Master Meffert.

Past Master Hiram Roberts, was a man of whom it can be said that the world is better off by his having lived in it. There is no estimating the great good he did the youth of Louisville. He was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties as a teacher and as principal of the Training School, which position he held from the organization of the school up to his death, a period of about twenty-six years. His memory will ever be cherished by thousands of men and women to whom he was guide and friend; very many of whom, by his advice and assistance, have attained and hold today positions of honor and trust, and so long as life lasts they will hold him in grateful remembrance.

The Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary. The entertainment,

one of the most elaborate ever given in Masonic circles in the city, took place at the Masonic on January 19, 1904. It was a event long to be remembered. The entire sixth floor, consisting of the Commandery rooms and the large assembly hall, together with the Lodge rooms, Chapter room and banquet hall on the fifth floor, were utilized for this mammoth entertainment.

The celebration began at 8 P. M., with a concert in the large assembly hall, which comprised the best musical talent in the city, together with a number of the children of "Our Home".

#### PROGRAM.

Quartette - From "Persian Garden"... ..Liza Lehman.  
 Solo - "Song of Joy" Wagner.  
 Song - "The Crows are in the Corn" Nine little girls and five boys  
 from the Home.  
 Address - Historical Sketch,... ..Past Grand Master W.H.Mefferert  
 Duett - "O, That We Two Were Maying".. ..Balfe.  
 Recitation - "A Troublesome Caller", Lula Burnett, from the Home.  
 Celloe Solo - (a) Romanzi,... ..Fisher.  
 (b) Spanish Dance.....Popper.  
 Recitation - "Take a Tater and Wait", Rhea Turner, from the Home.  
 Solo - "Spring Song".....Hawley.  
 Address - "Elucidation of Masonry", W. H. Bartholomew, LL. D.  
 Quartette - "The Miller's Wooing".....Eton Fanning.

There were present over sixteen hundred people, who, with few exceptions, compose the personnel of the Lodge's membership and their ladies.

Mr. Mefferert, in his address, gave a complete history of the doings of the Lodge during the half century of her existence.



After these exercises the vast multitude was taken in charge by the Reception Committee, consisting of twenty-five members, and the Floor Committee, consisting of fifty members, who ushered them into the Asylum Chapter and Lodge rooms, where receptions were held and an elaborate menu was daintily served.

The grand ball was inaugurated in the large assembly hall, where two orchestras, alternating, furnished delightful music for "the tripping of the light fantastic toe", indulged in until 3 A. M.

Everything passed off without a hitch, and a more delightful lot of people never assembled anywhere under one roof.

By action of the Lodge an arrangement was made for the membership and their ladies to assemble in the beautiful quarters of De Molay Commandery, No. 12, K. T., on the evening of June 15, 1911, to be entertained with a concert, refreshments and dancing, and to witness the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to each of the nineteen living Past Masters of Preston Lodge. More than one thousand people participated in the festivities of the evening, which began with a concert in the asylum, after which the jewels were presented by W. H. Bartholomew.

Preston Lodge - the largest in the whole Southland - has generously given to every Masonic enterprise and from her membership have been many selected to guide and control the Grand Lodge and its institutional enterprises.

The name she bears is an illustrious one and well has she lived up to it.

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EMINENCE LODGE NO. 282

EMINENCE, HENRY CO., KY.

Eminence Lodge No. 282, was chartered the 31st., day of August, 1854. The first officers were H. H. Hancock, Master, N. D. Porter, Senior Warden and O. Ford, Junior Warden. The officers of the Grand Lodge that year were Thomas Todd, Grand Master, Marcus M. Tyler, Deputy Grand Master, D. T. Monsurrat, Grand Senior Warden, F. N. Wise, Grand Junior Warden, and Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

The Lodge now has a membership of fifty-three. Henry S. Adams, the present Secretary, now in his seventy-sixth year, is the oldest member, having been made a Mason in 1865. He has served the Lodge as Master more years than any other member, in all sixteen or seventeen years.

The Lodge has furnished the Grand Chapter of Kentucky one Grand High Priest in the person of G. Allison Holland, and the present Grand King of the Grand Chapter, Dr. John W. Juett.

NEW RETREAT LODGE NO. 283

LOWES, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. In January, 1872, the Lodge had all its property and Charter destroyed by fire.

October 24, 1872, a new Charter was issued in lieu of the one destroyed; a new meeting place was erected, the Lodge resumed its labor and from that day to this has pursued a quiet uneventful course.

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RUSSELL LODGE NO. 284,  
JAMESTOWN, RUSSELL CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Jamestown Lodge U. D. Chartered August 31, 1854, as Russell Lodge No. 284, became defunct July 10, 1886. October 3, 1890, new Lodge organized under same name and number which now reports a membership of fifty five.

OAK GROVE LODGE NO. 285  
OAK GROVE, CHRISTIAN CO., KY., FORMERLY COOKS VALLEY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. F. F. Williams first Master. Charter surrendered about 1878 or 1879. W. B. Stubblefield of Concord Lodge No. 188, was appointed to wind up the business but he neglected to attend to it. At the time the Lodge went under it owned its own place of meeting which reverted to the Grand Lodge and which was by it reduced to cash.

NEWTON LODGE NO. 286  
BETHEL, BATH CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. Lewis G. Hicks first Master. Reports thirty-four members.

JAMES M. BULLOCK LODGE NO. 287  
CHRISTIANSBURG, SHELBY CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854, named for James M. Bullock, Past Grand High Priest. Charter forfeited by special order of the

Grand Lodge August 29, 1855, and Thomas Todd Lodge U. D., established there and given the use of its properties.

October 18, 1856, the Grand Lodge restored the Charter of 287 unchanged with its properties to the members of Thomas Todd Lodge U. D.

PEMBROKE LODGE NO. 288

PEMBROKE, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. R. Y. Pendleton the first Master. Reports thirty-four members.

ROB. MORRIS LODGE NO. 289

CONCORDIA, ( FORMERLY FLINT ISLAND ), MEADE CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. David Griggs first Master, named for Rob. Morris, at the time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. This Lodge became defunct October 2, 1868.

BIRMINGHAM LODGE NO. 290

BIRMINGHAM, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Chartered August 31, 1854. Laban S. Locker, first Master. October 23, 1867, became defunct. Charter restored 1868. Lodge properties burned 1885 and Lodge then became finally defunct.



MT. OLIVET LODGE NO. 291  
MT. OLIVET, ROBERTSON CO., KY.

Under dispensation issued December 20, 1853, this Lodge was organized January 5, 1854, at Mt. Olivet, then in Bracken County. The Charter was granted August 31, 1854.

In April 1856, an effort was started looking to the building of lodge quarters, and in 1859 the hall was completed. Here meetings were held until 1871, when the Lodge was moved into the second story of the County Court House. In 1916 this Lodge reported fifty-nine members.

DUNAVAN LODGE NO. 292  
BOSTON, NELSON CO., KY.

Dunavan Lodge No. 292 was organized in the early part of the year 1854 and received its Charter later in the same year.

The following being the charter members, viz: George W. Strickler, Master, Wilford L. Harned, Senior Warden, Wilford Lee, Junior Warden, Wm. Harned, Secretary, John W. Harned, Treasurer, Leonard Troutman, Senior Deacon, Henry Newman, Junior Deacon, Robert M. Prunty, Steward, and Tyler.

The first meetings were held in an unoccupied residence near Petersburg in Nelson County, Kentucky.

A two story building was later erected by the Lodge at Petersburg, the upper floor of which the Lodge occupied; the lower being used as a school room.

In the year 1876, the Lodge moved to Boston, Nelson County, Ky.

The meetings were held in the second story of a store building until the year 1902, when they purchased the hall over the Boston Bank.

The jewels now in use were found upon the battle field of Skiloh by Wm. Carlisle ( an Entered Apprentice), and presented to the Lodge by him.

YELVINGTON LODGE NO. 293

YELVINGTON, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered October 31, 1854. Defunct October 18, 1888.

JOHNSTON LODGE NO. 294

WEBSTER, BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

December 12, 1853, granted dispensation as Mt. Gilead Lodge U. D. Chartered August 31, 1854, and named for Robert Johnston, Past Grand Master. In 1854 the Lodge joined with the Methodist Church in the erection of a building for Church and Lodge purposes which was dedicated June 24, 1855, Robert G. Gardner being the orator of the day.

The Lodge became defunct October 20, 1887.

CUNNINGHAM LODGE NO. 295

BRIAR HILL, NEAR LEXINGTON, KY.

Granted dispensation August 1853. Chartered August 31, 1854.

J. M. Thompson the first Master, became defunct October 19, 1868.



## MULLEN LODGE NO. 296

RENAKER, HARRISON CO., KY.

Received dispensation prior to August, 1854. Chartered August 31, 1854, with place of meeting at Rutland. Lodge moved to Renaker in 1898.

## A. G. HODGES LODGE NO. 297

WHITESVILLE, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Granted dispensation, prior to 1854, under name of Bible Lodge U. D. Chartered August 31, 1854. Name of Lodge changed in 1874.

## J. SPEED SMITH LODGE NO. 298

WILLISBURG, WASHINGTON CO., KY.

J. Speed Smith Lodge No. 298 F. and A. M., located in Willisburg, Washington County, Kentucky, was instituted August 19, 1853, under the name of Pierce Lodge U. D., for Franklin Pierce (then President of the United States of America), by Past Grand Master Colonel George Breckinridge; with the following Charter members: George Breckinridge, of Flatrock Lodge No. 101, Milton Graham, of McAfee Lodge No. 229, James F. Wilson, McAfee, No. 229, Samuel D. McMillan, No. 101, Samuel D. Poor, McAfee No. 229, Berry Scruggs, Magnolia Lodge No. 201, Leonard Sea, McAfee No. 229, Benjamin H. Sea, McAfee No. 229, Henry Miller, McAfee No. 229, N. B. Griffin, McAfee No. 229, James Blackaby, Springfield No. 50.

The Lodge was chartered September 1, 1854 and named for Past Grand Master, Col. John Speed Smith, who was made a Mason in Richmond Lodge No. 25.

Past Grand Master George Breckinridge having become financially embarrassed by the crash of the early forties, after the sale of his vast land and slave property at Caneridge, Bourbon County, moved to and settled one mile South of Willisburg, Ky. There being no house of worship at Willisburg, he with such assistance as he could get, began the erection of a church house in Willisburg, with a Masonic Hall over it. Three years after, in 1853, Breckinridge secured the signature of the required number of Master Masons to a petition to Thomas Ware, then Grand Master of Kentucky, to grant them dispensation to open a Lodge of Masons in Willisburg, Washington County, Kentucky. The prayer of the petition being granted, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in Willisburg August 19, 1853. The following officers were elected and installed, viz: Milton Graham, Master, James F. Wilson, Senior Warden, Samuel J. McMullens, Junior Warden, Samuel D. Poor, Secretary, George Breckinridge, Treasurer, Berry Scruggs, Senior Deacon, Benjamin H. Sea, Junior Deacon, Leonard H. Sea, Tyler.

The Lodge used the Hall over the Church for seventeen years. In 1870 this partnership arrangement was ended and the Lodge under administration of Col. T. R. Phelps, as Master, went into business relations with the Common School District, and jointly built a schoolhouse and a Masonic Hall over it.

In 1898, Past Grand Master J. Speed Smith, Jr., offered a



resolution in Grand Lodge to have the mortal remains of Past Grand Master George Breckinridge removed from an open field, an unmarked, unkept grave, to Evergreen Cemetery, at Willisburg, Ky. The resolution carried. Grand Master Thompson appointed a committee of three to carry said resolution into effect. A committee from the Lodge unearthed the metallic case containing the remains of Past Grand Master Breckinridge, deposited it in a grave in the Willisburg Cemetery and marked the grave with a suitable stone.

In 1908 the Lodge dissolved the partnership with School District, took the unoccupied part of the lot on which the building stood, and going into partnership with the Fiscal Court of Washington County erected thereon a Court House for the Magisterial District and above it a Masonic Hall, 50x24 feet. The Lodge room is 40x24 feet and 11 feet to ceiling. Two ante rooms 12x10, the walls have been tastefully decorated and pictures of distinguished Masons hung thereon.

RAYWICK LODGE NO. 299

RAYWICK, MARION CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in August 1853. Chartered September 1, 1854. D. E. Ray, first Master, became defunct July 10, 1886.

JAMESTOWN LODGE NO. 300

WOODVILLE, McCRACKEN CO., KY. (FORMERLY NEWTON CREEK.)

Chartered September 1, 1854. L. F. Marshall first Master. October 24, 1872 name changed by Grand Lodge to that of Woodville

Lodge No. 300. October 3, 1890, became defunct.

ION LODGE NO. 301  
LITTLE HICKMAN, JESSAMINE CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854. Charter burned and new one issued October 21, 1869. Reports forty-six members.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 302  
MAYFIELD, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854, burned out 1879. New Charter issued October 24, 1879, burned again July 10, 1886, and no other Charter granted.

LEWISPORT LODGE NO. 303  
LEWISPORT, HANCOCK CO., KY.

Early in the year of 1853 a few individuals inspired by the grand principles of Free Masonry set about to organize a Lodge at Lewisport, Kentucky.

Having no place in which to meet and the few who were then members being so scattered, was a handicap to which, many less enthusiastic, less imbued with Masonic principles, and less firm in character, would have surrendered and abandoned the work. But not so with these. Brave and dauntless, they dreamed of nothing but the success they knew must crown their efforts.

During the year of 1853, and until September 1854, these gentlemen worked under the dispensation which the Grand Lodge of



Kentucky, had granted them. But on September 1, 1854, they were granted the Charter for which they prayed. The officers of the Lodge named in the Charter were M. B. Mason, Master, W. C. Pell, Senior Warden, and Isiah Ray, Junior Warden. The Lodge has no record as to who the remainder of the Charter members were.

An old red brick building with a hall above, and which stood on the bank of the Ohio river, was the first meeting place for Masons in Lewisport of which we have any account, the owner of this store is at present unknown. They met here for a short time and then moved to what is now known as the McGill house where they held their meetings until sometime in 1875 (an exact record cannot be found), during this year (1875) while there were only twenty Master Masons and two Entered Apprentices with a capitol of \$105.00 the upper room of a store building owned by two Lewis Brothers was purchased. Later the lower room was purchased by Wm. Pate for a drug store. This was the first temple owned by the Craft at this place. Many enjoyable evenings were spent at these various meeting places and much good was accomplished.

With a membership of only twenty-two and a capitol of \$105.00, when the first temple was purchased, the Craft slowly but gradually increased in membership and by conservatism they had gained some financially until 1906 the membership then being about forty and the capitol about \$200.00

On the night of April 26, 1906, J. B. Taylor, a fellow-craft, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Mr. Taylor

seems to have been a live wire and immediately on the night he was raised began the fight for a new temple. He made a very enthusiastic speech and in it donated one wall of the new temple. This speech aroused the entire Craft and liberal donations of from \$100 down were made. They received a total in donations of about \$1200. S. T. McGill, S. C. Howe, F. Leibovitz, J. B. Taylor and J. T. Blackford, were appointed as building committee, how well they did their work will be known when it is stated that the new temple was begun on August 11th, 1906, and was completed in all its parts and the first meeting held in it was a call communication by W. D. Narrington, W. M., on October 20, 1906, at which meeting Oscar C. Howe was given the M. A. degree.

The new temple is a modern building and was erected at a cost of about \$3800.00. The old temple was sold later for \$150.00. At the completion of the new temple in 1906, the Craft found their indebtedness to be about \$2600.00, but by skillful management and hard work, they have reduced the sum of \$1600.00. There is a lower room to the temple which is equipped and rents for a drug store for \$150.00 per year. There have been two expulsions from this Lodge, there have been several suspensions and death has claimed many, however the growth of its membership has been fairly rapid since 1906, the membership then being about forty while at present it is about sixty-five, the most of whom are very active.

The present officers are Dr. F. M. Sherman, Master, J. T. Blackford, Senior Warden, and Thomas Narrington, Junior Warden.



These brothers are very enthusiastic and are bending every energy to make Lewisport Lodge all that it was intended to be - a glory to God and an honor to the Craft.

BOONE UNION LODGE NO. 304

UNION, BOONE CO. KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854.

BOURBON LODGE NO. 305

NORTH MIDDLETOWN, BOURBON CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854. R. S. McGruder the first Master.  
Became defunct October 15, 1860.

GARRARD LODGE NO. 306

BUCKEYE, GARRARD CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in 1854. A. J. Harris named as Master of Buckeye Lodge U. D. Chartered September 1, 1854 as Garrard Lodge No. 306, became defunct October 15, 1860.

FORSYTHE LODGE NO. 307

RUDDLES MILLS, BOURBON CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Solomon's Lodge U. D. Chartered September 1, 1854 as Forsythe No. 307, became defunct October 10, 1883.

## FOREST LODGE NO. 308

BEVERLY, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854 and surrendered its Charter August 9, 1913. There was no money in the Treasury of this Lodge and very little property. Henry W. Young, late Master of the Lodge, was appointed to take charge of the property and dispose of it to the best advantage. He gave the matter careful attention, and on February 10, 1914, he forwarded a check for \$14.10, the proceeds from the sale of sundry articles, and shipped to the Grand Secretary's office that which could not be sold, such as Bible, setting maul, Wardens' column, etc.

## FITCH LODGE NO. 309

HOWES VALLEY, HARDIN CO., KY.

Granted a dispensation as Blue Bull Lodge U. D. Chartered September 1, 1854 as Fitch Lodge No. 309, Noah P. Williams being the first Master. October 25, 1867, the name was changed to E. G. Fitch Lodge No. 309, became defunct October 1879.

## CALHOUN LODGE NO. 310

CALHOUN, TRIGG CO., KY.

Chartered September 1, 1854. J. B. Hardy the first Master. The settlement from which the Lodge takes its name was named for a brother of John C. Calhoun.

This Lodge became defunct September 10, 1884.



HIGHLAND LODGE NO. 311  
WEST LIBERTY, MORGAN CO., KY.

Chartered August 28, 1855, became defunct October 20, 1864.  
Restored October 19, 1865, burned May 1867. New Charter  
issued October 24, 1867. Reports one hundred and sixteen  
members.

ROCKPORT LODGE NO. 312  
ROCKPORT, OHIO Co., KY.

Chartered October 29, 1855, as Paradise Lodge No. 312. Charter  
burned in 1876. New Charter issued October 20, 1876 and became  
defunct October 18, 1888. Charter restored October 9, 1891.  
Burned in 1893. October 17, 1893 new Charter issued under  
changed name of Rockport. On August 5, 1906, this Charter  
burned and new one issued October 17, 1906. It reports fifty-nine  
members.

FAITHFUL FRIEND LODGE NO. 313  
LOCKPORT, HENRY CO., KY.

Granted dispensation August 1854. Chartered August 29, 1855,  
surrendered Charter 1879. Charter restored October 18, 1882,  
became defunct in 1887.

CARLOW LODGE NO. 314

CARLOW, ( SEBREE POST OFFICE ROUTE 2 ), WEBSTER CO., KY.  
Chartered August 29, 1855. Reports sixty members.

KINGSTON LODGE NO. 315  
KINGSTON, MADISON Co., KY.

Kingston Lodge No. 315, was granted dispensation to work May 11, 1855. Hon. C. F. Burnam, proxy for the Grand Master, with the assistance of S. K. Turner, Wm. Chase, W. C. N. Broadus, C. Field, Jr., T. Burnam, Jr., O. C. McWilliams, J. R. Gilbert, set the Craft to work, the following brethren present: John W. Parks, Speed S. Clarke, Jefferson Williams, Reuben Monday, A. Barnett, C. S. Wilmore, Hardin Boulware, W. L. Moore, and W. W. Smith.

The following officers elected and installed were: John W. Parks, Master, Hardin Boulware, Senior Warden, W. L. Moore, Junior Warden, C. S. Wilmore, Treasurer, Wm. W. Smith, Secretary, Speed S. Clark, Senior Deacon, Reuben Monday, Junior Deacon, Jeff Williams, Steward and Tyler. John A. Jackson was first member initiated, July 2, 1855.

On September 8, 1855, at called meeting, the following officers were installed by John W. Parks, Past Master as set forth in Charter granted by Grand Lodge on 30th., of August, 1855, and known as Kingston Lodge No. 315: W. C. N. Broadus, Master, Hardin Boulware, Senior Warden, W. L. Moore, Junior Warden, C. S. Wilmore, Treasurer, W. W. Smith, Secretary, S. S. Clark, Senior Deacon, Reuben Monday, Junior Deacon, Jefferson Williams, Steward and Tyler, and confirmed by Hon. C. F. Burnam on September 22, 1855, at which time the elected officers received their charge.

W. C. N. Broadus was re-elected as Master for 1856, serving



the Lodge with faithfulness until succeeded by Hardin Boulware the next elected Master, who served the year of 1857.

Next elected Master, Major John D. Harris, served the Lodge with distinction for the years 1858 and 1859.

Joel W. Gibbs, was next as Master, serving one year 1860, followed by election of G. W. Ballew, who served 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, a space of five years with credit to himself and much good to his Lodge and community.

In 1866 John B. Buchanan was Master and served also in 1867, and 1868.

George W. Parks, elected Master December 28, 1868, serving the Lodge in 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, and re-elected, served also per year 1875. This good man today stands as one of the pillars of church work in his community, also having done a wonderful work for the Masonic Lodge, always ready and willing to donate the Lodge funds to charity - augmented by liberal donations from himself.

MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 316

MANCHESTER, CLAY CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in August 1854. Chartered August 29, 1855. John Dishman, the first Master. Lodge became defunct May 6, 1902.

RANDOLPH ROBINSON LODGE NO. 317

SALOMA, TAYLOR CO., KY.

Chartered August 29, 1855, became defunct October 18, 1866.

MARKS LODGE NO. 318

PLEASANT GROVE, (OWENSBORO P. O.), DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered August 29, 1855, burned April 1890, rechartered October 3, 1890, became defunct October 19, 1892. Charter restored by Grand Master December 1892. September 20, 1896, went out of existence.

MARK TYLER LODGE NO. 319

WALLONIA, TRIGG CO., KY.

Chartered August 29, 1855. In 1904 moved to Cobb, Caldwell County. In 1907 moved back to Wallonia.

JAMES F. KEEL LODGE NO. 320

CENTRE, METCALFE CO., KY.

James F. Keel Lodge No. 320, held at Centre, Metcalfe County Kentucky, on Saturday on or before the full moon in each month.

This Lodge was granted to work under dispensation in 1854, and granted a charter under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held at Lexington, Ky., on the 29th., day of August, 1855, with W. S. Yates its first Master, P. J. Snider, Senior Warden, and John L. Wilcoxon, Junior Warden. Then Centre was called Frederick,



and was in the County of Barren.

Since the Lodge was organized there have been two hundred members received into it and at present there is a membership of fifty-four.

James T. Thompson is the oldest Mason in the Lodge, being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 3rd., day of November 1865.

TOMPKINSVILLE LODGE NO. 321

TOMPKINSVILLE, MONROE CO., KY.

In 1855, dispensation granted to it in the name of Jackson Lodge U. D. August 29, 1855 chartered as Tompkinsville Lodge No. 321. J. P. Monroe being the first Master. December, 1887, the Lodge property and Charter were burned and on October 18, 1888, a new Charter was issued by the Grand Lodge in lieu thereof. The Lodge building was again destroyed by fire October 19, 1895, and the Lodge became defunct in October 1897.

ALMA LODGE NO. 322

CARMAGO, MONTGOMERY CO., KY.

Chartered August 29, 1855. Reports forty members.

LOVING LODGE NO. 323

FOUNTAIN RUN, MONROE CO., KY.

Loving Lodge No. 323, was organized in 1855 ; with the following

Charter members: W. M. Turner, Master, J. J. Calvert, Senior Warden, J. R. Duncan, Junior Warden, A. Driver, Secretary, A. P. Hughes, Treasurer, J. W. Calvert, Senior Deacon, E. Stewart, Junior Deacon, William Dunn, Steward and Tyler. Members: Joe Newman.

The Lodge was named for Judge Loving, of Bowling Green, Ky. At the second meeting the petitions of Dr. B. W. Stone and T. T. Chism for initiation were received, they were therefore the first members to be admitted into the Lodge.

A. P. Hughes, the last Charter member was buried by the Lodge April 5, 1913. M. J. Goad is the oldest living member. He was made a Mason in 1866.

During the fifty-nine years of the Lodge's existence there have been eighteen Masters.

The present officers are V. C. Landrum, Master, B. W. Downing, Senior Warden, R. D. Spillman, Junior Warden, J. B. Dossey, Secretary, B. D. Bray, Treasurer, J. R. Gregory, Senior Deacon, N. Y. Landrum, Junior Deacon, J. T. Barr, Steward and Tyler. The Lodge's existence has been one of peace and harmony, there having been only one expulsion.

The Lodge has helped to organize and furnish members for three Lodges.

The membership has been very good for a country Lodge, at one time nearly one hundred and is now fifty-three.

The Lodge owns its hall, a nice one situated over the Baptist Church, and is well furnished having an iron safe, an organ and a beautiful carpet etc., and is insured for \$1200.00.



The Lodge has had the pictures of its Past Masters enlarged and placed within the hall. The original Charter and all Lodge books since its organization are in a good state of preservation.

LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 324

LEWISBURG, LOGAN COUNTY, KY.

Chartered August 29, 1855, as Harrelsdaville Lodge No. 324, at Harrelsdaville, Butler County, KY. In 1861 it was moved to Henryville and name changed to Henryville Lodge No. 324. In 1875, the Lodge and Charter were burned and October 22, 1875, the Lodge was moved to Lewisburg and given its present Charter.

POAGE LODGE NO. 325

ASHLAND, BOYD COUNTY, KY.

Poage Lodge No. 325, was organized under dispensation on December 7, 1854, in an old building now owned by Dr. J. H. Wade. Charter was issued August 27, 1855. Since the organization of this Lodge, the members have met in three other halls, namely: Leffingwell's, the Veyssie Building, and the Coles Building, in which the meetings are now held. The Lodge has rented all these buildings, never owning a Masonic Temple. A. M. Schmauch, who for thirty seven years has served faithfully as Secretary of Poage Lodge, wears a medal of honor which was voted to him by Congress several years ago for heroic work at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

It is said that the storming party of which he was a member

was ordered into the town, and upon the refusal of the other members of the party to climb up a certain building to take their flag down, Schmauch climbed up amid a hail of bullets and reclaimed the Stars and Stripes. For this act he was by Congress awarded a medal and a letter of appreciation sent to him.

The jewels of Poage Lodge were stolen during the War and taken away, but were afterwards found and reclaimed.

Poage Lodge has at this time a total of three hundred and fifty members.

METCALFE LODGE NO. 326

BOTLAND, NELSON CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in 1855 as Marks Lodge U. D. August 29, 1855, granted its Charter. N. Marks being named as Master. The Lodge was named for William W. Metcalfe, Bardstown, Kentucky. October 22, 1868, the Charter was forfeited. A new Charter was granted October 17, 1871, and the Lodge became defunct July 10, 1886.

L. M. COX LODGE NO. 327

CROFTON, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Pond River Lodge U. D., at Pond River, Christian County, prior to August 1855. Chartered August 29, 1855 as L. M. Cox Lodge, moved 1860. Lodge room and Charter burned May 1903. New Charter issued October 21, 1903.



WAYNESBURG LODGE NO. 328  
WAYNESBURG, LINCOLN CO., KY.

Chartered August 29, 1865.

WOODSONVILLE LODGE NO. 329  
WOODSONVILLE, HART CO., KY.

Granted dispensation August, 1854. Chartered August 29, 1855,  
became defunct October 18, 1866. Charter restored 1867, and  
went out of existence October 21, 1888.

MIDDLETON LODGE NO. 330  
MIDDLETON, SIMPSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856, became defunct July 10, 1886.

T. M. LILLARD LODGE NO. 331  
VERONA, BATH CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856, burned 1860, new Charter granted  
in lieu thereof October 18, 1860, became defunct September 14,  
1885.

ANTIOCH LODGE NO. 332  
ANTIOCH CHURCH, BALLARD CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856, as North Ballard Lodge 332 at  
North Ballard. In 1862 moved to Antioch and name changed.  
Reports thirty-three members.

## PREACHERSVILLE LODGE NO. 333

PREACHERSVILLE, LINCOLN CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856. W. B. Pettus the first Master. October 24, 1872, the Lodge became defunct and its properties were given to Derrick Warner Lodge U. D., which had been organized at that place and which was later chartered as Derrick Warren Lodge 561.

## POINT ISABEL LODGE NO. 334

POINT ISABEL, PULASKI CO., KY.

Granted a dispensation in 1855. Chartered October 16, 1856, became defunct October 20, 1860.

## BEAVER CREEK LODGE NO. 335

JOHNSONVILLE, ANDERSON CO., KY.

Grand Master M. M. Tyler granted dispensation for Beaver Creek Lodge No. 335, at Johnsonville, Anderson County, Kentucky, and August 29, 1855, said dispensation was continued for one year. The Charter was granted as Beaver Creek Lodge No. 335, at Johnsonville, Anderson County, Kentucky, October 16, 1856. The Charter members and first officers were: T. R. Jordan, Master, J. A. Leathers, Senior Warden, G. S. Rose, Junior Warden, A. Leathers, Secretary, W. F. Tinsley, Treasurer, Albert Larway, Senior Deacon, C. L. Johnson, Junior Deacon, David Johnson, Steward and Tyler. And the Master Masons: John S. Vaughn,



G. H. Goodman, and J. Daniel.

These brethren continued harmoniously in their work for twenty-five years, adding to their number many good and prominent men.

Hon. Wm. Neal, Dr. E. E. Hume, represented the County in the State Legislature.

One of the most prominent members of the Lodge who has a National reputation, is the Hon. Champ Clark, known in his youth as Jim Clark.

He sent in his petition, recommended by Hon. Billy Stevens and Dr. E. E. Hume, before he was twenty-one, on the 7th., day of March, 1871, but was twenty-one when initiated in March; he was passed in April, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in May. He was born March 7, 1850, in Anderson County, Kentucky. He was educated in the Common Schools, Kentucky University, Bethany College, and Cincinnati Law School; taught school at Camden and other places in his native County, and in 1873-74 was President of Marshall College, West Virginia, the youngest College President in America. He was a hired farm hand, clerk in a country store, edited a county newspaper, and practiced law, moved to Missouri in 1875. He was city attorney of Louisiana and Bowling Green; deputy prosecuting attorney Presidential Elector, and prosecuting attorney; Vice President of Denver Trans-Mississippi Congress; member of Missouri Legislature in 1889-90; author of Missouri's anti-trust statute and the Missouri Australian ballot law; permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention, St. Louis, 1904; chairman

committee notifying Judge Parker of his nomination. He married Miss Genevieve Bennett, to whom four children have been born. Champ Clark was elected to the Fifty-third Congress, also the Fifth-fifth, to the Sixty-third, or present Congress, inclusive; to the latter by a majority of 4,992, a plurality of 5,498. He was the unanimous nominee of the Democrats for the Speakership of the Sixty-first, Sixty-second, and the Sixty-third Congresses, and was elected Speaker of the house in the Sixty-second and Sixty-third Congresses. He led the Baltimore Democratic National Convention of 1912 for the Presidential nomination on 29 ballots, receiving a clear majority on nine ballots, and is now the Speaker of the present Congress of 1914; his home is in Bowling Green, Missouri.

Lyceum Lodge U. D., of Leather's Store in 1877, was organized by the following demitted members: namely, D. M. Yocum, B. F. Adkins, Merit Searcy, Wilks Morgan, Sr., Thomas McMurray, J. T. McMurray, Wm. Dewitt, James Swicher, David Burgen, Sr., Valois Leathers, Alex. Dennis, John Brown, B. F. Wash, R. B. Miller, S. C. Robinson, Wm. Neal, Wm. Tunks, G. B. Baxter, Rev. S. S. Perry, James Hawkins, and John Morgan.

On October 22, 1880, Lyceum Lodge U. D. consolidated with Beaver Creek Lodge and moved to Leather's Store.

The Lodge building with all of its contents and records was destroyed by fire on May 23, 1891, at this time the Lodge was only about twenty-eight strong, many having demitted and died. Although it was a heavy loss, the Craft set to work to erect a new hall, forming a stock company constituted as follows:



S. P. Routt, C. C. Hahn, J. M. T. Leathers, T. J. Leathers, W. C. Bryant, S. C. Robinson, A. Dennis, R. G. Mayes, W. B. Stinnet, D. G. Burgin, Jr., D. M. Yocum, J. V. Leathers, W. C. Brown, W. C. Bond, W. S. Y. Goodlet, F. B. Mitchell, and W. M. Goodnight, with their subscription the new Hall was built. S. P. Routt and D. M. Yocum furnished a meeting place for the Lodge in their homes until its completion.

On the 8th. day of October, 1891, a new Charter was issued in lieu of the one that was burnt on May the 23, 1891, with the following brethren as its officers: S. C. Robinson, Master, R. G. Mayesm Senior Warden, W. S. Y. Goodlet, Junior Warden, J. M. Leathers, Secretary, D. M. Yocum, Treasurer, C. C. Hahn, Senior Deacon, W. C. Bryant, Junior Deacon, T. J. Leathers, Chaplain, S. P. Routt, Steward and Tyler.

In 1897, Dugansville Lodge raised the question of jurisdiction, which resulted in fixing the boundary line thus: beginning at Merit Caldwell's Store, thence down the pike as it meanders by James Robinson's to Lincoln Holts, thence down the ridge to N. P. Satterley's, thence down the Beech root creek to Sulphur creek, allowing persons living immediately on either side of said line to go to either Lodge.

ASHER W. GRAHAM LODGE NO. 336

SMITH'S GROVE, WARREN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in 1855. Chartered October 15, 1856. Sandy A. Glossom being named as the first Master. This Lodge

was named for Judge Asher W. Graham, a distinguished lawyer and eminent Mason. The Lodge became defunct October 18, 1888.

HELENA LODGE NO. 337

HELENA, MASON CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in 1855. Chartered October 16, 1856. Lodge property and Charter burned 1888, and on October 18, 1888 a new Charter was issued in lieu of the one so destroyed.

January 17, 1891, the Lodge became defunct.

WACO LODGE NO. 338

WACO, MADISON COUNTY, KY.

Waco Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 338, was authorized to meet and begin work in 1856 by the Grand Master, D. T. Monjarratt, and its Charter was granted in October of that year. It was set to work by Past Grand Master W. H. Holloway, assisted by a number of brethren from Richmond Lodge. The Master U. D. of Waco Lodge and the moving spirit in its organization was General Green Clay Smith. He was the son of Colonel John Speed Smith, former Grand Master, as well as a brother of John Speed Smith, Jr., also a Grand Master later. General Smith was made a Mason in Richmond Lodge in 1852. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and later in life became a member of the Commandery. He was a lawyer and moved to Covington to engage in the practice of his profession. Having an inherent love for politics as well as a great many qualities



fitting him for public life, he became a candidate and was elected to Congress from his district. With the outbreak of the Civil War he was commissioned first a Colonel and afterward a General in command of a brigade in the Federal Army. So successful was his army career that his name was mentioned for the Vice Presidency in 1864 on the ticket with Mr. Lincoln. It has been often said that Andrew Johnston beat him only one vote in a caucus for the nomination. He was subsequently appointed Governor of Montana by President Johnston. After retiring from that position he gave up public life and entered the Baptist ministry. He filled many pulpits with great distinction until his death in Washington City in 1895. He was buried with his comrades in arms in Arlington Cemetery. Few Lodges can boast so distinguished a Master. There were associated with General Smith in the organization of Waco Lodge the following brethren: John T. Grinstead, Senior Warden, John Thornburg, Junior Warden, Thomas H. Carson, Secretary, John C. Oldham, Treasurer, Jerry Hollinsworth, Senior Deacon, Charles E. Blevins, Junior Deacon, T. A. Thomas, Steward and Tyler.

The original members were sixteen in number, nearly all of whom had been raised in Richmond Lodge. Waco Lodge has failed only three times during her career to make returns to the Grand Lodge, from 1861 to 1863. This is not surprising. The minutes, preserved from the beginning, show no meetings held from September, 1861 to April 9, 1864. A number of the members of Waco Lodge had joined one army or the other, and great bitterness prevailed. It is worthy of note that at the

first meeting held April, 1864, all present agreed not to discuss the war, but to act in harmony and peace for the good of the Order.

The membership represents now, as it always did, the best citizenship of the community and has always helped forward every Masonic charity. C. L. Searcy has for years been the mainstay of the Lodge. He has represented it many times in the Grand Lodge, serving on important committees. He has also represented his County in the State Legislature and is well and favorably known over the State.

David G. Martin is another member worthy of especial mention.

**CROTONA LODGE NO. 339**  
**LODGETON, FULTON CO., KY.**

Chartered October 16, 1856. October, 1878, the Lodge became defunct.

Rob Morris, who was the first Master of this Lodge, was born near Boston, Mass., August 31, 1818. He died at his residence in LaGrange, Kentucky, July 31, 1888, and an imposing granite shaft, erected by the Craft, marks the spot where all that was mortal of our brother was laid to rest with Masonic honors.

He was made a Mason in Oxford, Mississippi, March 5, 1846; received the degrees of the "York Rite" and "Scottish Rite" to the thirty-second degree; became presiding officer in these several bodies, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (1858).

He became publisher, author, editor, and poet, being crowned



Poet Laureate of Freemasonry in New York City December, 1884. To enumerate the many productions of his mind and pen would be a great task. He composed the ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star, which was, subsequently, dramatized. In restless zeal to serve Masonry he headed the "Conservator" organization (see proceedings 1864), and after revising a work he called the "Webb-Preston Work and Lectures", published it in cypher called "Mnemonics", all of which brought serious troubles upon him and bitter opposition.

He taught in "Lodges of Instruction", traveled in teaching Masonry and lecturing on the Holy Land, which he twice visited, and established a Lodge at Jerusalem, under authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was an enthusiast in numismatics.

He became Principal of the Sylvan Academy, Oxford, Miss., and President of the Maschic College in LaGrange, Ky. As a business man he was not successful, in the sense of accumulating means. He was liberal to lavishness, and not infrequently divided or gave his last penny to someone who asked assistance.

He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church, and pursued his Biblical and classical studies to the last.

Mr. Morris was a good man, and a kind one, and Masonry's loss was great when he died.

He married Charlotte Mendenhall, of Athens, Alabama, who with six children and numerous grandchildren, survived him.

THOMAS WARE LODGE NO. 340  
CLAYSVILLE, HARRISON CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856.

MILES LODGE NO. 341  
CUIPIO, BULLITT CO., KY.

Chartered October 16, 1856.

MASON LODGE NO. 342  
MAYSVILLE, MASON CO., KY.

Chartered October 14, 1857. Hiram Bassett being the first Master. December 30, 1897 by consolidation this Lodge was merged into Confidence Lodge No. 52.

HARNEY LODGE NO. 343  
WOODBURN, WARREN CO., KY.

The history of Harney Lodge No. 343, F. & A. M., dates back to the year 1857, when the Lodge received her Charter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

James A. Chase was the first Master and J. D. Hibbett the first Senior Warden. This Charter was signed by the following Grand Officers on the 14th. day of October, 1857: T. N. Wise, Grand Master, Philip Swigert, Deputy Grand Master, Robert Morris, Senior Grand Warden, H. T. Wilson, Junior Grand Warden, J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand



Secretary.

The additional names which were in the organization of Harney Lodge are G. B. Sloss, A. B. Nicoll, E. M. Robertson, K. D. Nicoll, J. L. Jones and James T. Harney, for whom the Lodge was named. There were other names which cannot be given on account of some of the old records being destroyed during the Civil War, and others since then by fire. The oldest members now living are J. M. Fletcher, made a Mason in 1857, and Dr. J. M. Briggs, made a Mason in 1864.

The oldest Grand Lodge proceedings of this Lodge are those of 1864, which report forty-nine members. The next proceedings are in 1867, which report eighty-three members. This Lodge now has four members who were made Masons in 1866, namely H. M. Blackburn, J. L. Devny, J. R. Merritt, J. P. Williams.

For some years Harney Lodge grew very rapidly. Of the eighty-three members in 1867 seven are in good standing, some have demitted, some stand suspended, but the most of them have died.

In 1870 Harney Lodge subscribed \$200.00 to the Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary of which her certificates of membership adorn the walls of her Lodge room and are proudly looked upon by the members who love the Home and cheerfully contribute to its support.

Harney Lodge has had two wards in the Home who were the children of Rial Matlock.

In 1870 there were reported eighty-five members. The Grand Lodge proceedings in 1879 reported seventy-eight members. In less than five years the roll call was less than fifty members.

The cause of this was for non payment of dues.

From 1885 to 1897, Harney Lodge was at a very low ebb. The Hall, which was owned by the Lodge, was over a union church house. When the different denominations built their churches in the town of Woodburn, that left the Masons to keep up a dilapidated house, so they decided to vacate and move into rented quarters.

So a few faithful ones have stood by her noble principles until she is on a more solid foundation and better equipped to carry on her work.

The Charter becoming defaced a new one was issued October 16, 1907, and the old one allowed to be kept as a relic.

On October 5, 1909, Harney Lodge granted eight provisional demits from her membership to organize Neel Lodge at Drake, Ky., which reduced her membership to thirty-one.

In the fall of 1913, Harney Lodge, in connection with a Lodge of another fraternal organization, purchased some property in the town of Woodburn and fitted up a nice Hall, in which the Lodge hopes to do more and better work in the future than in the past.

GHEENT LODGE NO. 344

GHEENT, CARROL CO., KY.

Chartered October 14, 1857. Reports sixty-two members.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE NO. 345

COVINGTON, KENTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 14, 1857. Reports three hundred and forty seven members.



SACREMENTO LODGE NO. 346

SACREMENTO, McLEAN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation by the Grand Lodge October, 1856.

Chartered October 14, 1857, became defunct July 10, 1866.

SLAUGHTERSVILLE LODGE NO. 347

SLAUGHTERSVILLE, WEBSTER CO., KY.

Chartered October 14, 1857, as Prathersville Lodge No. 347.

October 21, 1875, moved to Slaughtersville and the present name then given the Lodge.

PLEASANT GROVE LODGE NO. 348, HELD AT

STUBENVILLE, WAYNE CO., KY.

Granted a dispensation in 1855, and continued under same until chartered on October 14, 1857. Edward Richardson being the first Master.

The Lodge became defunct in 1888.

T. N. WISE LODGE NO. 349

DUGANSVILLE, MERCER CO., KY.

Chartered October 14, 1857 at Duncansville, moved October 1863. Reports forty-one members.

## MALLOW BONE LODGE NO. 350

MALLOW BONE, CUMBERLAND CO., KY.

After laboring under dispensation the Lodge was granted a Charter October 14, 1857. W. N. Alexander being named as the first Master. The Lodge was declared defunct October 9, 1891.

## WINGFIELD LODGE NO. 351

BOHON, MERCER CO., KY.

Granted a dispensation as Sam Wingfield Lodge U. D., prior to October, 1857.

By the Grand Lodge in 1857, it was continued under dispensation, and on October 13, 1858, was granted a Charter. N. B. Griffin being named as the first Master. The Lodge became defunct in 1877.

## STANTON LODGE NO. 352

STANTON, POWELL CO., KY.

Chartered October 13, 1858, burned 1864. New Charter issued October 18, 1865. Reports thirty-six members.

## J. T. MOREHEAD LODGE NO. 353

MORELANDS, BOURBON CO., KY.

Prior to October 1858, granted a dispensation under the name of Morehead Lodge U. D. October 13, 1858 the Lodge was chartered. October 19, 1863 it became defunct.



HAMILTON LODGE NO. 354  
BIG BONE, BOONE CO., KY.

Lodge chartered October 13, 1858, the membership being from Good Faith Lodge No. 95, at Florence, Boone County, Ky.

In 1883 the Lodge moved into a home of its own, a hall 24x44 over the school building. The first meeting held in this hall was December, 1883. In 1886 the building was destroyed by fire and the Charter burned. The Lodge carried \$800.00 insurance which was paid and this sum used in building new quarters over the Methodist Church. A new Charter was issued the Lodge October 19, 1887, and July 6, 1889, it moved into the new hall. The Lodge is out of debt.

J. M. S. McCORKLE LODGE NO. 355  
BROWNSVILLE, EDMONDSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 13, 1858, and became defunct October 1865. October 19, 1870, new Charter granted. Reports seventy-seven members.

STEPHEN F. OGDEN LODGE NO. 356  
OWENSBORO, DAVIESS CO., KY.

After having worked for a time under dispensation this Lodge was granted a Charter October 13, 1858. The Lodge became defunct October 1, 1866, its Charter was restored October 24, 1872, and again in 1886 it turned its toes to the daisies.

## PELLVILLE LODGE NO. 357

PELLVILLE, HANCOCK CO., KY.

In the summer of 1857, a dispensation was granted to this Lodge as Sam Wingfield Lodge U. D. October 13, 1858, a Charter was granted it and W. B. Griffin named as the first Master. The Lodge became defunct October 18, 1888.

## NEWPORT LODGE NO. 358

NEWPORT, CAMPBELL CO., KY.

Newport Lodge owes her existence to a circumstance which, when first developed, threatened to bring disaster to the Fraternity in this locality; but like many seeming misfortunes, proved a blessing in disguise.

During the year 1858 at a meeting in the old York Street Hall, Robert Burns Lodge 163, had a dispute arise as to the authority of the Junior Warden to confer the F. C. degree. At the meeting in question the Master was absent and the Senior Warden who presided in the East refused to confer the F. C. degree on the candidate of the evening, whereupon the Junior Warden took his seat in the East and conferred the degree.

This resulted in a great difference of opinion as to whether the Junior Warden had pursued the proper course, and had acted within the limits of his authority, the matter finally being referred to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who at that time was Tiro Wise, whose decision was favorable to the Junior Warden's action; but this instead of cementing the



parted forces, had the opposite effect, later resulting in the supporters of the Junior Warden's action withdrawing from their mother Lodge and instituting the organization of this Lodge.

The first meeting was held in Hayman's Hall, where Wm. R. Smith served as first Master, Robert B. McCracken, Senior Warden, Wm. R. Dunlap, Junior Warden, and under their administration the Lodge flourished to such an extent that shortly after Robert Burns Lodge also came to meet in Hayman's Hall, the two Lodges using the Lodge room jointly.

The result of these separate organizations has been very beneficial to the Fraternity in Newport, and is responsible for the present great strength of Masonry there, as well as the erection of the Masonic Temple which the Lodge now occupies.

In this, the Fifty-sixth Anniversary year of the Lodge, it is a matter of great satisfaction that its condition is most prosperous, with the Lodge ranks being steadily increased by the addition of good material, which seems to insure the success of Newport Lodge No. 358 for the years yet to come.

SUGAR GROVE LODGE NO. 359

SUGAR GROVE, BUTLER CO., KY.

Organized October 13, 1858, had its Charter arrested August 4, 1900.

HAYWOOD LODGE NO. 360

MASSOCK, McCracken CO., KY.

This Lodge was set to work under dispensation at 2 o'clock

P. M., on August 21, 1858, with the following officers in charge: Master, R. J. Hinton, Senior Warden, L. S. Hines, Junior Warden, Henry Wiley, Senior Deacon, John W. Colwell, Junior Deacon, J. W. Hines, Secretary, W. D. Purdom, Treasurer, J. L. Dent, Tyler and Steward, Colwell Poole. There were initiated at that time as Entered Apprentice Masons George Rudolph, Elijah Rudolph and G. W. Bumpus.

At the session of the Grand Lodge held at Lexington, Kentucky, on October 13, 1858, the Charter was granted.

The same officers as at the institution of the Lodge were installed when the Lodge received its Charter and set to work. For many years the Lodge did good work and prospered, but for the last ten years but little work has been done, and the Lodge has been and is now nearly dormant, the membership being only thirteen. The Lodge is in rented quarters and changed its place of meetings in 1887, 1889 and 1897.

Most of the records of this Lodge have been lost.

BALTIMORE LODGE NO. 361

BUGG, HICKMAN CO., KY.

Chartered October 13, 1858, with its meeting place at Baltimore. In 1876 the Lodge was moved to Pleasant Valley Church, Hickman County, but in 1901 moved again to Baltimore. Reports thirty-two members.



WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 362  
FISKBURG, KENTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1859. Reports fifty-two members.

POLAR STAR LODGE NO. 363  
VANCEBURG, LEWIS CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1859. Reports ninety-three members.

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No Charter of this number ever issued.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE NO. 365  
GOSHEN, OLDHAM CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1850, became defunct July 10, 1886.

PLEASANT GROVE LODGE NO. 366  
CROSSLAND, CALLOWAY CO., KY.

Chartered October 29, 1859, became defunct February 5, 1885.  
Its properties were afterwards given to Crossland Lodge No. 642,  
which was organized in the same jurisdiction in 1889.

ARK LODGE NO. 367  
MILLERSTOWN, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1859. Reports forty-one members.

## BIBB LODGE NO. 368

MILLER'S CREEK, ESTILL CO., KY.

This Lodge is situated at Miller's Creek, Estill County, Ky., about five miles East of Irvine, Ky., the county seat of Estill County.

The Lodge was granted a dispensation August 27, 1857, and was set to work a few days thereafter when the following officers were installed, to-wit: S. F. Bowman, Master, R. A. Sale, Senior Warden, J. O. Grubbs, Junior Warden, T. C. Reed, Secretary, Green B. Kelly, Treasurer, J. P. Harris, Senior Deacon, Jesse Adams, Junior Deacon, and Oliver Crawford, Steward and Tyler. All of these have long since passed to their reward.

At the time Bibb Lodge was granted a dispensation Irvine Lodge No. 137 was the only Masonic Lodge in Estill County.

Bibb Lodge No. 368 was not granted a Charter until October 21, 1859, which was signed by H. L. Wilson, Grand Master, Lewis Landrum, Deputy Grand Master, R. J. Hinton, Grand Senior Warden, Hiram Bassett, Grand Junior Warden, J. M. McCorkle, Grand Secretary. The first officers of Bibb under its Charter were, Robert A. Sale, Master, J. O. Grubbs, Senior Warden and John P. Harris, Junior Warden. Under the instruction and influence of these men the Lodge grew strong and many bright Masons were produced.

The organization of Stafford Lodge, which is six miles distant, did much to restrict the growth of this Lodge.

In 1897 the founding of Thacker Lodge No. 710, which is seven miles away, further reduced this Lodge's field of activity.



The Charter members of Bibb Lodge were, Green B. Kelly, S. F. Bowman, John O. Grubbs, John P. Harris, Marcus Thomas, M. V. Harris, Anderson Sale, William Vaughn, Oliver Crawford and Arvin McMonegill.

The Lodge is out of debt and owns the building in which its meetings are held.

HINTON LODGE NO. 369  
MAYFIELD, GRAVES CO., KY.

Hinton Lodge was set to work under dispensation in the spring of 1860, at Spencer's Chapel, M. E. Church, in Graves County. October 18, 1860, the Lodge was granted a Charter and the place of meeting was moved to Mayfield. December 11, 1898 the Lodge Charter and properties were destroyed by fire - and as the Secretary of the Lodge expresses it - "worked under letter until granted a new Charter", which was done October 19, 1880.

ASHLAND LODGE NO. 370  
MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, and became defunct in 1888. In 1889 the Grand Lodged turned its properties over to Ashland Lodge 640, which was in 1889 organized in this jurisdiction.

ZION HILL LODGE NO. 371  
MT. ZION, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, became defunct October 24, 1889.

Charter restored October 3, 1890. Reports twenty-eight members.

HICO LODGE NO. 372

HICO, CALLOWAY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, became defunct, October 20, 1897.

TROWELL LODGE NO. 373

SUMMER SHADE, METCALFE CO., KY.

Trowel Lodge No. 373 F. & A. M., of Metcalfe County, Kentucky, was organized under dispensation at Mr. Moriah Church on the 21st., day of June 1860. The Lodge worked under dispensation until the 18th., day of October, 1860, when a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge worked in the Hall at Mr. Moriah Church until the 4th., day of October, 1873, when moved to the new Hall at Summer Shade, and held the first meeting in the new Hall on the first day of November, 1873.

AUBURN LODGE NO. 374

AUBURN, LOGAN COUNTY, KY.

Woodville (now Auburn) Lodge, No. 374, Auburn Logan County, Ky., was organized under dispensation some time during the year 1859. Unfortunately the minutes of this Lodge, from the time of its organization until the year 1881, have been lost, and as nearly all the Charter members are now dead, it is, therefore, impossible to give anything like an accurate or extensive history of it.



From an old secretary's book, it is found that Woodville Lodge collected dues from eight members, the amount of dues paid by each member at that time being one dollar. This collection of dues was on the 27th., of December, 1859, while the Lodge was under dispensation.

During the time this Lodge was working under dispensation it received from initiation, passing and raising about eighteen or twenty members.

On the 18th., day of October, 1860 a Charter was granted to Woodville Lodge No. 374 in the town of Woodville, now Auburn, Kentucky, with George Milliken as first Master, John H. Wood, Senior Warden, James M. Matlock, Junior Warden.

October 18, 1865, the name of the Lodge was changed from Woodville Lodge, Woodville, Ky., to Auburn Lodge, Auburn, Ky., to accord with the changed name of the town.

Auburn Lodge, like all other lodges located in small villages, had its ebbs and flows of membership, and at times has been perilously near the point of having to surrender her Charter, but fortunately there were always a few faithful ones on her roster to enable her to tide over the critical periods and get a new lease of life.

While Auburn has had thrifty lodges of other orders, that flourished for a few years, and passed out of existence, locally, the Masons of the town and community have kept the fire burning on their altar, even though at times it smoldered.

Of late years Auburn Lodge has had a steady and healthful growth, and has been taking in some as good young blood as could be found on the habitable globe. Affiliating with the Lodge

are some of the worthies who were members in its early days, seasoned soldiers of the Craft, who still display enthusiasm and loyalty for the order that should put some of the younger brethren to shame.

Auburn Lodge, 374, is strong, bouyant and hopeful, with brave and worthy sons who kneel about her altar and are loyal to her every interest.

THOMAS C. CECIL LODGE NO. 375

PIKEVILLE, PIKE CO., KY.

Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375, was chartered October 18, 1860, by Grand Master H. T. Wilson. John M. Rice was the first Master, John W. Emmert, the first Senior Warden, and Lewis C. Dils, the first Junior Warden.

The minutes prior to the 13th., day of December, 1861, have been cut from the book. On the margin of the leaves cut, the dates that remain show some of the minutes to have been as early as 1858, while the first few leaves cut have incomplete dates. The first minutes preserved, show Thomas C. Cecil the only member not an officer present. This extract is from these minutes: "ON motion of Bro. John W. Emmert the reading of the records of the previous meeting were dispensed the same having been destroyed".

The second record of minutes is dated February 7, 1862, when the petitions of James Hamilton, Hibbard Williamson, Solomon K. Damron and R. T. Burns were received."

The next meeting was a call communication February 26, 1862, to attend the funeral of J. White Reynolds. This meeting was



evidently during an encampment of the Union forces at Pikeville as indicated by these brethren present: C. F. Snodgrass, Co. I 40th., Reg. O. V. U. S. A., James M. Hayworth, Co. B 40th., Reg. O. V. U. S. A., both of Harveysburg Lodge No. 312; A. Robins Sutler, 22nd Ky. Reg., Trowell Lodge No. 132, Jackson, O. (?); Isaiah Fenrock, Band 40th Ohio, Versailles Lodge No. 290; Enos Hoover, Band 40th Ohio Versailles Lodge No. 290; O. C. Bowles 40th Reg. O., Madison Lodge No. 221; B. B. Allen, 40th O., Olive Branch Lodge 241; H. E. McClure and A. A. Knapp, both of 40th O., and Union City Lodge No. 270; P. S. (?) Reed 1st O., Cavalry Stanton Kansas No. 4; C. B. Hawk, 42nd O., Sullivan O. No. 313; Richard B. David, 42nd O. Columbians No. 134; J. L. Kemper, 40th O Harmon No. 129; B. F. McGinnis, 40th O., Versailles No. 290; Chas. Nevens, 22nd Ky., Greenup L. No. 89; B. F. Stephenson, Surgeon 22nd., Ky., Boone City, Ky and Ford Band 42nd Ohio.

The Lodge can claim among its members many who have achieved success. It has had its noted lawyers; as Burns, Connolly, Auxier, and Parsons; its noted doctors, as Gray, Wrightsman, Stallard and Thompson; its civic officials, its master mechanics, and in every line of business men too many to list in this brief account. One has but to glance at the Grand Lodge's report to find among its present two hundred, men of the highest worth who are zealously laboring that the great principles of our order may be realized in the heart and life of our citizenship.

The Lodge building is situated on Front street in the town of Pikeville. Here, many of the manor born, as well as many who came to this growing section from a distance find on the Friday

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night before each full moon, a sacred retreat from the turmoils of a strenuous life, and get that fellow feeling which after all makes life worth while. The hall has lately been enlarged and improved until it is now one of the most beautiful and commodious Lodge rooms in the State.

F. A. Moore, a member of this Lodge died in 1907 in the Philippine Islands and his dead body was shipped home for burial by the Masonic Board of Relief of the Philippines. This exhibition of fraternal spirit beyond the Pacific most strongly impressed the members of this Lodge with the truth of the statement that Masonry is a world wide and not a local institution.

FALL CITY LODGE NO. 376

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860. This Lodge has a membership of nearly four hundred.

In 1907, when the city government of Louisville was a reproach to the Commonwealth, Governor Beckham chose two men from this Lodge to bring order out of worse than Chaos. Judge Randolph Blain whom he appointed Judge of the City Court, and Robert W. Bingham as Mayor. They cleared up the city and demonstrated the fact that men who are in earnest can make a city clean and keep it clean. They did it.

ELIJAH UPTON LODGE NO. 377

GREEN CASTLE, WARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860. The Lodge was burned out April

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2, 1881. July 10, 1886, it surrendered to the inevitable and  
surrendered its Charter.

MELOM LODGE NO. 378  
JEFFERSONTOWN, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, was burned in 1881. Surrendered  
its Charter February 23, 1886.

MONSARRAT LODGE NO. 379  
BRUSHY FORK CHURCH, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, at Cedar Grove, McLean County,  
Kentucky. October 23, 1874, moved to Brushy Fork Church, Daviess  
County.

RELIANCE LODGE NO. 380  
KEYSBURG, LOGAN COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860, became defunct October, 1885.

PAINTSVILLE LODGE NO. 381  
PAINTSVILLE, JOHNSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860. Reports a membership of one  
hundred and twenty.

FARMINGTON LODGE NO. 382  
FARMINGTON, GRAVES COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 18, 1860. The Charter was destroyed or lost

June 27, 1865, and a new one in lieu thereof issued October 18, 1865. All of the earlier records of this Lodge have been allowed to become lost.

Thomas L. Smith, the last survivor among the Charter members died October 21, 1911.

The Lodge has a present membership of fifty, owns a building in the center of the public square in which its meetings are held. Has an average attendance of about eighteen, and there are five men in the Lodge who can correctly confer all the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

CANNONSBURG LODGE NO. 383

CANNONSBURG, BOYD COUNTY, KY.

Lodge chartered October 18, 1860. Owned its Lodge quarters over a church until 1896, when it moved into rented house. The Lodge became strained in its finances. The members began taking out demits, interest lagged, the burden of debt increased and the Charter was surrendered in 1915.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE NO. 384

FALLS OF ROUGH, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1861, became defunct July 10, 1886.

CAIRO LODGE NO. 385

CAIRO, HENDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1861. Reports thirty-one members.



## FOX LODGE NO. 386

DOVER, MASON CO., KY.

Under dispensation from May 29, 1860, to October <sup>23</sup>~~26~~, 1861. At this time Charter was obtained with ten members. First officers, F. W. Long, Master, C. J. Fox, Senior Warden, J. McDonald, Junior Warden. Life membership certificate in the Widows and Orphans Home was issued on October 18, 1870, and again, October 19, 1881.

So named for Arthur Fox, a compatriot of Simon Kenton, and whose life size oil portrait and hand painted satin apron are preserved by the Lodge. First meetings were held in the school building, and the cost of the paraphernalia, (\$125.00) was secured by note to the first Master, F. W. Long.

The Lodge now owns building, nicely furnished - nice bank balance, forty active members - work almost every meeting night and Harmony and Emulation prevail. J. J. McMillan was the efficient secretary for fourteen years.

The Charter members were: F. W. Long, Master, C. J. Fox, Senior Warden, James McDonald, Junior Warden, Chris Hiles, Treasurer, Arthur Fox, Secretary, Thomas A. Curran, Senior Deacon, James McMillan, Junior Deacon, Abraham Veach, Steward and Tyler, Silas M. Johnson, James Henry Anderson.

## CARRSVILLE LODGE NO. 387

CARRSVILLE, LIVINGSTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1861. Defunct October 18, 1888.

RIO VERDE LODGE NO. 388  
GILEAD CHURCH, HART CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1862. Charter arrested 1878. Restored 1879, became defunct October 20, 1880.

JOHN J. DAVIESS LODGE NO. 389  
MASONVILLE, DAVIESS CO., KY.

John J. Daviess Lodge No. 389 was organized in 1861 with C. T. Noel, Peyton Moberly, C. D. Jackson, W. H. Congers, B. T. Dawson, Capt. M. J. Taylor and John W. Cashbrook, as Charter members. Peyton Moberly was first Master. The Lodge has met regularly ever since its organization. Peace and harmony have always prevailed and much good work has been done. The Lodge at this time is growing and is now stronger than for many years. But one Charter member survives - B. T. Dawson. O. I. Hazelrig, Master, and Emlus Jackson, Secretary.

BORDLEY LODGE NO. 390  
BORDLEY, UNION CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1863. Report thirty-six members.

GASPER RIVER LODGE NO. 391  
GASPER, LOGAN CO., KY.

Gasper River Lodge No. 391, of Gasper, Logan County, Kentucky, chartered by The Grand Lodge of Kentucky on the 21st., day of



October 1863, with the following officers in charge, C. Hutcherson, Master, William Dinwiddie, Senior Warden, and T. L. S. Proctor, Junior Warden.

The Lodge owns a spacious hall consisting of the entire upper floor over Gasper River Seminary, situated near Gasper River in a beautiful shady grove.

The Lodge is in a progressive condition both financially and fraternally and looks to the future confident of success.

MINTONVILLE LODGE NO. 392  
MINTONVILLE, CASEY CO., KY.

Organized October 11, 1860, by McDowell Fogle, Proxy of the Grand Master. Officers installed were: O. Denham, Master, J. J. Wesley, Senior Warden, J. P. Blevins, Junior Warden, D. T. Carson, Secretary, G. Stewart, Treasurer, D. A. Riggins, Senior Deacon, Henry Davenport, Junior Deacon, M. G. McClure, Steward and Tyler.

The Lodge was under dispensation from October 11, 1860, until October 21, 1863, when a Charter was granted.

Grand Master Louis Landrum visited this Lodge June 3, 1861, for work on that date, by which J. T. Wesley was raised and C. Osborne was initiated, passed and raised, that the Lodge might have complete instruction in the work of the blue lodge degrees - on the following day Grand Master Landrum lectured on the Master's degree.

This Lodge, being organized at the beginning of the Civil

War, continued through that period, seldom missing a monthly meeting and very frequently had work in all the degrees.

The first Masonic Hall of this Lodge was over the Christian church at Mintonville, Ky., but that becoming delapidated, was abandoned by both the church and lodge, when the lodge secured the upper room of Tyler Jasper's store for a hall in the year 1901, but later secured the right and built an adequate hall over the M. E. Church of Mintonville, in the year 1904.

The Lodge has, to the limit of its ability, contributed freely to the relief of people in distress, and has secured benefits for three wards in the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home of Louisville, Ky.

WEST McCracken LODGE NO. 393

WEST McCracken, McCracken Co., Ky.

Chartered October 21, 1863, became defunct 1879.

DEVER LODGE NO. 394

ROLLING FORK MEETING HOUSE, CASEY CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1863. Surrendered July 10, 1886.

HIRAM BASSETT LODGE NO. 395

LEWISBURG, MASON CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1864, became defunct March 17, 1905.

The Lodge is dead but the man for whom it was named still lives in the memory of Kentucky Masons and will forever be there enshrined.



DANVILLE LODGE NO. 396

DANVILLE, BOYDE CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1864. October 19, 1871, it surrendered its separate Charter and consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 28 in the same jurisdiction.

ASPEN GROVE LODGE NO. 397

PEACH GROVE, PENDLETON CO., KY.

Aspen Grove Lodge No. 397, was granted dispensation October 19, 1864; was granted Charter 186<sup>4</sup>. Rented an upstairs room in the Aspen Grove Seminary and held its meetings there until the Lodge hall was built in 1872. The building was dedicated by Grand Master Charles Eginton.

Solomon G. Ware, deceased, father of Past Grand Master Orie S. Ware, was made a Mason in this Lodge.

Peter Daniel, deceased, and William E. Barker, by their love for Masonry and their zeal and fidelity for their Lodge held the organization together and tided it over the darkest days in its history. In recognition of these services, and the love and admiration in which they were held by the younger brethren, the Lodge passed a resolution a few years ago, giving themm all the rights, and privileges of the Lodge, and relinquished their dues so long as they should live.

DICK BARNES LODGE NO. 398

CAVE SPRING, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Chartered Oct. 19, 1864, became defunct October 19, 1893.

## BEECH GROVE LODGE NO. 399

BEECH GROVE CHURCH, GREEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1863. Lodge property and Charter burned 1881. New Charter issued October 20, 1891.

## LOUISVILLE LODGE NO. 400

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Louisville Lodge, U. D., was organized under dispensation granted April 28, 1865, by the Grand Master of Kentucky. His action was approved by the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting the following October, whereupon a Charter was issued to the Lodge under date of October 18, 1865, and the Lodge was given the numerical designation No. 400. Grand Master James D. Landrum, who issued the dispensation and who later signed the Charter, lived to enjoy the unique distinction of installing his son, John W. Landrum, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1902.

When Louisville Lodge No. 400 was organized, the city of Louisville had a population of about 85,000 souls and there were there twelve Masonic Lodges. The Civil War had just closed. The looser standards of an older day were being succeeded by stricter views as to the manner in which Masonic meetings should be conducted. The tradition is that some of the Lodges of that day had social sessions from time to time at which intoxicating liquors were included among the refreshments. There were some who felt that no matter how sober all of the members might be at



at the close of such meetings, the serving of intoxicants in a Masonic Lodge room was altogether out of place. It was also felt that Louisville had sufficient population to support another Lodge and that there was room here for a new Lodge to do good work, and so the Lodge was organized.

The first officers of Louisville Lodge U. D., were William Kendrick, Master; Henry B. Grant, Senior Warden, George Kilpatrick, Junior Warden; George Doyle, Treasurer, William C. Munger, Secretary; William B. Robinson, Senior Deacon, and J. S. Bassett, Junior Deacon. The same officers were retained when the Lodge was chartered in October, 1865. The three principal officers were re-elected to their respective positions at the first regular election, held December 27, 1865.

Louisville Lodge No. 400, of Ancient York Free and Accepted Masons, was incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky, approved December 20, 1865.

The Charter members of this Lodge were all men of prominence and were highly regarded in the community. Three of them were ministers of the gospel, three of them were physicians, and the balance were well-known business and professional men. Capt. Grant had been a soldier in the Federal Army. Rev. George A. Chase was at the time principal of Louisville Girls' High School. Dr. E. A. Grant, brother of H. B. Grant, was at this time principal of Louisville Boys' High School, and had done much to raise the standard of education in the High School. By his own efforts he had succeeded in raising from citizens there a fund of \$5,000, with which to supply scientific instruments for the Boys' High School.

When dispensation was granted to Louisville Lodge April 28, 1865, it contained twenty-three Charter members, six of whom were Past Masters of other lodges. The six original Past Masters were: John V. Cowling, Sr., Dr. Samuel Griffith, William Kendrick, William C. Manger, William F. Osborne and Dr. William E. Robinson. On September 1, 1865, it numbered in its membership six Past Masters, twenty-four Master Masons and five Entered Apprentices, being a total of thirty-five. One year later, September 1, 1866, it contained within its membership nine Past Masters, fifty-one Master Masons, five Fellowcrafts and five Entered Apprentices, being a total of seventy, from which it will be seen that the lodge exactly doubled its membership during the twelve months then ending.

Louisville Lodge originally met at the old Masonic Temple at the southwest corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets. It afterward moved to a hall in the Cumberland Telephone Company building on Jefferson street between Fourth and Fifth streets, from which place it subsequently moved to its present location in what was originally the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal church, now a part of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, which is on Sixth street just North of Walnut street. The first meeting of Louisville Lodge at the Scottish Rite Cathedral was a called communication held Wednesday evening, April 1, 1896. At that meeting F. C. Gerard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, conferred the Masters Degree on James R. Bullock.

When this lodge was first organized, its regular meetings were held on the first and third Friday of each month. In 1872 the time of meeting was changed to the first and third Thursday



and in 1890 the date of the regular meetings was changed to the first and third Monday and has remained such continuously to the present time.

Capt. Henry B. Grant, at that time Senior Warden of this Lodge, was instrumental in calling a small meeting of Masons to consider the feasibility of establishing a Masonic Home, and was one of those present at that meeting, which was held November 23, 1866, in the small hall at the old Masonic Temple at Fourth and Jefferson streets. Capt. Grant and John L. Wheat were two members of Louisville Lodge who were present at that meeting. From that meeting sprang the movement that resulted in the founding of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary, of Louisville, the first institution of its kind in the world. A charter of incorporation was granted to Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary by Act of the General Assembly, of Kentucky approved January 15, 1867. Of the nineteen incorporators named in the Act of Assembly above referred to, six were members of Louisville Lodge, to-wit: William Kendrick, John V. Cowling, Sr., George W. Wicks, John L. Wheat, Henry B. Grant and John M. S. McCorkle.

John L. Wheat, of this Lodge, is the only man who has been a director of the Masonic Home ever since the Home was organized.

George B. Buchanan, who was the first Treasurer of the Home, was at that time a man of considerable means. During the building of the North wing of the Home, which was the part first constructed, the requirements of cash to meet payments for labor and material were at times thousands of dollars in excess of the current receipts of the newly organized Home. Rather than see the work

on the building of the Home come to a stop and completion of the structure delayed, Mr. Buchanan time and again advanced money to the Home out of his private means to enable it to meet current demands. In the official report of the President of the Masonic Home Board for the year ending August 31, 1876, he states: "We stand indebted today to our Treasurer, George C. Buchanan, some \$8,000 for advances made". Mr. Buchanan continued as director and treasurer until 1877, when he resigned.

At the present time Dr. Charles J. Rosenham, Prof. O. L. Reid, and John L. Wheat are directors of the Masonic Home, Fred W. Hardwick is Secretary, and Thomas J. Adams is Superintendent, all five of them being members of Louisville Lodge.

Louisville Lodge, as a body and through individual members, has at different times given large sums of money to the Home, being the second largest contributor.

This Lodge has made many private donations to individuals, to memorials and to charitable undertakings of various kinds. It has given liberally to the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville, Ky. Following the invasion of Belgium by Germany in August, 1914, and the great destitution and suffering that resulted therefrom, Louisville Lodge contributed \$200 in February, 1915, to the fund raised by Masons throughout the United States for the relief of Masons in Belgium and their families.

John M. S. McCorkle, who was Grand Master from 1850 to 1851 and Grand Secretary from 1854 to 1861 and from 1863 to 1874, became a member of Louisville Lodge in 1866, and continued as such until his death.



Several other members of Louisville Lodge have been signally honored by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Capt. Henry B. Grant was Assistant Grand Secretary from 1877 to 1887. Upon the retirement of the Grand Secretary, Hiram Bassett, in 1887, Capt. Grant was elected Grand Secretary and served as such continuously up to the time of his death, which occurred August 26, 1912.

Capt. John H. Cowles, now Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third Degree, Honorary, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from October, 1909, to October 1910.

Thomas Jefferson Adams, who for some years past has been the superintendent of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, was in October, 1915, elected Grand Master.

When in 1898, President McKinley called for volunteers to serve in our War with Spain, John H. Cowles, then Past Master, Wallace W. Morris, then Past Master, and Fred W. Hardwick, then Junior Warden of Louisville Lodge, promptly set about the organization of a company of volunteers, which was in due course mustered into the United States service as Company H, First Kentucky Infantry. Mr. Cowles was elected Captain, Mr. Morris, First Lieutenant, and Mr. Hardwick, Second Lieutenant. The company served in Porto Rico for several months with the rest of the First Kentucky Regiment, and returned to Louisville in December, 1898, after the close of the war, and soon after its return was mustered out of service.

Just before the departure of the regiment from Louisville in May, 1898, a largely attended meeting of Louisville Lodge was

held in honor of and to say farewell to those of the members who were about to leave for the front with Company H, First Kentucky Infantry, the regiment being commanded by that distinguished Kentuckian and our brother Mason, Colonel (afterward Brevet-Brigadier General) John B. Castleman.

When Company H was at the mobilization camps at Lexington, Kentucky, and at Chickamauga and later on active service in Porto Rico, it became the established custom in Louisville Lodge that whenever the Lodge was in session, promptly at 10 o'clock the Master's gavel fell and work was for a few minutes suspended while the Lodge prayed for the safe homecoming of those of its members who were absent in the service of their country.

For a number of years Louisville Lodge was known as the "silk stocking" Lodge because of the high quality of its personnel and because of the excellent manner in which its work was uniformly conducted. Throughout a majority of the administrations during the past twenty years it was the custom for the principal officers of Louisville Lodge to wear regulation evening dress while filling their respective stations.

Louisville Lodge is now prosperous both financially and spiritually. It is the second largest Masonic Lodge in Kentucky, its membership on December 31, 1915, consisting of 26 Past Masters, 606 Master Masons, 13 Fellowcrafts and 25 Entered Apprentices, being a total membership of 670. Its membership is steadily growing. It has quite a number of earnest workers and the Lodge as an organization and through its individual membership is playing a splendid part in the Masonic work of this community.



For a number of years members of Louisville Lodge have been very active in the work of the St. John's Day League, and a considerable measure of credit is due members of this Lodge for the success of the annual St. John's Day picnic given under the auspices of the League, and for the large sums of money realized at those picnics for the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home.

Shibboleth Lodge No. 750, of Louisville, was an offshoot from Louisville Lodge, its first Master, Harry R. Kendall, and a number of the charter members of Shibboleth Lodge having been members of No. 400.

On the evening of Monday, October 17, 1904, the Masters Degree was conferred on a candidate in elaborate style, the different stations being filled by the regular officers. The ceremonies took place in the main auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Invitations had been sent to all the lodges in the State, with the result that most of the out-of-town representatives, who had come to attend the opening of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the next day, were present at this meeting of Louisville Lodge. There was an estimated attendance of more than 500, every available seat being taken and large numbers being compelled to stand. In addition to the organ music, a double quartet sang a number of appropriate selections. The second section of the degree was conferred partly upon the stage and partly upon the floor of the auditorium, the electric lights being turned on and off as the scene shifted, so as to illuminate only the particular place where the work was at the moment being done. The big bell up in the steeple was rung, doubtless to the wonderment of the passers-by.

On Monday evening, May 25, 1914, a homecoming celebration of Louisville Lodge was held in the main auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Invitations had been sent to all members of the Lodge, non-residents as well as those at Louisville, with the result that a large crowd was in attendance. The roll of the Lodge was called and as each member present answered "here" to his name he stepped forward to the Master's station, where he was presented with a carnation, thus giving all the other members an opportunity to familiarize themselves with his name and appearance in case they were not personally acquainted with him. Letters were read from many out-of-town members and from a number of local members who were unable to attend and wishing the Lodge God-speed. The evening was enlivened by music and by a few short speeches. A brief sketch of the organization of Louisville Lodge and the main events in its history was prepared by Neville S. Bullitt and was read by him. The evening was concluded with a social session and refreshments.

The Golden Jubilee celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Louisville Lodge was held in the main auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Friday evening, October 29, 1915. While the Lodge was organized under dispensation April 28, 1865, and was chartered on October 18, 1865, the Golden Jubilee was deferred until October 29, first, because it was accepted in advance that at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which convened on October 19, 1915, Past Master T. J. Adams would be advanced from the position of Deputy Grand Master to that of Grand



Master, and it was considered desirable to have the celebration after he had become Grand Master.

For nearly twenty years it has been the custom of Louisville Lodge to give a river excursion and all-day picnic each year for the 350 orphans and widows at the Masonic Home. These affairs have very considerably contributed to the pleasure of the wards of the Home, who look forward each year with bright anticipations to the time when Louisville Lodge will give them another outing.

During the fifty years that Louisville Lodge has been in existence it has contained within its membership from to time many men who were distinguished in the learned professions and who were leaders in the world of business. Many of these are long since dead, but a number are still included in the active membership.

Some of the members of Louisville Lodge have been highly honored by the people of the community. Past Master James F. Grinstead served a term as Mayor of Louisville. Past Master Charles A. Wilson served a term as County Judge, and as such became ex-officio the first Judge of the newly established Juvenile Court of Jefferson County. Mr. John C. Strother was for several years a member of the non-partisan Board of Education, which came into being on January 1, 1911, and served one year as President of the Board. His services on the Board have reflected credit upon himself and have met the approval of all thoughtful people in the community. Hon. James Quarles served for several years as Judge of the Chancery Branch, First Division, of the Jefferson Circuit Court, and as such made a record that was highly creditable to him. Other members have been similarly honored, but lack

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of precise information prevents reference to them by name.

Louisville published a monthly paper known as "Louisville Lodge News", which is filled with personal and local items of interest to the members of the Lodge, and which is designed to draw more closely together the men of its membership who live in widely separated parts of a great and busy city.

BRIENSBURG LODGE NO. 401

BENTON, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Briensburg Lodge No. 401, was granted a Charter on October 18, 1865, and the records only show the following as its first officers: Allison W. Thomas, Master, John K. Wilson, Senior Warden, and J. W. Whitnel, Junior Warden. The Lodge first met and was set to work in the second story of the village school building at which place it has continued to meet to the present time, the Lodge having been the owner of the building and lot for many years.

The Lodge meets regularly on Saturday afternoon on or before the full moon in each month and has never had any other time of meeting. The Charter members were: Allison W. Thomas, John K. Wilson, John W. Whitnel, John Brien, Sam Graham, Ben F. Thomas, Rufus K. Thomas, Meredith C. Archer, Ambrose J. Buford, Elijah Bowerman, C. Yancey Bailey, James M. Chandler, John F. Deepwest, Bluford Dees, John M. Dyke, W. J. Dycus, Wilson Estes, Harvey Flowers, T. T. Grubbs, Joseph E. Howard, John J. Howard, M. B. G. Kinsolving, Elisha D. Lutger, Pink McKinney, Calvin McGee, Wash Roundtree, Felix Staten, W. B. Walters, Rabe Wyatt, Elisha Luter.



After organization the Lodge flourished until 1878 when its membership fell to eight, but after a short time it took on new life and has had a slow but continued growth up to the present time, and now has a membership of twenty-eight. It does not have among its membership any of the charter members, but has one member, George W. Slaughter, who has been a Mason fifty years.

While the Lodge has never had a Grand Lodge officer or a member prominent in state affairs, its membership has embraced some of the most prominent citizens and officials of the county. Its aim has ever been the advancement of Masonry and the betterment of the community in which it is located, and it has been the means of much good among its members and among the people of the county. It is the oldest Lodge in Marshall County.

SHEARER LODGE NO. 402

BRIDGEPORT, FRANKLIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1865. May 15, 1880, burned. July 10, 1886 became defunct.

PLEASANT VALLEY LODGE NO. 403

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH, HENDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1865, became defunct October 14, 1895.

## UNION GROVE LODGE NO. 404

UNION GROVE CHURCH, WARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1865. Moved to Rockfield, Warren  
County, in 1868, became defunct October 9, 1891.

## SULLIVAN LODGE NO. 405

GORIN'S CROSS ROADS, TODD CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1865. Moved to Guthrie in 1872, became  
defunct October 1887.

## STEPHENSPORT LODGE NO. 406

STEPHENSPORT, BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1865. Reports thirty members.

## EAST McCracken LODGE NO. 407

LEBANON CHURCH, McCracken CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866, became defunct October 19, 1892.

## LYNNVILLE LODGE NO. 408

LYNNVILLE, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866, became defunct October 18, 1888.

## M. J. WILLIAMS LODGE NO. 409

NEW LIBERTY, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866, became defunct October 3, 1890.



PLEASUREVILLE LODGE NO. 410  
NORTH PLEASUREVILLE, HENRY CO., KY.

Pleasureville Lodge, U. D., was granted dispensation to hold meetings at North Pleasureville, Ky., and was set to work by M. J. Williams, Grand Master and J. M. McCorkle, Grand Secretary, on the 23rd., day of May 1866. The Lodge was instituted June 16, 1866, by Dr. D. N. Porter, Grand Master, by proxy. Officers appointed to perform the ceremonies of inauguration were as follows; D. N. Porter, Grand Master, by Proxy; W. F. Beard, Senior Warden; J. F. Reese, Junior Warden; J. H. Clubb, Grand Treasurer, R. T. Oliver, Grand Secretary; W. B. Wilson, Grand Senior Deacon; Sales Brannaman, Grand Junior Deacon; Thomas C. Ireland, Grand Tyler, J. J. Reese, Grand Marshall. In addition to the above mentioned officers the following Master Masons were present: John L. Hill, John I. Clarke, G. M. Hill, P. H. List, Wm. Shivel, Joe T. Miles, Newt. J. Moore, John D. Gardner, James Adams, R. M. Smith, J. T. Ladd, Wm. Magruder, Wm. Maddox, Ben J. Williams, W. W. Clubb and W. R. Woodfield, of T. F. Reese Lodge.

After the officers were appointed and the visiting brothers were counted the Lodge then formed in procession and marched to the Church where Dr. Porter delivered an impressive lecture to the Craft and all who were present. After the lecture the Masons returned to the hall where the following officers were elected: John L. Hill, Master, James T. Miles, Senior Warden, Spencer Claxon, Junior Warden, John S. Clarke, Treasurer, P. H. List, Secretary, George M. Hill, Senior Deacon, N. J. Moore, Junior Deacon, T. O. Ireland, Tyler, Pro Tem.



Pleasureville Lodge met in its first regular communication June 23, 1866, and received three petitions for initiation and two by demit. The Lodge continued to work under dispensation until October 17, 1866, and on this date was given a Charter and the name "Pleasureville Lodge No. 410. The Lodge continued to work very successfully for a good long time, but owing to some losses and other things got in bad shape and August 26, 1893, had to surrender her Charter to the Grand Lodge, but this being very unsatisfactory to the members who loved Masonry, a new interest was taken and they were re-organized December 27, 1894, and met in call meeting at Wm. Evans' little office room for the purpose of electing officers and the following officers were elected: Wm. Shivel, Master, Jerre Knight, Senior Warden, R. W. Underwood, Junior Warden, A. M. Edwards, Secretary, S. W. Mays, Treasurer, Wm. Evans, Tyler.

Since this time the Lodge has been very prosperous, having grown from nine Charter members until it now has fifty-seven members in good condition and all of the fifty-seven are men who appreciate the order and are trying to make the Lodge worthy of its profession.

Pleasureville Lodge has a furnished room at the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and has one widow there, Mrs. Sarah Claxton.

EAST OWEN LODGE NO. 411  
LUSBY'S MILLS, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866. The Charter having been destroyed by accident a new one was issued October 19, 1870. The Lodge



became defunct October 18, 1901.

CUBA LODGE NO. 412  
CUBA, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866, became defunct July 31, 1885.

CUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 413  
BURKESVILLE, CUMBERLAND CO., KY.

Chartered October 17, 1866. Reports ninety-seven members.

T. F. REESE LODGE NO. 414  
FRANKLINTON, HENRY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, surrendered its Charter March, 1887.

MUHLENBURG LODGE NO. 415  
SOUTH CARROLLTON, MUHLENBURG CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, became defunct July 11, 1898.

LONG VIEW LODGE NO. 416  
LONG VIEW, CHRISTIAN CO., KY.

Long View Lodge No. 416, was organized October 18, 1866, and became defunct May 14, 1904.

This Lodge gave to Kentucky one of its most distinguished citizens, and to the institution of Freemasonry one of the most

illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky - James A. McKenzie.

James A. McKenzie graduated from Center College, at Danville, Kentucky, with the class of 1857, the largest ever graduated from that Institution.

As the Representative of his district in the National Congress he introduced and secured the passage of the bill putting quinine upon the free list, which resulted in reducing the price of that drug to the consumer from \$5.00 an ounce to 50 cents, and ever after caused the author of this law to be known throughout the State and Nation as "Quinine Jim McKenzie."

As a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency of the United States, he made the speech seconding the nomination of his first cousin A. E. Stevenson for the Vice Presidency, in what was at the time declared to be the handsomest oration delivered in that convention, and which was greeted with a thundering applause accorded to no other speaker there.

He was a great orator, a finished scholar, a pure patriot. His last public service to his country was that of United States Minister to Peru. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky 1891-92. On June 25, 1904 he departed this life, holding the love, respect and admiration of all who had ever come in personal contact with him.



## THREE SPRINGS LODGE NO. 417

THREE SPRINGS, BARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866. The Lodge meetings were held over the church in the woods about four hundred yards distant from the store.

About 1871, a man named Jim Smith who was on unfriendly terms with Julius R. Curl, the Master of this Lodge, rode up to the Lodge room when the Craft were assembled for a meeting and called Curl to him - when he answered Smith presented his rifle - but Curl drew his pistol and shot him dead before he could fire. The case never went to a jury. The Lodge was not opened that day. The Lodge became defunct July 10, 1886.

## CAVE CITY LODGE NO. 418

CAVE CITY, BARREN COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866. The Lodge was burned in January 1870. October 19, 1870 a new Charter was issued in lieu of the one destroyed by fire. In 1888 its Charter and properties were again burned and the Lodge became defunct.

## TAMPICO LODGE NO. 419

CANE VALLEY, ADAIR CO., KY.

Charter was granted to Tampico Lodge, No. 419, on the 18th., day of October, 1866, signed by U. J. Williams, Grand Master, I. T. Martin, Deputy Grand Master, Charles Eginton, Senior Grand Warden,

E. S. Fitch, Junior Grand Warden, and I. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

The Charter named H. Allen, first Master, George Ewing, Senior Warden, and W. W. Benard, Junior Warden.

The Lodge was organized under dispensation on the 7th., day of April, 1866, with the following brethren in charge: D. B. Moore, Master, R. E. Geeter, Senior Warden, O. P. Marshall, Junior Warden, J. H. Allen, Secretary, John A. Johnston, Treasurer, R. T. Hodges, Senior Deacon, John W. Faulkner, Junior Deacon, and A. Lindsey, Steward and Tyler. The following brethren were elected and installed to take the different stations in said Lodge on that day: J. H. Allen, Master, George Ewing, Senior Warden, W. W. Benard, Junior Warden, G. C. Cundiff, Secretary, J. Ailshire, Treasurer, John W. Faulkner, Senior Deacon, John A. Johnston, Junior Deacon, and A. Lindsay, Steward and Tyler.

By dispensation of Grand Master James Garnett this Lodge was authorized to change its meeting place from Tampico, Taylor County, to Cane Valley, Adair County, and the same was approved by the Grand Lodge on the 17th., day of October, 1906.

John A. Johnston, who now lives at Tampico, Kentucky, and whose hair shows the frost of many years, is the only Charter member who survives.

BEAVER DAM LODGE NO. 420

BEAVER DAM, OHIO CO., KY.

Prior to October, 1866, dispensation was granted to Cromwell Lodge at Cromwell, Kentucky, and Charter granted to Cromwell Lodge No. 420 October 18, 1866. October 21, 1896, the name of the



Lodge was changed and the Lodge moved to Beaver Dam, nine miles away.

The meetings were at first held in a room, ten by twelve feet, over a store, but the Craft were soon in a house of their own erected at a cost of \$3,000, which was soon after burned down. Another house was built and this swept away by a tornado, but the men of this Lodge were not the kind to succumb to discouragement; they were men born and raised in sight of the old beavers dam, and they set to "work like beavers" and soon had another home of their own. The Lodge has a membership of seventy-two, out of debt and doing fine work.

CONSOLATION LODGE NO. 421

ERA, CHRISTIAN CO., WY.

The Charter to Consolation Lodge No. 421, F. & A. M., was granted October 18, 1866. The Charter members were Dr. J. E. McCord, Master, P. F. Rogers, Senior Warden, Samuel Doss, Junior Warden. About the time of the organization of the Lodge there was a church house erected which was named Consolation. The little band of Masons took advantage of the opportunity and built a hall over the church house which was used until the year 1903, at that time the house becoming old and dilapidated and the membership having run down to eleven, and the church having discontinued holding services in the house, the Lodge moved to a small village called Era, about one and a half miles South of the old church.

Meetings at Era were held in the parlor of W. J. Fuller for

twelve months until a new hall was built. Having B. F. Fuller as their leader and Master at that time, and he being a carpenter and ready and willing to work, the Lodge was soon put under its own roof. The building, worth about \$700.00, is owned by the Lodge free of debt.

None of the members of Consolation Lodge has held any high officicial positions, but quite a number are leaders in Masonry in the communities where they are known.

B. F. Fuller was made a Mason in L. M. Cox Lodge No. 327, but in 1892 moved his membership to Consolation. He has served as Master of this Lodge twelve times in the last twenty years. He was the leader in building the new hall and deserves great credit for his zeal and energy in making the Lodge what it is today.

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 H~~X~~BBARDSVILLE LODGE NO. 422  
 H~~X~~BBARDSVILLE, HENDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, became defunct July 10, 1886.

MASON CREEK LODGE NO. 423  
 BEECH GROVE, McLEAN COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, at Masons Creek. Burned January 15, 1867. Ner Charter granted October 24, 1867. In 1869 moved to Beech Grove. The Lodge owns the building in which its meetings are held.



CASEY LODGE NO. 424

PHIL, CASEY CO., KY.

Casey Lodge began under a dispensation granted October 8, 1891. The nine men who organized and started the work were, in the main, former members of old Casey Lodge No. 424, which was chartered October 18, 1866, and which surrendered its Charter and became officially dead July 10, 1886.

Of the nine who organized what is now Casey Lodge No. 424 only one Charter member is still affiliated with the Lodge. One was suspended, three have demitted, and four have gone to join the Celestial Lodge on High.

The first meeting U. D., was held November 2, 1891, and since that date there has been admitted to membership by initiation or by petition and demit, eighty-one.

This Lodge began work under dispensation in a rented hall over a store one mile East of Phil, Ky., but soon built a hall over a church a mile North of Phil, and began holding its meetings in the new hall in 1892. The Lodge is out of debt, the hall and furniture are kept insured, and the building kept painted and in good repair.

Harmony has prevailed throughout the life of the Lodge as evidenced by the fact that charges have never been preferred except for non-payment of dues and only seven cases of that in twenty-three years.

During its existence this Lodge has elected twelve of its members as Master. Of these Past Masters four are dead, two have demitted.

BOONEVILLE LODGE NO. 425  
BOONEVILLE, OWSLEY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866. Reports twenty-five members.

PANTHER CREEK LODGE NO. 426  
CURDSVILLE, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, moved to Union Grove October, 1874,  
became defunct October 18, 1888.

MARSHALL LODGE NO. 427  
PORT ROYAL, HENRY CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Port Royal Lodge, chartered October  
18, 1866, as Marshall Lodge No. 427, became defunct October 3, 1890.

CURDSVILLE LODGE NO. 428  
CURDSVILLE, MERCER CO., KY.

Chartered October, 1866, became defunct October 19, 1868.

THOMAS TODD LODGE NO. 429  
CLAYVILLAGE, SHELBY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, became defunct October 22, 1884.

T. W. WASH LODGE NO. 430  
GRAVEL SWITCH, MARION CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, at Station Point, Boyle County,



moved to Gravel Switch June 5, 1907.

MONTICELLO LODGE NO. 431

MONTICELLO, WAYNE CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866. Old Charter destroyed and new one issued October 21, 1869.

CRAB ORCHARD LODGE NO. 432

CRAB ORCHARD, LINCOLN CO., KY.

Charter granted October 18, 1866, signed by M. J. Williams, Grand Master, Charles Eginton, Grand Senior Warden, Elisha H. Fitch, Grand Junior Warden, J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

James McAlister was the first Master, George W. James, the Senior Warden, John P. Thorel the Junior Warden. The Lodge became defunct in 1883.

(See Nos, 139 and 636.)

CHAPLIN LODGE NO. 433

CHAPLIN, NELSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, became defunct March 2, 1881.

OAKLAND LODGE NO. 434

OAKLAND CHURCH, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866. March 2, 1881, its Charter and properties destroyed by fire and the Lodge became defunct.

SOUTHVILLE LODGE NO. 435

SOUTHVILLE, SHELBY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1866, became defunct July 10, 1886.

J. H. BRANHAM LODGE NO. 436

PHILPOT, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, at Clark's School House. In 1909 moved to Philpot.

O. D. HENDERSON LODGE NO. 437

STATION CAMP, ESTILL CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Red Lick Lodge U. D. Chartered October 24, 1867. Charter destroyed by rats and new one issued October 20, 1881. Reports twenty-nine members.

REEDYVILLE LODGE NO. 438

ROUND HILL, BUTLER CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, at Reedyville, Butler County, moved to Round Hill, in 1884. Reports fifty-nine members.

ELDORADO LODGE NO. 439

McAFEE, MERCER CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct October 17, 1877.



SYMPSONIA LODGE NO. 440

SYMPSONIA, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct July 10, 1866.

FAIRFIELD LODGE NO. 441

FAIRFIELD, NELSON CO., KY.

Fairfield Lodge U. D., was organized under dispensation granted October 18, 1866, by the Grand Master of Kentucky, I. T. Martin. His action was approved by the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting the following October, whereupon a Charter was issued to the Lodge under date of October 24, 1867, designating it Fairfield Lodge No. 441.

The petitioners who asked permission to work as a Lodge under dispensation were, Harrison Wells, Ben Miller, John T. Miller, John Rogan, D. P. Stallard, Y. P. Wells, John S. Hughes, D. T. Wells, Pitts Stallard, D. B. Wigginton, Thomas P. Bryant, P. W. Wells, and Chris. Ludwick.

The officers under dispensation and named in the Charter were; Harrison Wells, Master, Ben Miller, Senior Warden, John T. Miller, Junior Warden, and on December 27, 1867, Harrison Wells and Ben Miller were re-elected Master and Senior Warden, respectively.

Ben Miller is the only one of the original members now living. He having retained a continuous membership during the entire existence of the Lodge.

During the first few years of its existence this Lodge gained in membership very fast, but during the period between 1875 and

1890, it lost heavily by demit and suspension.

The Lodge owns its hall with a store-room on the ground floor which it has rented most of the time. The building is in good repair, having recently been remodeled by putting in a new front to the store room.

The present membership, while few in number, are all interested in the mission that confronts Masonry and stand ready to contribute to the calls of charity.

NEWBURG LODGE NO. 442

NEWBURG, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct April, 1886.

B. F. REYNOLDS LODGE NO. 443

MOOREFIELD, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

The Lodge was set to work at East Union (now called Bramlett) Kentucky, December 26, 1866, Under Dispensation, from Grand Master I. T. Martin, by William W. Howard of Dougherty No. 65, as proxy of the Grand Master. The Lodge was granted a Charter at the meeting of the Grand Lodge October, 1867, and was set to work under the Charter by W. H. Squires of Dougherty No. 65, as proxy of the Grand Master, November 9, 1867. The following officers were duly installed - viz: B. F. Reynolds, Master, G. W. Bramlett, Senior Warden, J. P. Stephenson, Junior Warden, B. E. Rice, Treasurer, J. W. Ellington, Secretary, H. W. Call, Steward and Tyler, James W. McCracken, Senior Deacon, J. W. Wasson, Junior Deacon.



Of the Charter members of this Lodge, only J. P. Stephenson, its first Junior Warden, and Wm. J. Buntin, survive, both are members of B. F. Reynolds, No. 443 at this time.

B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443, increased in membership rapidly for some years at East Union, Kentucky, where it met in a Lodge room owned by its members. The Lodge was moved from East Union, Kentucky, to Moorefield, Kentucky, during the spring of 1883; and it met in the upper room of the district school building until 1910, when the building had to be vacated for school purposes. That year a nice two story building was erected by an incorporated stock company, composed of members of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias Lodges. The two Lodges meet in the upper room and the stock company rent the ground floor for storage purposes.

When FitzMunger Lodge No. 836 was set to work under dispensation in 1910,- ten members of B. F. Reynolds No. 443 demitted to unite with that Lodge.

At this time B. F. Reynolds Lodge has forty members and is in a healthful condition. The membership represents the best citizenship of the community. Two are ministers of the gospel; three are practicing physicians; one a practicing attorney; two cashiers of banks; some are county officials, some are merchants, and the remainder are farmers.

Since being chartered in 1867, B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443 has had nineteen Masters. Eleven of these served but one year; four served for two years, and the other four served longer periods. The first Master, B. F. Reynolds, served four years - 1867, 68, 72 and 73. James McCracken served seven years, 1869, 70, 74, 75, 80,

1881, and 1887. Charles W. Durham has the distinction of having served as Master twelve times: 1884, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, 96, 1900, 1902 and 1903. The present Master, Ben R. Caldwell, has been elected four times: 1905, 1912, 1913, 1914. James E. Wright, who was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the years 1912 and 1913, was Master of the B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443 for the year 1904.

Charles W. Durham, who is still living, served as a Confederate soldier throughout the Civil War and was made a Mason in Newton Lodge No. 286 immediately following the close of the war and united with B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443, November 10, 1863. He has served the same as Master for twelve years, and for many years of his Masonic life has been very active in conferring degrees, not only in his Lodge, but also in adjoining Lodges. For a number of years he has been a valuable member of the Moorefield Methodist Church, and served many of them as Steward. As he is now declining in health, he is not able to attend either church or Lodge.

James McCracken, who served this Lodge as Master for seven years, was a Charter member and a very bright Mason. He served in the war with Mexico in 1848, was deputy assessor of Nicholas County for a number of years, served as Justice of the Peace twelve years and died a member of B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443 at a ripe old age, and was buried with Masonic honors at East Union, Ky., in the year 1908.

George W. Bramblett, the first Senior Warden of this Lodge served as Master one year, 1871, died a member of this Lodge and was buried in the cemetery at Carlisle, Kentucky, in the year 1911,



with Masonic honors. Prior to the days of the American Tobacco Company, he was one of the largest buyers and shippers of Burley tobacco in this section of Kentucky. He was a large landholder, having at one time owned land in Nicholas and adjoining counties, as well as large tracts in the mountains of Kentucky.

Joseph E. Whaley, the present Tyler (1914), has served his district as Justice of the Peace for sixteen years.

The oldest member who was made a Mason in B. F. Reynolds Lodge No. 443, is George H. Wilson. He was made a Master Mason September 10th., 1870. He has been appointed Deputy County Clerk four times, served as road Supervisor of Nicholas County two years and Justice of the Peace in his district for twenty years.

B. F. Reynolds, the first Master of the Lodge, and in whose honor the Lodge was named, served as its Master one year and a member of the committee on finance one year. At that time the Lodge being well founded, he withdrew his membership and reunited with Dougherty No. 65 of Carlisle, Ky., served it as Master for the years 1886, 87 and 88, died a member of that Lodge and was buried with Masonic honors in the Carlisle, Kentucky cemetery. He was born near Little Rock, Bourbon County, Kentucky. His parents died when he was quite young and he secured his education principally in the schools of Bourbon County. Having an ambition to become a practicing physician, while the Civil War was waging he went to Cincinnati and entered a medical college, having as his capital only **thirty dollars**. Wounded soldiers were brought to the Cincinnati hospitals and he assisted the physicians and surgeons in caring for them. Smallpox broke out, but he remained

faithful as both nurse and doctor and won great favor with the Cincinnati doctors, as well as with the sick and wounded. All of these joined together and aided him in finishing his medical education. He then began the practice at East Union, Kentucky. Not being able to buy a horse of his own, he borrowed one, and soon won the confidence of the people and built up a large clientele, thus exemplifying the adage "Where there is a will, there is a way". It was while practicing medicine at East Union that he effected the organization and secured the Charter of the Lodge. He spent the remainder of his life in Nicholas County, serving for a number of years as County Health Officer, and also had the honor of representing the counties of Nicholas and Robertson in the Kentucky Legislature. Although beginning his career so poor, at his death he left his widow and four children a good estate. The oldest son bears the full name of his father and is a young Past Master of Dougherty Lodge No. 65 of Carlisle, Kentucky.

This Lodge has been visited by two Grand Masters during their years of administration. Grand Master Samuel K. Veatch visited the Lodge July 22, 1907, and conferred the Masters Degree on present Senior Deacon, A. C. Kearns. Grand Master Joseph H. Ewalt visited the Lodge on June 21, 1913, and conferred the Masters Degree on the present Secretary, J. M. Berry.

FORD LODGE NO. 444

FORD, CLARKE CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, as Four Mile No. 444. October 9, 1891, name changed to Ford. January 29, 1914, Charter arrested



for non-payment of dues.

ATHENS LODGE NO. 445

ATHENS, FAYETTE CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct October 21, 1887.

SHORT CREEK LODGE NO. 446

SHORT CREEK, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. The Lodge properties and Charter burned in 1879 and a new Charter issued October 22, 1880. The Charter was arrested in 1886.

CORYDON LODGE NO. 447

CORYDON, HENDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct July 10, 1886.

LANDRUM LODGE NO. 448

WINGO, GRAVES CO., KY.

This Lodge was chartered October 24, 1867, and named in honor of James D. Landrum, Past Grand Master. The meetings were held in rented quarters until 1890, in which year the Lodge acquired title to a two story frame building 40x80 feet, the second story of which is used for Lodge purposes and the ground floor leased to a tenant. This Lodge weak in numbers, reporting a membership of thirty-five in 1915, evidences a strong Masonic spirit. In

Masonry, as in the State, the Freeholder is the real bone and sinew of the organization.

PLAIN CITY LODGE NO. 449

PADUCAH, McCRACKEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. Reports two hundred and seventy six members. James E. Wilhelm, a member of this Lodge was elected Grand Master in 1898.

MYSTIC TIE LODGE NO. 450

SALOMA, TAYLOR CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867.

BETHLEHEM LODGE NO. 451

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY, CALDWELL CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. Destroyed by cyclone 1878, became defunct July 10, 1886.

WESLEY LODGE NO. 452

WESLEY, HICKMAN CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct July 10, 1886.

SHILOH LODGE NO. 453

GROVE CENTER, UNION CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867 at Shiloh Meeting House, moved to



Grove Center 1893.

DANIEL BOONE LODGE NO. 454

FOXTOWN, MADISON CO., KY.

Daniel Boone Lodge No. 454 was the outgrowth of the desire of Benjamin T. Gentry to erect on or near the site of the "Old Fort at Boonesborough" a Lodge to bear the name of Kentucky's most illustrious pioneer, and to preserve if possible through it some of the tradition and history connected with that famous spot. Mr. Gentry was a member and Past Master of Richmond Lodge as well as a Royal Arch Mason and member of Webb Commandery. These indicate his love for the Order, especially when it is remembered that he lived twelve miles from Richmond. He secured the requisite number of names and was granted permission to work U. D. The Grand Master designated as his proxy Past Grand Master William Holloway or George Sam Roberts, the Master of Richmond Lodge, to act as his proxy and set the Lodge to work. The first named was unable to be present so the pleasant work fell to the lot of G. Sam Roberts. He, on the first day of May, 1867, drove to Boonesborough in company with Ed. W. Turner, afterward Grand Master, Ambrose J. Dudley and R. D. Davis, all members of Richmond Lodge No. 25, to obey and carry out the instructions of the Grand Master. Their first meeting was held in the upper room of the a store belonging to John Stevens. The following brethren were installed: Ben T. Gentry, Master, A. T. Chenault, Senior Warden, William Bennett, Junior Warden, John Stevens, Treasurer, Chilton A. Lisle, Secretary, Theodore K. Lisle, Senior Deacon, William





McGowan, Junior Deacon, J. V. Stevens, Steward and Tyler.

There were present also Henry Lisle, Valentine Stephens, Harvey Cobb and Absolom Shearer. These comprised the Charter membership. The third Saturday of each month was the day selected for the regular meeting. The first months of the Lodge were very prosperous. Dr. George W. Evans was the first man initiated after the Lodge began work May, 1867. A Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge the following October (1867). The same officers were retained at the annual election, with one or two changes. Christopher D. Chenault who had come into the Lodge, was elected Secretary. As long as Messrs. Gentry and John Stevens lived the Lodge remained at Boonesborough and prospered, but with the death of these two brethren it was deemed best to remove the Lodge to Foxtown, a more convenient point for many of its members. Authority to do this was granted by the Grand Master, B. G. Witt, February 25, 1886. Here the Lodge owns comfortable quarters, but the spirit of those who founded it seems to have passed and for the past ten years it has shown a steady decline in its membership. The real purposes for which it was founded have never been realized. William Bennett to a large degree followed the spirit of Gentry and since his death Sanford Oldham has done more than his part to keep it alive, serving as Master nineteen years. An old and historic Bible printed in Scotland more than 120 years ago is one of the relics of this Lodge. The reports of the Grand Lodge disclose the following names of those who have served as Masters: Ben T. Gentry, A. T. Chenault, Theodore K. Lisle, Sanford Oldham, A. S. Hampton, Presley Smith, William Bennett, Presley Batterton, C. W. Langford,

D. P. Black, E. P. Million.

It is the hope of all that Daniel Boone Lodge will continue , and there is no good reason why it should not. Located centrally, in the midst of a beautiful and fertile country, with ample jurisdiction and a fine citizenship, it seemingly has all the advantages a Lodge could desire to achieve success, but without the true Masonic spirit of service revives its doom is inevitable.

WALTON'S CREEK LODGE NO. 455

WALTON'S CREEK, OHIO CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct 1881.

HARROD'S CREEK LODGE NO. 456

HARROD'S CREEK, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, became defunct October 20, 1899.  
November 8, 1899, re-instated and old Charter returned. Reports sixty-five members.

JOHN T. CRANDELL LODGE NO. 457

ANTIOCH CHURCH, MUHLENBERG CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. Returns twenty-three members.

CARTER LODGE NO. 458

MASON, GRANT CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, with meeting place near Stringtown,



Grant Co., Ky. In 1871, moved to Cordova, Grant County. In 1882, moved to Mason, Grant County. May 6, 1903, became defunct.

I. T. MARTIN LODGE NO. 459

SADIEVILLE, SCOTT CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867, at Mount Olivet Church, moved 1868 to Sadieville. Burned 1896 and new Charter issued October 21, 1896.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE NO. 460

SMITHFIELD, HENRY CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. July 10, 1886, the Lodge properties and Charter were burned and Perseverance was extinguished.

MILTON LODGE NO. 461

MILTON, TRIMBLE CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. Reports forty-two members.

NEW SALEM LODGE NO. 462

NEW SALEM, SIMPSON CO., KY.

New Salem Lodge No. 462, located at New Salem in Simpton County, nine miles East of Franklin and one half mile West of Gold City, received its Charter October 24, 1867, with the following officers: W. E. Arnold, Master, James D. Keys, Senior Warden, S. B. Hendricks, Junior Warden.

The Lodge increased in numbers till 1875, when it reported sixty two members. About this time, there was dissension among the brethren in reference to the proposed assessment of one dollar per member for five years for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans Home. On account of this, the membership was reduced within a few years to the low ebb of twenty.

Since that time, the growth has been steady, there being forty members at the last annual report.

The jurisdictional territory has been reduced by the formation of New Roe Lodge in Allen County, and Neel Lodge in Warren County.

The Lodge has sustained a reputation for correct work and for peace and harmony of its membership.

KING LODGE NO. 463

LOCATED AT THE RESIDENCE OF C. C. BRYANT

CALLOWAY CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1867. In 1871 moved to Little Rock Church.

COX LODGE NO. 464

CAMPTON, WOLFE CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868, and set to work with the following officers: Robert C. Day, Master, George W. Cox, Senior Warden, James M. Oliver, Junior Warden, John T. Hazelrigg, Treasurer, A. Porter, Lacey, Secretary, C. C. Hanks, Tyler.

In 1892, on December 29, 1905, and again in January 1910, this Lodge had its records and property destroyed by fire. Alexander



Drake is(1914) the present Master of the Lodge and its oldest living member.

The Lodge owns a comfortable building in which its meetings are held and has a membership of seventy-five, who are mostly young men and men of middle age, active and enthusiastic.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 465

SALEM CHURCH, GRAVES CO., KY.

Organized as Salem Lodge U. D. Chartered October 22, 1868, became defunct March 16, 1886.

Wm. M. WINSTEAD LODGE NO. 466

PLEASANT GROVE, DAVIESS CO., KY.

About five miles West of the city of Owensboro on the Owensboro and Henderson Road, Wm M. Winstead U. D., which was constituted and the hall dedicated September 28, 1867, by J. H. Brannon of Owensboro Lodge 130, proxy of Grand Master.

In October, 1867, the Charter was granted and the Lodge set to work with E. S. Fitch, Grand Master; Charles Eginton, Deputy Grand Master, V. H. Jones, Grand Senior Warden, and E. B. Jones, Grand Junior Warden, officiating.

DIXON LODGE NO. 467

DIXON, WEBSTER CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868, surrendered Charter March 19, 1917.

STONEWALL LODGE NO. 468

LORETTA, MARION CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868. Lodge died for want of Masonic interest, becoming defunct in 1876.

ESTILL LODGE NO. 469

SPOUT SPRINGS, ESTILL CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868, at a meeting place near the house of Joseph P. Wright in Estill County.

KEYSTONE LODGE NO. 470

PLEASANT HOME, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868. The present membership is eighteen, most all of whom are old men. W. H. Lowdenback is the only surviving Charter member.

FARMERSVILLE LODGE NO. 471

FARMERSVILLE, CALDWELL CO., KY.

October 16, 1868, under dispensation Roscoe Lodge U. D., was organized at Beech Grove, Kentucky. John P. Roscoe acting as proxy for the Grand Master.

The following constituted the membership of the Lodge:

F. J. Sullivan, Master, Logardo, Tenn., No. 237; R. C. Towery, Senior Warden, Alabama; W. M. Hobbs, Junior Warden, Clinton No. 282; J. Q. A. Barnes, Treasurer, Clinton No. 82; W. R. McChesney, No. 44 L.O.



Mo., Joel Beckner, Senior Deacon, No. 82; L. A. Crowell, Junior Deacon, No. 82; J. H. Roberts, Tyler No. 82; J. C. Asher, No. 82. October 20, 1868 a Charter was granted to Roscoe Lodge No. 471. November, 1891, the Lodge was moved to Farmersville and October 16, 1894, the name of the Lodge was changed from Roscoe No. 471 to Farmersville No. 471.

The following is list of surviving Charter members, viz:

F. J. Sullivan, Princeton.

W. H. Jones, "

W. M. Hobby, " R. R. #1

W. R. McChesney, " " "

W. G. SIMPSON LODGE NO. 472

MONTEREY, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868.

JOE ELLIS LODGE NO. 473

BELL RUN CHURCH, OHIO CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 474

IRVINE'S STORE, RUSSELL CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1868, became defunct October 18, 1888.

## BRATTON MILLS LODGE NO. 475

BRATTON, ROBERTSON CO., KY.

Bratton Mills Lodge No. 475, was organized in 1867 under dispensation granted by Grand Master E. S. Fitch. Its Charter was granted October 22, 1868.

Though small numerically, and weak financially this Lodge gave \$500 towards the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and undying testimony of their Masonic zeal and earnestness.

On February 27, 1901, the Lodge hall and everything in it except the Lodge seal was destroyed by fire, but the Craft got busy and rebuilt the hall and the Grand Lodge granted another Charter retaining the old name and number.

## MILFORD LODGE NO. 476

MILFORD, BRACKEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, burned April 12, 1889. New Charter issued October 24, 1889, became defunct October 19, 1892.

## CANEY FORK LODGE NO. 477

CONCORD CHURCH ( TOWNSVILLE ) BUTLER CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, at Caney Fork Academy, Butler Co., moved to Concord Church in 1871, became defunct August 4, 1900.

## SAMUEL REED LODGE NO. 478

LUDELOW, KENTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869.



ROBERT MALLORY LODGE NO. 479  
BALLARDSVILLE, OLDHAM CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, became defunct September 13, 1884.

STAR LODGE NO. 480  
ROUGH AND READY, ANDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, became defunct October 3, 1890.

PALESTINE LODGE NO. 481  
MELBER, McCracken CO., KY.

On November 21, 1869, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened under dispensation granted to them in Ballard county, Kentucky, at or near Palestine Church, at which meeting Palestine Lodge U. D., was organized. At this meeting the first officers were installed into office as follows: J. M. Davis, Master, Malachi McColpin, Senior Warden, O. O. Jones, Junior Warden, William Wilson, Treasurer, R. W. Shelbourne, Secretary, A. J. Heath, Senior Deacon, T. B. McColpin, Junior Deacon, Ben T. Wilson, Tyler. Date of meeting was fixed for the Thursday before the full moon in each month at sun set.

Records of December 9, 1869, show officers installed by R. W. Shelbourne by commission of the Grand Master of Kentucky under Charter granted under date of October 21, 1869.

At a meeting of the Lodge on December 18, 1869, there were received three petitions for membership, one candidate was passed, and one was raised.

The records throughout the first year show work in the degrees at almost every meeting.

On March 30, 1871, the date of meeting was changed to the third Saturday of each month at two o'clock P. M.

The records show the following donations to the Widows and Orphans Home: September 21, 1872, \$10.00; January 18, 1873, \$50.75; June 20, 1874, \$25.00; October 16, 1875, \$10.00; October 19, 1889, \$10.00.

Record of February 19, 1876 shows the Lodge received a certificate of life membership in the Widows and Orphans Home of Kentucky.

On May 21, 1892, the Lodge voted to raise the Home assessment from fifty cents to one dollar per member, the vote being unanimous with fifteen members voting.

On April 20, 1895, the Lodge voted to pay \$10.00 per year for five successive years to the Home for Infirm and Destitute Masons of Kentucky, which amount was paid in full on August 15, 1903.

On April 18, 1899, the Lodge voted to remove their meeting place from Palestine Church, Ballard County (now Carlisle county) to Melber, McCracken county, Kentucky, which permission was granted by the Grand Master.

The first meeting of the Lodge at Melber was on April 21, 1900.

On February 17, 1906, the Lodge voted to take one life membership in the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, which was paid for in full by five successive yearly installments of \$10.00 each.

On April 20, 1907, the Lodge voted a free will donation of \$10.50 to the Old Masons' Home of Kentucky, this being a fifty cent



per capita on the membership.

On August 21, 1909 the Lodge voted to pay a per capita assessment of twenty-five cents for each member to the Old Masons Home of Kentucky.

This Lodge has been a means of much good to the community in which it has existed and has numbered among its members a great many of the most influential men of the community.

Although in numbers its membership has always been small the communications have been regular, and the work exceptionally good for a small lodge.

PHELPS LODGE NO. 482  
FARMERS, ROWAN CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, at Morehead, Rowan County, Ky.  
In 1873 moved to present location.

MONUMENT LODGE NO. 483  
ASBURY CHAPEL, DAVIESS CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1869, became defunct September 8, 1890.

PARKERSVILLE LODGE NO. 484  
LAMASCO, LYON CO., KY.

Parkersville Lodge No. 484, at Lamasco, Lyon County, Kentucky, formerly known as Parkersville, was organized under dispensation by John McLin as Proxy for the Grand Master, one year later,

October 21, 1869, a Charter was granted.

Robert Parker was the first Master, and is at this time the oldest member of the Lodge, being in his 89th., year (1914). He was made a Mason in Joppa Lodge, Tennessee, in 1846, and has been an active Mason since that time, having served in every office of the Lodge. Other aged members of the Lodge, whose devotion to Masonry renders them worthy of special mention are, John P. Oliver, Martin Johnson, and J. J. Chambers.

The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, has fifty members, owns a comfortable hall for its place of meeting, and the Craft manifest a Masonic interest that augurs well for the future.

ELK CREEK LODGE NO. 485

ELK CREEK, SPENCER CO., KY.

The history of Elk Creek Lodge began October 21, 1869, when H. H. Stout, E. B. Shafar, J. M. Boston, J. P. Beard, J. T. Dale, S. R. Norman, J. D. Veech, A. L. Buckner, D. L. Bennett and Isaac Carithers petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for a Charter. Their petition was recommended by Taylorsville No. 210. Grand Master Charles Eginton appointed H. H. Stout, Master, E. B. Shafar, Senior Warden and J. M. Boston, Junior Warden.

The first meeting was held November 2, 1869, with the regular officers of Taylorsville No. 210 officiating.

Elk Creek No. 485 was granted a Charter October 19, 1870. During the year after November 2, 1869, and until 1886, the membership gradually grew, but for the next twelve years it went down a little faster than it grew, but in 1898 began to grow until today



the Lodge has forty-six Master Masons and two Entered Apprentices.

All of the Charter members are dead.

In 1870 Elk Creek Lodge hall was built and paid for and since that date the Lodge has never been in debt.

RISING STAR LODGE NO. 486

HISEVILLE, BARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870, became defunct October 18, 1888.

J. C. WHITLOCK LODGE NO. 487

LOCUST GROVE, TRIGG CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870. In 1892 moved to Gracey, Christian County. October 19, 1898, became defunct.

ARGUS LODGE NO. 488

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870, became defunct July 10, 1886.

HAZELWOOD LODGE NO. 489

BARLOW, BALLARD CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Charles S. Marshall Lodge. Chartered October 19, 1870 as Hazelwood Lodge No. 489. Returns fifty-nine members.

WILLIAMSBURG LODGE NO. 490  
WILLIAMSBURG, WHITLEY CO., KY.

On the 8th., day of March, 1870, Charles Eginton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, granted a dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge at Williamsburg, Whitley County, to be called Eginton Lodge U. D. William C. Rose, still living in Jellico, was the first Master. With him was associated eight other Master Masons. A Charter was granted to Eginton Lodge No. 490, October 19, 1870, at which time the number had grown to twenty-seven. At this time Williamsburg was only a village of a few hundred but the Lodge record shows that practically all of the business and professional men of the county were affiliated with this Lodge.

The first meetings were held in the old Court House, later a Lodge room was built over the public school room, where it continued to meet for many years. As the town grew the brethren demanded better quarters and a new brick lodge room was built over a business house. The Lodge continued to grow and in 1916 it was decided to build a modern and commodious Masonic Temple upon a lot which it had acquired on Main Street near the public square.

After the Lodge determined to build and had appointed all its committees, a new matter came up which greatly strengthened the Lodge. October 18, 1877, Boston Lodge No. 593 had been constituted at Boston, Kentucky, formerly a prosperous farming village and educational center. With the building of the railroad into Jellico it became the center of population and business interests and Boston



Lodge No. 593 was moved to Jellico, Kentucky. That made two lodges in Jellico. One on Kentucky side and one on Tennessee side close together. Boston Lodge No. 593 and Eginton Lodge No. 490 took up the question of consolidating, and on the 20th., day of March, 1916, in the presence of one of the largest gatherings of Masons ever assembled in the Lodge room Grand Master T. J. Adams consolidated the lodges under the name of Williamsburg Lodge No. 490 and all of the officers of Eginton Lodge were re-elected as officers of the new Lodge. The consolidated Lodge let the contract for the Masonic Temple to cost about fifteen thousand dollars, and on the 18th., day of September, 1916, the Grand Master, T. J. Adams, laid the corner stone of the new Temple. This Temple has a commodious, and up to date lodge room.

SIEVERS LODGE NO. 491

FANBUSH, PULASKI CO., KY.

Sievers Lodge U. D., was organized at its hall at Mt. Pisgah, now Fanbush, Pulaski County, Kentucky, on the 13th., day of July, 1870, by J. T. Wesley, Proxy for Grand Master. Obediah Denham was named as Master for said Lodge in the dispensation; E. T. Molan, Senior Warden, I. F. Brown, Junior Warden, Daniel Tartar, Treasurer, C. J. Sievers, Secretary, Silas Tartar, Senior Deacon, D. M. Rainwater, Junior Deacon, Ivy Tartar, Steward and Tyler. The Lodge has been at work continually from the day of its organization to the present time.

C. C. Gossett, who was initiated November 1870, has not missed a meeting of the Lodge for thirty-five years and for many

years was Master.

None of the Charter members are now living. L. B. Weddle who has been a member thirty-three years, has continuously held the office of Secretary of the Lodge. A. F. Wilson has been a member twenty-four years and is Junior Warden. These are the oldest members of the organization. The Lodge is held in the same hall where it was organized.

STANFORD LODGE NO. 492

STANFORD, LINCOLN CO., KY.

Immediately following the close of the Civil War, when the passions and prejudices of that era had not been healed, there were members of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 who allowed the memory of war issues to influence the color of their ballot in the acceptance or rejection of petitions for initiation, to such an unreasonable extent as made it manifest that the welfare of the Masonic institution in the community could be better conserved by the presence of two Masonic lodges rather than by one.

On March 28, 1870, W. Lewis Landrum, as proxy of the Grand Master presided over a meeting of Master Masons held in the hall of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 and, under a dispensation from Charles Eginton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, set them to work as Stanford Lodge U. D.

Upon the organization of this Lodge, Lincoln Lodge No. 60 extended to them the use of its Lodge rooms, its furniture, jewels and equipment, which were accepted, and, by a recorded vote, the Tyler of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 was elected the Tyler of Stanford



Lodge, and upon the records of this new Lodge was placed the following invitation - "Ordered that the members of Lincoln be invited to attend all regular meetings of this Lodge!"

The Lodge was continued under dispensation until October 25, 1870, when it was granted a Charter as Stanford Lodge No. 492.

The records show nearly all the meetings of this Lodge to have been attended by one or more members of Lincoln Lodge No. 60, and not infrequently, in part, officered by them, and both lodges at all times used the same room, lights, jewels and equipment. The two Charters hung side by side upon the same wall, the members of the lodges interchanged visits and in 1872 bought a Lodge room and full equipment for their joint use and kept same insured for their mutual protection; in 1873 the two Lodges united in bearing equally the burial expense of an unfortunate but worthy brother who had died, and joined in the honor of his Masonic burial; and yet they were unable to use the same ballot box in the selection of men fit for such honor. We who are a half century removed from the bitterness of that period are unable to comprehend the conditions.

August 28, 1875, the question of a consolidation with Lincoln Lodge No. 60 was made a special order of business for the meeting of September 27, 1875; at this meeting the question coming up "was laid aside for the present" but on March 28, 1876, a committee was appointed to act with a like committee from Lincoln Lodge No. 60 to consider the consolidation of the two Lodges and here the records of Stanford Lodge No. 492 close. The records of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 show the adoption of the following resolution at its meeting on

August 6, 1876 - "The question of union of Stanford Lodge No. 492 with this Lodge has been discussed for some years, and the entire membership of this Lodge at one time having expressed a cheerful assent to admitting the members of our sister Lodge to membership with us, and of late the subject being agitated, it was assumed prudent to commit to record our favorable assent to such union, it was therefore resolved - That it is the sense of this Lodge that as our sister Lodge No. 492 A. Y. M., is desirous of surrendering her Charter to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the purpose of uniting with this Lodge We therefore cheerfully assent to this arrangement and will assume all the liabilities of 492 provided they turn over to us all their interest in this property and other assets - the Grand Lodge of Kentucky authorizing such a transfer, and ratify such transfer free from the control of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky".

October 20, 1876, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky gave its consent to the merger of the two lodges under these conditions, and on November 13, 1876, the merger was completed by the adoption of the following resolution by Lincoln Lodge No. 60.

"Whereas Stanford Lodge No. 492 has in relinquishment of her Charter, that she might be merged into Lincoln Lodge No. 60, her elder sister, evinced that spirit of fraternal unselfishness characteristic of all good Masons, be it resolved that we who were the members of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 before this fusion recognize in their action that brotherly love which strengthens the bonds connecting members of the "mystic Tie" and that we extend them most cordial welcome and greeting with a hope that neither word



Minor act may ever remind that we have been other than children of the same fond mother Lincoln Lodge No. 60". The Master of Stanford Lodge No. 492, then formerly turned over the books, papers and belongings to the Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 60. The breach was healed, Stanford Lodge No. 492 was dropped from the Grand Lodge register, and on the succeeding day the united Lodge assembled to go to the church and to the grave to bury with Masonic ceremony one of the Craft who had helped to make the union possible. Hallowed sorrow, their first united call; the expression of hallowed hope, their first united act.

JEPHTHA LODGE NO. 493

WOLF-CREEK, MEADE CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870, became defunct October 18, 1888.

BUFORD LODGE NO. 494

MIDWAY, WOODFORD CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870. Reports forty-five members.

LOWER BLUE LICK LODGE NO. 495

BLUE LICK, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

This Lodge was granted dispensation as S. S. Rogers Lodge U.D., and was chartered October 19, 1870, as Lower Blue Lick No. 495, but which has for years been carried upon the Register as Blue Lick No. 495. This Lodge reports a membership of sixty-seven.

NEW PROVIDENCE LODGE NO. 496

NEW PROVIDENCE, CALLOWAY CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870, became defunct October 19, 1893.

HALE SPRING LODGE NO. 497

NEW HOPE CHURCH, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1870, became defunct October 24, 1889, for non payment of dues, and on same day the dues in arrear were remitted and the Lodge re-instated. The Lodge became defunct 1892.

GLEMCOE LODGE NO. 498

GLENCOE, GALLATIN CO., KY.

This Lodge was chartered October 19, 1870, and its Charter was arrested October 23, 1874.

October 18, 1877, a new Lodge was chartered at this place being the same name and number.

Mirax J. Williams, who as a member of Napoleon Lodge No. 216, was elected Grand Master in 1865, later became a member of this Lodge as one of its Charter members. Of the Charter members of this Lodge in January 1915, Dr. O. B. Yager was the only survivor. This Lodge has a membership of thirty-five.

BARDWELL LODGE NO. 499

BARDWELL, CARLISLE CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1879 as South Ballard Lodge No. 499.



October 20, 1887 name changed to Bardwell.

ORIENT LODGE NO. 500  
HEADQUARTERS, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

Dispensation granted October 17, 1870. Set to work November 19, 1870, by W. P. Ross, Daugherty Lodge No. 65, as proxy for Charles Eginton, Grand Master, installing as first officers: John G. Burries, Master; Wm. J. Kennedy, Senior Warden; Thomas M. Sharp, Junior Warden; Elijah D. Foster, Secretary; Wm. S. Smith, Treasurer; John R. Taylor, Senior Deacon; John S. Hillock, Junior Deacon; B. W. S. Lowe, Tyler. Members: John W. Sharp, Hosea M. Bell, J. B. Taylor, G. C. Smith, J. A. Taylor. The lodge has always occupied a rented hall, the ir hall furnishings, charter, records etc., destroyed by fire December 24, 1892. In answer to telegram to Grand Secretary Grant, Grand Master J. Speed Smith, issued dispensation of date December 24, 1892, naming as first officers: S. R. Fisher, Master; W. O. Wilson, Senior Warden; J. R. Lowe, Junior Warden; M. D. L. Burries, Treasurer; R. R. Rossell, Secretary; J. R. Long, Senior Deacon; J. W. Smith, Junior Deacon; J. E. Bryson and S. L. Harvey, Stewards; J. W. Taylor, Tyler.

A new Charter with old number and name was granted October 17, 1893.

TEXAS LODGE NO. 501  
TEXAS, WASHINGTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871. The officers named in the Charter were: G. A. McCroskey, Master; William A. Power, Senior

Warden; John T. Barker, Junior Warden,

The first officers chosen by the Lodge were: E. S. Mayes, Secretary; John Pope, Treasurer; William Hundley, Senior Deacon; Thomas O. Wilson, Junior Deacon; Thomas C. Rinehart, Steward and Tyler.

In 1888 the Lodge properties and Charter were burned. October 24, 1889, a new Charter was issued. The Lodge became defunct in 1897.

E. S. Mayes, one of the Charter members of this Lodge, was later for years the Secretary of Springfield Lodge No. 50, and one of the most exact who ever kept the records in a Masonic Lodge. He was an elder in the Springfield Presbyterian church and as such frequently represented the same in the Church Courts of the State in which bodies he was recognized as a prudent counselor, a fearless representative, and one of the influential members of the body. He died in 1912, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

R. L. Purdom, a minister of the Baptist Church, and a Past Master of this Lodge, was one of the most influential and useful citizens of the County.

A. S. Loventhal, a Hebrew, who came from Warren Lodge No. 53, was at one time Master of this Lodge. He was a school teacher in the village, a man of charming personality, of finished education who did much for the betterment of the community, he died some years ago in one of the Southern States.



DUNCAN LODGE NO. 502

BEDUNCANSVILLE, MERCER CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871, became defunct October 18, 1888.  
Charter restored by the Grand Lodge in 1889. Lodge became defunct  
September 7, 1895.

GOSHEN LODGE NO. 503

BETHANY CHURCH, WARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871, at Bays Fork Church, Warren  
County, in 1891 moved to Bethany Church.

GLENDALE LODGE NO. 504

GLENDALE, HARDIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871. Charter and properties burned  
July 10, 1886 and Lodge became defunct.

BEAVER LODGE NO. 505

FRENCHBURGH, MENEFEE CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871.

KILWINNING LODGE NO. 506

13TH, & MARKET STREETS,

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Organized February 22, 1871, eleven Charter members. First  
meeting was held in Hall North-east corner 17th., and Main streets,

moved from there to Fall City Hall, 12th., and Market street, where cyclone of March 27, 1890, destroyed all furnishings, etc.; fortunately it happened on the night that this Lodge was not holding session, - during the rebuilding of Fall City Hall occupied temporary quarters at the old Masonic Temple, also old Odd Fellows Temple in Library Hall, Telephone Hall, Lewis Lodge Hall (old Market house 26th., and Portland Ave.), after return to Fall City Hall to remain there two years, then moved to present location where Lodge has been ever since. Present membership two hundred and eighty-five, no Charter members living.

When the Masonic Home Journal was established by the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Widows & Orphans Home, March 20, 1883, George R. Middleton, Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge No. 506, was chosen to organize and manage the plant.

MISPAH LODGE NO. 507

HAZEL GREEN, WOLFE CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871

BOSTWICK LODGE NO. 508

BUTLER, PENDLETON CO., KY.

Named in honor of Henry Bostwick, then Grand Master of Kentucky. Instituted under dispensation June 15, 1871. Charter granted October 19, 1871. Lodge held for a few months in an upper room over general store of R. F. Shaw, a Charter member. In 1872 was built a church with hall above by Masons and Good Templars. Good Templars abandoned long ago. The churches have all built



their own houses and the Masons will soon be the complete owners of the building, which has been kept in good repair. The membership is largely made up of transient men, railroad conductors, engineers, firemen, mail clerks etc. Two of the members of this Lodge have served in the Legislature, one in the State Senate.

SLIGO LODGE NO. 509

PENDLETON, HENRY CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871. October 20, 1876, moved from Sligo, Henry County, to Pendleton, Henry County. July 10, 1886, became defunct.

ELIZAVILLE LODGE NO. 510

ELIZAVILLE, FLEMING CO., KY.

Organized as Corner Stone Lodge U. D. Chartered as Elizaville Lodge No. 510, October 19, 1871. October 19, 1899, became defunct.

VALLEY LODGE NO. 511

ORELL, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

In the early part of the year 1871, G. W. Miles, Robert H. Stonestreet, Lyns Dodge, and Ben G. Kendall, and a few Masons living in the same district felt strongly the need of a Masonic Lodge in their community. They had no hall but gathered at the residence of the different brothers and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to grant them dispensation to organize a Lodge to be

known as Valley Lodge U. D., the same being recommended by Falls City Lodge No. 376 of Louisville.

The Grand Master, Charles Eginton, granted a dispensation and on August 23, 1871, W. E. Woodruff, Grand Junior Warden, and J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary, set the Lodge to work with the following brethren present. R. C. Mathews, Samuel Hillman, A. C. Hodges, H. S. Burkhart, C. L. Martin, J. F. Davidson, H. M. Hirshfield, G. W. Miles, R. H. Stonestreet, John F. Mc Montgomery, Rev. D. Spurrier, L. Dodge, Richard Stinson, Ben J. Kendall and J. T. Monroe. W. E. Woodruff as proxy for the Grand Master appointed G. W. Miles to be the first Master, Robert H. Stonestreet, Senior Warden and John F. Montgomery, Junior Warden.

October 18, 1871, Valley Lodge was granted a Charter, by the Grand Lodge, to be known as Valley Lodge No. 511 F. & A. M., and W. E. Woodruff under commission installed the officers.

The first few meetings were held at Ben G. Kendall's residence near Hussey's Mill, the Craft in the meanwhile working to secure a piece of property upon which they might erect a hall. Not having a hall, however, did not prevent activity, for on September 4th., the petitions of G. W. Archer, O. W. Fisher and J. B. Alexander were presented, and the three were elected the 2nd., of the following month, to take the Entered Apprentice Degree. They secured a piece of ground and built a Lodge Room which was dedicated by Mr. Woodruff on March 5, 1872. This Hall was erected near Hussey's Mills, Jefferson County, Kentucky, and was to be the home of Valley Lodge until about 1881, when it moved to the present site, Crell, Jefferson County, Ky.



The Lodge was more or less prosperous from the date of its Charter until December 27, 1876, growing financially and adding steadily to its roll of membership. Beginning with the year 1877 very little was done for the next four years, the Lodge being in a dormant state. At the election in December, 1880, a live set of officers were placed in the chairs and immediately the Lodge took on new life. James A. Sanders, the Master, seemed to have been a live wire and with the aid of A. P. Steel, Ellis Mitchell, and several other prominent members of Miles Lodge, rejuvenated the Lodge, bringing in new members and adding materially to the treasury. This good work was kept up until December 27, 1892. It seemed to have been customary for Masters to succeed themselves for several years, whether this was due to lack of material, or to the confidence and love of the Craft for the Masters, is difficult to decide. We find such men as G. W. Miles, R. H. Stonestreet, Ben J. Kendall, John B. Alexander and J. A. Sanders, serving the Lodge in the most efficient manner during their several long terms.

In 1880, F. R. Simcoe, the present Master, was initiated, passed and raised, and from that date until the present time has taken a very active part in Masonry. He has taken a deep interest in his own Lodge, filling practically every office at some time or other and always having the good of the order at heart. He, with a few other faithful brothers, have kept the Lodge on its feet through several periods of depression.

One of the most prominent and active members is Dr. S. S. Foss, who was initiated, passed and raised in 1896 in Valley Lodge.

He took an unusually active part from the time of his initiation: filled the subordinate offices creditably and while Junior Warden acted as Master during the illness of the Master, J. B. Alexander, who seldom attended the Lodge. About this time the Lodge was going through a period of depression but with the zeal and fidelity of Doctor Foss, who was elected Master December 27, 1905, and assisted by several Past Masters and enthusiastic Masons of Louisville, namely, Past Grand Master John W. Cowles, of Louisville 400, J. H. Shrader, of Shibboleth 750, William Frohmiller of Excelsior 258, George L. Pope, Shibboleth 750, J. P. Downs, Shibboleth 750, Past Grand Master D. W. Gray, Ike T. Woodson of Daylight 760, Charles Gipe Tyler, J. T. Adams, Grand Senior Warden, Mock of Abraham 8, and Cockrell of Robinson Lodge 266, Valley Lodge was pulled out of a pit and placed in a flourishing condition. Doctor Foss served as Master for three years and instilled the Lodge with his enthusiasm. In 1913 he demitted from Valley Lodge, leaving it one of the most prosperous and active Lodges in Kentucky. He had brought the membership from 15 to 90 during his term of office. He demitted to aid in the organizing of Plumb Lodge U. D. For the past two years he has served as Master of Plumb Lodge 862.

Valley Lodge has continued its prosperity up to the present time increasing its membership to such an extent that it now finds it necessary to enlarge its quarters. The members have definitely decided to build a new hall, which they intend to be a monument to the Craft. In 1913 there were 15 candidates initiated, passed and raised and the present year bids fair to surpass last year's record.



GAINESVILLE LODGE NO. 512  
GAINESVILLE, ALLEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 19, 1871, the average yearly membership is about thirty.

The Lodge is out of debt and owns the building in which the meetings are held.

MT. CARMEL LODGE NO. 513  
MT. CARMEL, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872.

ASH LODGE NO. 514  
VAN BUREN, ANDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct October 18, 1888.

H. A. M. HENDERSON LODGE NO. 515  
BETHLEHEM, MONROE CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872.

BREEDING LODGE NO. 516  
RUGBY, ADAIR CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872.

## ROCKY HILL LODGE NO. 517

GAME, BARREN CO., KY.

Rocky Hill Lodge No. 517 met for the first time under dispensation November 3, 1871, at Rocky Hill, with V. H. Jones as Proxy for the Grand Master, the following brethren present: C. M. Wheeler, E. G. Martin, C. P. Spillman, Harvey Doty, J. W. Hackney, H. F. Parker, Thomas Young and W. A. Settle, and the following visiting brethren; R. S. Heiskell, of Jefferson Lodge No. 340, State of Indiana, J. F. Muntford, Elijah Williams, and W. H. Edmunds, of Allen Lodge No. 24, Glasgow, Ky. The following brethren were publicly installed into office: C. M. Wheeler, Master; E. G. Martin, Senior Warden; C. P. Spillman, Junior Warden; Harvey Doty, Treasurer; J. W. Hackney, Secretary; H. F. Parker, Senior Deacon, Thos. Young, Junior Deacon; and W. A. Settle, Steward and Tyler.

The by-laws of Allen Lodge No. 24 were unanimously adopted for the present government of this Lodge, but at a regular meeting on December 2, 1871, some changes were made as to the time of meeting and the wages to be paid the Tyler, putting his salary at \$15.00 per year, payable quarterly, and fixing the time of meeting the first and third Saturday in each month at 6 o'clock P. M.

November 16, 1872, the Lodge was set to work under a Charter, V. H. Jones, again acting as proxy for the Grand Master.

While working under dispensation fifteen candidates were initiated, most all of whom became useful members of the Fraternity. E. G. Martin often acted as Master in the absence of C. M. Wheeler, the Master, who did not attend very regularly, and he was elected to the place on December 27, 1872, and served as Master one year.



He was succeeded in 1873 by C. P. Spillman who served only one year. In December 1875, E. G. Martin was elected Master and was re-elected and served continuously until December, 1906, a period of thirty-one years. He was a faithful and devoted member of the Baptist Church, and a Mason in the full sense of the term. He seldom failed to attend his Lodge meetings tho he lived some miles away on his farm and had to cross Barren River to get to Rocky Hill. He took an active interest both in religious and political affairs, and had great influence for good in the community. He raised a large family who became prominent citizens. He died at a ripe old age, and was sadly missed by a host of friends and admirers.

J. A. Snoddy was elected his successor as Master in 1906, and has filled that position to the present time.

J. W. Hackney was the first Secretary of the Lodge and served as such for several years, other brethren filling the place for short periods of time until 1881, at which time T. G. Page, was elected and served as Secretary until December 1910, a period of twenty-nine years. He is one of the oldest, having joined the Lodge while working under dispensation, and is still a regular attendant at its meetings. He moved to Glasgow some years ago, but still holds membership in Rocky Hill Lodge.

W. P. Devasier was elected Treasurer in 1896 and has filled that position to the present time.

In 1873, the Lodge, in partnership with the School District erected a two story building at Rocky Hill, the lower story is used for the Public School and the Masonic Hall is above.

On Saturday September 27, 1873, the new Lodge building was

dedicated. It was a great day in Rocky Hill (Now changed in name by Post Office Department to Game). A public dinner was given, and an immense crowd of people present, who were entertained with some eloquent addresses by visiting brethren.

This was at one time a strong and enthusiastic country Lodge but in later years the interest has waned and the membership decreased to less than twenty.

FOUNTAIN POWDER MILLS LODGE NO. 518

POWDER MILLS, HART CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1872, became defunct October 29, 1893.

STEWARTSVILLE LODGE NO. 519

STEWARTSVILLE, GRANT CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, burned in 1891. On October 8, 1891, a new Charter granted, ~~became defunct 1910.~~ *Consolidated with Grant # 85 10-13-1911*

HARRISONVILLE LODGE NO. 520

HARRISONVILLE, SHELBY CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct March 20, 1909.

GREEN HILL LODGE NO. 521

BOLTSFORK, BOYD CO., KY.

This Lodge was organized under dispensation November 23, 1871, by demitted members from Cannonsburg Lodge No. 383, and worked under dispensation until the next Grand Lodge, when a Charter was



granted. The Lodge is in a thrifty condition with a present membership of about seventy.

GLENVILLE LODGE NO. 522

GLENVILLE ( POST OFFICE LIVIA ) McCLAIN CO., KY.

Glenville Lodge No. 522 was organized at Glenville September 2, 1872, there having already been erected a hall for the occupation of the Lodge.

Pursuant to a call of J. H. Jackson of Lodge No. 310 and S. B. Robertson of Lodge No. 379, Grand Master E. B. Jones appointed the above named brethren as proxies to organize and set the Lodge to work under dispensation, with the following Charter members: J. H. Jackson, L. C. Tichenor, J. L. Iglehart, J. H. Baird, Ed. Goodwin, George Osborn, Gip T. Ayer, C. M. Ruby, D. D. Robertson, T. K. Lashbrooks, F. M. Iglehart, George W. Nation.

Glenville Lodge worked under dispensation until first Grand Lodge met at which time their Charter was granted, dated October 4, 1872.

The Lodge adopted the by-laws of Owensboro Lodge until a committee composed of L. C. Tichenor, J. H. Baird, Jr., C. M. Ruby, J. H. Jackson, John Goodwin could draft a set for its government.

On September 18, 1891, the Lodge surrendered its Charter and the following year re-organized and went to work Under Dispensation. In the year 1893, it was re-instated and went to work with nine members under the original Charter, under which it still works.

The hall was destroyed by fire about the year 1894, the records being lost the exact date cannot be ascertained, and was rebuilt at once.

The present membership of thirty-eight is in a prosperous working condition.

ORPHANS FRIEND LODGE NO. 523

MT. CARMEL CHURCH, HOPKINS CO., KY.

Granted dispensation as Mt. Carmel Lodge U. D. Chartered  
October 24, 1872.

CLAYVILLE LODGE NO. 524

CLAYVILLE, WEBSTER CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct March 1888.

PIRTLE LODGE NO. 525

HELD AT

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, GRAVES CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct July 10, 1886.

PARMLEYSVILLE LODGE NO. 526

MT. PISGAH, WAYNE CO., KY.

Parmleysville Lodge No. 526 was established December 16, 1871 under dispensation. The Lodge worked under dispensation until October 1872, having received and passed eleven candidates.



The first regular communication under the Charter was on the 14th., day of December 1872.

There are only three of the Charter members of the Lodge now living, viz: Henry H. Sandusky, of Kellogg, Iowa, Sandusky Burnett, of Frazer, Kentucky and H. T. Hurt, who still resides at Mt. Pisgah, Ky., having served the Lodge as Master for over twenty years, and is still an active worked notwithstanding he is above seventy years of age.

JOHN C. GERRARD LODGE NO. 527  
BOWLING GREEN, WARREN CO., KY.

Became defunct in 1882.

GLENSFORK LODGE NO. 528  
GLENVILLE, ADAIR CO., KY.

Glensfork Lodge No. 528 was organized under dispensation in Glenville, Adair County, Kentucky, on December 6, 1871, by M. H. Rhorer, of Columbia Lodge No. 96, who had been appointed for that purpose by Grand Master Bassett.

The following were the Charter members: J. A. Kelsay, J. K. A. Strange, J. F. Morris, W. B. Montgomery, W. O. Murrell, W. A. Strange, A. C. A. Strange and R. B. Gwinn, none of whom are now living.

The Charter members of this Lodge were not men of wealth but they were men of moderate means who loved Free Masonry for the moral and civilizing effect it has always had in communities where

lodges have been established, and this Lodge has been principally made up of like material for over forty years.

S. W. A. Strange, one of the Charter members, was for many years one of the leading physicians of this county. He was an earnest Christian and a devoted Mason, very popular among the people and wielded a great influence in behalf of his lodge.

H. K. Walkup, who was the first person initiated after the formation of this Lodge, took great interest in Free Masonry from the start. He is still living, has served twelve years as Master, and is considered the best posted Mason in the Lodge.

Mathew Taylor, at the time of the Lodge's organization was an officer in Columbia Lodge No. 96 but later became a member of this Lodge. He served ten years as Master and six years as secretary. He also served his County twelve years as Superintendent of Common Schools. He may be truthfully called the father of Adair County's Common Schools. He is still living but old age and feeble health have not marred his interest in Masonry.

The Lodge has owned its hall from the beginning. For a number of years it occupied an upper story of a store house on the same lot where the Lodge building now stands. Later the store room was converted into a church, which was some years later purchased by the Lodge. In 1905 the old Lodge building was torn down and there was erected in its place the best Lodge building owned by any Lodge in Adair County. In erecting the new hall the Lodge contracted a considerable debt, but at the next annual election, W. A. Garnett, though a young Mason was elected Master and owing to his financial ability, within two years the Lodge was freed from



debt and had money in its treasury.

The Lodge has always been efficient in conferring degrees, and has been repeatedly called upon to confer degrees in Lodges in Adair and adjoining counties. In 1892 when the defunct Columbia Lodge No. 96 was re-instated the officers of Glensfork Lodge were called upon to put that Lodge to work. The Lodge now has only twenty-one members but they constitute that many of the best citizens of Adair County and the Masonic spirit pervades them all.

*Consolidated with Columbia 96 on 7-13-1999*

ROWE LODGE NO. 529

FLOYDSBURGH, OLDHAM CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct July 10, 1886.

OTTER CREEK LODGE NO. 530

OTTER CREEK CHURCH, WAYNE CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872.

ASHLOR LODGE NO. 531

SALYERSVILLE, MAGOFFIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1872, became defunct May 2, 1902.

(See Salyersville Lodge No. 769.)

ESOTERIC LODGE NO. 532

FRANKFORT, FRANKLIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873. January 7, 1891 it surrendered

its Charter and consolidated with Hiram Lodge No. 4 in the same city.

LAIRSVILLE LODGE NO. 533  
LAIRSVILLE, RUSSELL CO., KY.

Lairsville Lodge U. D., was organized on the 24th., day of October, 1872, the ceremonies being in charge of S. P. Collins of Russell Lodge No. 284, proxy for the Grand Master. Charter was granted October 24, 1873. All the Charter members are dead, except John Ballenger, Shelby C. Stokes and J. M. Smith, the last being the only one still a member of this Lodge, he having served as Master two or more years and as Secretary for thirty years or more.

The original Charter having gotten defaced by a gun shot was carried to the Grand Lodge and exchanged for a new one on the 16th., day of October, 1895

PINEVILLE LODGE NO. 534  
PINEVILLE, BELL CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873, was burred out and became defunct October 23, 1889.

PLEASANT HILL LODGE NO. 535  
McWHORTER, LAUREL CO., KY.

Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 535 was organized under dispensation



on Monday, December 2, 1872, at Pleasant Hill, Clay County, Ky. The Lodge worked under dispensation until October 1893, when it was given a Charter, dated October 24, 1873.

The Lodge was set to work by John Pitman of McKee Lodge No. 144 as proxy of the Grand Master under the name of Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 535.

During the year 1887 the Lodge was removed from Pleasant Hill, Clay County, to McWhorter, Laurel County, Kentucky, where it owns a comfortable Lodge room.

CASEY CREEK LODGE NO. 536

CASEY CREEK, ADAIR CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873.

NORTH BALLARD LODGE NO. 537

BANDANA, BALLARD CO., KY.

A dispensation was granted by order of the Grand Lodge, on October 24, 1872, with A. M. Shelby as Master, R. B. Ogden, as Senior Warden, and L. F. Hodges, as Junior Warden, to meet in North Ballard, in Ballard County near Ogden's Landing, on the Ohio River, and was organized the following month in the residence of Wm. Holman. On October 24, 1873, it was granted a Charter, and in the same year built a hall over the Presbyterian Church, at Ogden, about one mile east of Holman's residence, and worked in this hall until August 1899, when they moved to Bandana, in new hall over school building, a distance of two and one-half miles

South, and in 1913, sold the hall to county high school and bought hall over bank building in Bandana, where it is now located.

This Lodge has initiated since its organization, 144 members, and received on demits from other Lodges 21 members, total membership during the whole time 165. Number of members died during the whole time, 46; members demitted to other lodges 27; members suspended for non-payment of dues, 22; members expelled during this time, 9; total number of members died, demitted, suspended and expelled, 104, leaving the present membership 61.

Total number of Past Masters during the whole time, 24.

A. M. Shelby, the first Master, is still living and is in good standing and a member of this Lodge, and has served as Master five terms.

BAILEY LODGE NO. 538

SEBREE, WEBSTER CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873. Burned September 3, 1897. New Charter issued October 20, 1897. Charter destroyed 1898, new one issued October 19, 1898.

McLURE LODGE NO. 539

ROCKY HILL STATION, EDMONSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873. Burned April 7, 1877. New Charter granted October 18, 1877, burned 1894. New Charter granted October 17, 1894.



## NORTH BEND LODGE NO. 540

FRANCISVILLE, BOONE CO., KY.

North Bend Lodge No. 540 was organized October 1872, with the following members: Cyrus Riddell, Master, J. C. Terrill, Senior Warden; C. W. Riley, Junior Warden; Walter Goodridge, Treasurer; James T. Grubbs, Secretary; E. H. Scothorn, Senior Deacon; J. H. Henderson, Junior Deacon; Allen Goodridge, Steward and Tyler; Wesley Quick and W. H. Harrison.

All of the above named persons were members of Burlington Lodge No. 264, except W. H. Harrison.

North Bend Lodge was very prosperous at one time, but later moved her Charter to Bullittsville, Boone County, Kentucky, and lost her Charter in November 1886.

## HANSON LODGE NO. 541

HANSON, HOPKINS CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873, became defunct July 10, 1886.

## FITCH MUNGER LODGE NO. 542

SHROUT'S STORE, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873. Moved to Willow Valley, December, 1878, became defunct October 19, 1898.

## CALVERT CITY LODGE NO. 543

CALVERT CITY, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1873.

## BELLEVIEW LODGE NO. 544

McVILLE, (GRANT P. O. ) BOONE CO., KY.

Belleview Lodge was organized chiefly through the efforts of Elijah Ryle, who was a member of Boone Union Lodge No. 304, and who became the first Master of Belleview Lodge.

The Lodge was set to work under a dispensation on June 27, 1874, by Past Master W. M. Black of Hamilton Lodge No. 354, as Proxy of the Grand Master, with the following Charter members: Elijah Ryle, Master; J. T. Marshall, Senior Warden; Joshua Rice, Junior Warden; R. L. Aylor, Treasurer; J. W. Rice, Secretary; O. J. Ryle, Senior Deacon; M. S. Rice, Junior Deacon, and T. J. Stephens, Tyler. Three of these Charter members are still living but are now members of other lodges.

A Charter was granted October 23, 1874. Since the Lodge was organized there have been fifty-four initiations and seventeen admitted from other Lodges, making a total of seventy-eight who have been members. There have been nine who died, twenty-two demitted, eight suspended and three expelled, the present membership is thirty-six, of which seven have been admitted from other Lodges.

For many years the Lodge met at Belleview where it was organized, but in 1886 it moved to McVilleville, about one-half mile distant



where it has been located since.

The Lodge owns its home and is in good shape financially. Its representatives in Grand Lodge have always supported all measures for the benefit of the Widows & Orphans Home, although it has never had a beneficiary there.

PILGRIM LODGE NO. 545  
SHREWSBERRY, GRAYSON CO., KY.

February 17, 1874, set to work by W. N. Hackley, as the Grand Master's proxy. The Lodge was chartered October 21, 1874. The Craft own the house in which the meetings are held. The membership numbers fifty.

NEW COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 546  
NEW COLUMBUS, OWEN COUNTY, KY.

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Charter granted October 22, 18~~7~~4. Reports seventeen members to the Grand Lodge in 1913.

BAKERTON LODGE NO. 547  
BAKERTON, CUMBERLAND CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874, became defunct May 13, 1884.

E. W. TURNER LODGE NO. 548  
BARLINGTON, HOPKINS COUNTY, KY.

October 24, 1873, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky granted a dis

dispensation to Turner Lodge U. D., taking its name from Grand Master E. W. Turner, who served in that capacity October 1872 to October 1873.

The following appear as members under dispensation, the first three being named as Master, Senior and Junior Warden in that order; Louis Weber, W. C. Baldwin, Daniel W. Umstead, Benjamin Robinson, Simeon Roberts, J. H. Trathen, H. H. Brasher, Jr., John McKinnell, Wm. C. Umstead, Edward Lawrence and Joseph R. Taylor.

The infant lodge rapidly increased in numbers both by initiation and affiliation, so that on October 23, 1874, the Grand Lodge granted a Charter to E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548 with the following as officers: Louis Weber, Master; Thomas D. Walker, Senior Warden; and Daniel W. Umstead, Junior Warden. This Charter bears the signature of Thomas J. Picket, Grand Master and J. M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary. Louis Weber, the Lodge's first Master died on November 6, 1875, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Earlington.

In October 1876, fire destroyed the Masonic Hall with all its contents and the Lodge was without a home until 1881, when what is now known as the "Old Masonic Hall" was erected on Clark St. This was the Lodge's home until 1901, when it moved into the third story of the new Temple Theatre Building, where it now works.

E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548 is strong and vigorous, made so by the untiring efforts of its members, among whom may be especially mentioned Past Masters W. A. Toombs and C. E. Woolfolk. Their constant presence and helpful co-operation have endeared them to



Craft, and their knowledge of Masonry and the character of their work have "spread their fame" far beyond the confines of this Lodge's jurisdiction.

Among the Lodge's cherished possessions is the certificate of Life Membership in the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary. This is dated October 19, 1881, and bears the signatures of Thomas L. Jefferson, President, and H. B. Grant, Secretary.

RENICK LODGE NO. 549

DRIPPING SPRINGS, METCALFE CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. Reports fourteen members.

EZEL LODGE NO. 550

EZEL MORGAN CO., KY.

Ezel Lodge under dispensation was set to work by W. T. Havens, of Highland Lodge No. 311, March 13, 1874.

A. B. Nickell served as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky one year, being the only Grand officer Ezel Lodge ever had among its members.

R. M. Pieratt was a member of both the upper and lower House of the Kentucky Legislature. J. M. Pieratt served one term in the State Senate and Joseph C. Lykins and Asa B. Pieratt one term each in the Kentucky Legislature. The present State Senator Charles D. Arnett, was made a Mason in Ezel Lodge and is still a member in good standing. John S. Nickell has the honor of serving the Lodge longer as Secretary than any other member of it, and was one of seventeen secretaries who was placed on the honor

roll for sending in a perfect report to the Grand Secretary. He is the only Charter member now holding membership in the Lodge, the others being dead or demitted.

B. F. Davis has served one term as Mayor of Ezel and five terms as Police Judge; was four years State Secretary of Kentucky Farmers Alliance, and three years Clerk of Mt. Zion Baptist Association.

PULASKI LODGE NO. 551

CAIN'S STORE, PULASKI CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. Charter forfeited October 19, 1892. Restored May 16, 1893. Became defunct July 6, 1896.

LITTLE BARREN LODGE NO. 552

MONROE, HART CO., KY.

November 8, 1873, a dispensation was granted for the organization of a Masonic lodge at Salem Church, Green County, Kentucky, and William Adair was made the proxy of the Grand Master to install the officers and set the Lodge to work. October 23, 1874, the Lodge was granted a Charter and assigned the number 552. W. F. Gorin was the first Master, J. M. Middleton, Senior Warden; W. D. Montgomery, Junior Warden, G. T. Wilcoxson, Treasurer; M. E. Lasley, Secretary; J. H. Mitchum, Senior Deacon, J. W. Mitchum, Junior Deacon. These seven constituted the Charter members of the Lodge. Of these M. E. Lasley and J. W. Mitchum are the only survivors.



D. J. Davis filed the first petition for initiation in the Lodge, was received, given the degrees and paid for same by making the furniture of the Lodge, he being a cabinet maker.

W. F. Gorin served as Master of the Lodge from the date of its organization to 1876.

At the May meeting 1901 by a vote of 6 to 3 it was resolved to move the Lodge from Salem in Green County to Monroe in Hart County, the requisite permission being obtained the move was made, and the first meeting of the Lodge in the new hall at the new home was November 14, 1901.

Since its organization the Lodge has received into its membership ninety-three and of these thirty-seven have withdrawn by demit.

GIBSON LODGE NO. 553

HARLAN (FORMERLY MT. PLEASANT ) HARLAN CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. Charter became lost in 1891, and on October 8th., of that year a new one was issued in lieu thereof. The Lodge became defunct June 1901.

KNOXVILLE LODGE NO. 554

KNOXVILLE, PENDLETON CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. January 13, 1876, was burned. October 20, 1876, a new Charter issued in lieu of one destroyed. The Lodge became defunct September 23, 1908.

THOMAS B. GOSSOM LODGE NO. 555  
GRIDER SCHOOL HOUSE, WARREN CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874.

ROSINE LODGE NO. 556  
ROSINE, OHIO CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. Burned November, 1882. New  
Charter granted October 18, 1883. Burned 1900. New Charter  
granted October 18, 1900.

FORKS OF ROUGH LODGE NO. 557  
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH ( McDANIELS P.O.) BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874, became defunct October 22, 1889.

MT. PLEASANT LODGE NO. 558  
MT. PLEASANT, UNION CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874. Lodge property burned in 1884  
and Lodge became defunct July 10, 1886.

SHADY GROVE LODGE NO. 559  
SHADY GROVE, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

November 15, 1873, a dispensation was granted authorizing the  
establishment of a Lodge at Shady Grove. The Lodge was chartered  
October 23, 1874.



BETHANY LODGE NO. 560

CANEY FORK CHURCH, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 23, 1874.

DERRICK WARNER LODGE NO. 561

PREACHERSVILLE, LINCOLN CO., KY.

This Lodge owns a large two story building, the ground floor of which is used by the Public School. The upstairs rooms are occupied by the Lodge.

STAFFORD LODGE NO. 562

FITCHBURG, ESTILL CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1875.

FLAT ROCK LODGE NO. 563

SMITH'S GROVE, WARREN CO., KY.

Flat Rock Lodge No. 563, held at Smith's Grove, Warren County, Kentucky, was organized and set to work October 28, 1874, by T. J. Smith, of Bowling Green Lodge No. 78 as proxy for Grand Master Bostwick.

The Lodge owns its own building and has at this time a membership of thirty-eight. Only two of its Charter members survive. Dr. George W. White, the first Master who was seventy-five years of age May 14, 1917, and W. W. Elrod, who was the first Senior Warden.

NEW HOPE LODGE NO. 564

ENDEE, OWSLEY CO., KY.

This Lodge was organized March the 27, 1875, with seven Charter members.

In 1913 John B. Bowman, Master, Jake Bowman, Junior Warden, pro tem, Tom Bowman, Senior Warden, pro tem, initiated, passed and raised their father who is now a very active member.

M. V. Barker, the only one of the Charter members surviving, is a very active and interesting member at the age of eighty-five years.

The Lodge has a present membership of eighty-eight.

NOAH'S ARK LODGE NO. 565

LONG RUN, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1875, and became defunct July 10, 1886.

BRODHEAD LODGE NO. 566

BRODHEAD, ROCKCASTLE CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1875.

BERKLEY LODGE NO. 567

GOLDEN POND, TRIGG CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1875. Consolidated with No. 575, December 1889.



ELKHORN LODGE NO. 568  
ELKHORN, TAYLOR CO., KY

Chartered October 22, 1875.

ROLLING FORK LODGE NO. 569  
HODGENVILLE, LARUE CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876, at Rolling Fork, Nelson County,  
moved to Hodgenville, Larue County, in 1878, became defunct  
October 18, 1888.

BUFFALO LODGE NO. 570  
BUFFALO, LARUE CO., KY.

A few faithful and determined Masons at Buffalo, Ky., having  
resolved to secure to themselves the advantage and pleasure of  
a Masonic Lodge, erected a suitable lodge building and asked the  
organization of a Lodge under dispensation, which was granted,  
and the Lodge set to work March 10, 1875, by Past Grand Master  
W. B. Allen.

Of the Charter members now living are William Bayne, W. H.  
Underwood and J. R. Holland.

The Lodge has now a membership of one hundred and nine.

Dr. W. T. Linley has served the Lodge as Master eleven times.

HURRICANE LODGE NO. 571  
SHERIDAN, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

Hurricane Lodge No. 571, held at Sheridan, Crittenden County,

Kentucky, on or after full moon in each month, at 2 P. M.

Upon petition of John T. Crandell, Solomon G. Lee, Thomas Flanary, Charles R. Hamilton, John Stalion, James N. Cary, Dempsey B. Stalion, Elijah B. Franklin, Joshua Hamilton and Lit O. Threlkeld, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Master empowering them to work as a Masonic Lodge, to meet at or near Hurricane Furnace in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to be known as Hurricane Lodge, U. D. Appointing Thomas L. Nunn, of Zion Hill Lodge No. 371, his proxy to set Craft to work, and in accordance with which he duly congregated the Craft on November 25, 1874, and set the Lodge to work and installed the first officers.

At first stated communication of Lodge held November 28", 1874, the by-laws governing Bigham Lodge No. 256 were adopted.

The first petition received by the Lodge was that of P. C. Moore, who on December 26, 1874, was duly elected and initiated as A. E. Mason; passed to F. C. degree January 23, 1875; raised to Sublime degree of Master Mason March 27, 1875, being compelled by broken limb to miss February meeting. He has seven times been elected and served as Master of the Lodge. He is now in his seventy-eighth year but still a faithful worker, regular in attendance.

At Grand Lodge Session of 1875, dispensation was continued for another year. Charter was granted October 20, 1876, under name of Hurricane Lodge No. 571.

November, 1887, the Lodge hall burned, records saved, but Charter and all paraphernalia lost. On December 9, 1887, dispensation granted to continue work.



In January, 1888, the Lodge began holding meetings at Tolu, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and continued to work by consent of Grand Lodge without Charter until new Charter was issued October 19, 1892. New Charter naming P. C. Moore, Master, J. L. Love, Senior Warden, and Lorenza A. Weldon, Junior Warden.

On April 6, 1893, permission was granted by Grand Master to move Lodge to Sheridan, Crittenden County, Kentucky, at which point it is now held. On removal to Sheridan the Craft confronted with the necessity of building a Lodge room as there was no suitable building in which to hold the meetings. From various causes the membership of the Lodge had diminished to ten members with ten dollars in treasury. Notwithstanding the hardships encountered there was built a Lodge room 20x40 feet over storeroom of A. J. Bebout, and the building is now paid for.

E. B. Franklin, who was Charter member of Lodge is still an active member thereof.

At the meeting of July 1, 1893, A. J. Bebout, P. M. Smithland Lodge, No. 138, was elected to membership in this Lodge. He was initiated February 15, 1873, passed February 21, 1873, raised March 15, 1873. This was by special dispensation of Grand Master of Illinois, he having taken Degrees in Elizabethtown Lodge, Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Illinois. Since being a member of Hurricane Lodge he has served as Master of this Lodge fourteen terms.

## W. H. CUNNINGHAM LODGE NO. 572

HEDGES, CLARK CO., KY.

This Lodge was named in honor of W. H. Cunningham a prominent physician and enthusiastic Mason who was a leader in the organization of the Lodge, but who died before the Lodge was instituted.

On March 1, 1875, a dispensation was granted by Grand Master Henry Bostwick, and on the 12th., day of March, 1875, this Lodge was formally instituted.

The first officers were: John T. Clark, Master; John A. Eubank, Senior Warden; Waller D. Huls, Junior Warden; Samuel Hayden, Treasurer; A. A. Clay, Secretary; Minor H. Hisle, Senior Deacon; James Hensley, Junior Deacon; J. T. Huls, Steward and Tyler.

Since its institution this Lodge has received members as follows: by initiation 85; by demit, 18; Charter members, 18, making a total of 121 members, and lost by death, 30; by demit 45; by suspension, 13, total 88, leaving a present membership of 33. It has paid over one thousand dollars to the Widows and Orphans Home, and the Lodge has at different times had five beneficiaries at the Home.

## RED OAK GROVE LODGE NO. 573

OAKVILLE, LOGAN CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.



## SPRING HILL LODGE NO. 574

SPRING HILL, HICKMAN CO., KY.

Granted dispensation in October 1874, chartered October 20, 1876. Charter members, J. D. Crooks, E. H. Porter, R. J. Bugg, T. C. Byassee, W. M. Evans, H. F. Bugg, S. L. Humphreys, B. P. Berry, J. C. Bugg, W. T. Slayden, G. W. Simpson and K. M. Wyatt.

The Lodge owns its place of meeting, a hall over a church, valued at \$500.00. It is conveniently located in a thriving village surrounded by a prosperous farming community.

## LINTON LODGE NO. 575

LINTON, TRIGG COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 20, 1875. December 1889 consolidated with Berkley Lodge No. 567 at Golden Pond, Trigg County, and the Charter of Linton Lodge No. 575 was then recalled and its number has since been unused upon the Grand Lodge register.

## HEPBURN LODGE NO. 576

MARTINSBURG, ELLIOT CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.

## DE KOVEN LODGE NO. 577

DE KOVEN, UNION CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.

J. D. HAMILTON LODGE NO. 578

UNION CITY, MADISON CO., KY.

A dispensation for the formation of this Lodge was granted November 13, 1875. It was authorized to meet the second Saturday in each month at 1 P. M., o'clock and for nearly forty years has continued to meet at the same time and place, Union City, Kentucky. The officers who were designated to act while the Lodge worked under dispensation were afterwards installed as the regular officers after the Charter was granted. They were: Webber H. Sale, Master; W. T. Craig, Senior Warden; W. J. Walden, Junior Warden; Thompson Keen, Treasurer; J. D. Hamilton, Secretary; J. M. Hamilton, Senior Deacon; Taylor Williams, Junior Deacon; Dillard Cox, Tyler.

Nearly all the membership came from Waco Lodge No. 338, and at this first meeting the by-laws of that Lodge were adopted for guidance. These men were representative of the best types of the citizenship of their community and the Lodge immediately commanded the respect of all within its jurisdiction. A Charter was granted October 20, 1876. Captain John H. Leathers, who for so many years has been the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was the presiding Grand Master, and as such signed this Charter. He still lives honored and loved by the Craft. The incoming Grand Master being unable to be present personally to set the brethren to work under their Charter, designated Dennis Zittle, of Waco Lodge, a Past Master, to act as his proxy and perform that duty. This he, with a number of other brethren, did November 11, 1876. After stating the purpose of the meeting the acting Grand Master proceeded



to instal the new officers, who were those who had served previously while working under dispensation. There were about twenty-five brethren present. All who were there on that beautiful autumn day have passed over the river save Taylor Williams, the Junior Deacon, D. G. Berry, Martin Gentry and A. S. Gott. Truly our lives are like the sands in the hour glass, almost imperceptibly, but how rapidly, they pass.

J. D. Hamilton Lodge has had fifteen men preside over it as Masters. Most of these Masters were re-elected because of faithful service.

J. D. Hamilton, after whom the Lodge was named, was made a Mason in Waco Lodge No. 338 and had served as its Master. He was from the beginning until his death, August 19, 1908, the controlling spirit in all of its endeavors. He secured the Charter, he was its first Secretary and served as Master ten years. It is today a monument to his memory and as long as his spirit survives among the brethren it will and should live.

The annual elections on St. John's Day are always celebrated in a most delightful way by this Lodge. The wives, daughters and sweethearts gather and a splendid dinner is enjoyed by all. At this dinner impromptu addresses are made by visitors and brethren.

PETERSBURG LODGE NO. 579

PETERSBURG, BOONE COUNTY, KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876. October 23, 1889 the Charter was arrested, but later restored. The Lodge went out of existence February 11, 1893.

LIBERTY LODGE NO. 580  
FRANCIS, CRITTENDEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.

FAVORITE LODGE NO. 581  
EWING, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.

ARLINGTON LODGE NO. 582  
ARLINGTON, CARLISLE CO., KY.

Arlington Lodge No. 582, organized June 9, 1874, dispensation granted May 29, 1874.

Dr. John R. Owen, of this Lodge, practiced medicine from March 1868, to his demise, March 6, 1912; was President of the Ballard County Medical Society in 1885, of the Carlisle County Medical Society in 1889 and 1900; was local surgeon of Illinois Central Railroad from about 1878 until his death; served as Postmaster from 1893 to 1897; was a Confederate soldier four years; received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in an army Lodge in 1863; was raised October 1875; filled every office in the Lodge with the possible exception of Junior Warden.

DR. Robert T. Hocker, has practiced medicine since September 1868; was President of the Graves County Medical Society in 1878 and 1879, of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Association in 1886 and 1887, and of the Carlisle County Medical Society 1889, 1890, 1891; served as Postmaster from 1886 to 1889; has filled all the offices



of the Lodge except Treasurer.

Lenna B. Owen represented Ballard and Carlisle Counties in the Legislature of Kentucky 1911-13; was appointed Postmaster 1914.

W. F. BEARD LODGE NO. 583

BAILEY'S MILL ( FLAT FORK P.O. ) FRANKLIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876, became defunct October 19, 1883.

CORINTH LODGE NO. 584

CORINTH, GRANT CO., KY.

Chartered as Ravens Creek Lodge No. 611, October 20, 1876. Consolidated with Corinth Lodge No. 611, took the name and number of Corinth Lodge 584.

Wm. S. FANT LODGE NO. 585

PLEASANT VALLEY, NICHOLAS CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876.

McNEIL LODGE NO. 586

LEBANON JUNCTION, BULLITT CO., KY.

Organized December 3, 1875, as J. D. Wickliffe Lodge, U. D., with the following Charter members: Charles B. Tydings, Henry H. Hart, John L. Thompson, J. E. Ricketts, James D. McNeil, James Masden, Hardin Masden, E. S. Dulin, H. H. Crow, Frank Lovelace,

W. S. Crow, George W. Ernest, Luther Warren and J. W. Mount. Dispensation issued by Grand Master John H. Leathers. Following officers were appointed: Henry H. Hart, Master; John L. Thompson, Senior Warden; J. E. Ricketts, Junior Warden; James Masden, Treasurer; Charles B. Tydings, Secretary; James D. McNeil, Senior Deacon; Luther Warren, Junior Deacon.

During the dispensation the name of the Lodge was changed to McNeil Lodge, and The Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its meeting in 1876, granted Charter in the name of McNeil Lodge No. 586.

Following were the first officers of McNeil Lodge No. 586: H. H. Hart, Master; J. L. Thompson, Senior Warden; J. E. Ricketts, Junior Warden; J. Masden, Treasurer; C. B. Tydings, Secretary; J. D. McNeil, Senior Deacon; W. Mayfield, Junior Deacon; Luther Warren, Tyler.

The Lodge has had a very successful career. It built and now owns and occupies one of the handsomest and most completely equipped homes in the State, which is used exclusively as a home for Masonic Lodges.

McNeil Lodge No. 586 has one hundred and fifty-nine members, all of them being among the most earnest and enthusiastic Masons to be found in the State.

DAYSVILLE LODGE NO. 587

DAYSVILLE, TODD CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876. The Lodge was burned and became defunct June 7, 1890.



## ROBERT M. OWENS LODGE NO. 588

TOLLSBORO, LEWIS CO., KY.

This Lodge was set to work as Lewis Lodge U. D., and on October 20, 1876, chartered as Robert M. Owens Lodge No. 588. The Lodge became defunct May 18, 1901.

## ANDREW JACKSON LODGE NO. 589

JORDAN'S STATION, FULTON CO., KY.

Chartered October 20, 1876, became defunct October 1, 1878. It lacked the endurance of "Old Hickory".

## EMULATION LODGE NO. 590

SHARPSVILLE, WASHINGTON CO., KY.

The Lodge was chartered October 20, 1876 at Sharpsville, Ky., with J. A. Litteral as first Master, William C. Case, Senior Warden, and William Litteral, Junior Warden.

John Litteral, the first Master, was succeeded by his father William Litteral, and he in turn by John A. Litteral. They being the only Masters who were ever installed. Winfield S. Colvin was elected Master in 1880 but was never installed.

The Lodge seemed prosperous until the additional assessment of one dollar was voted for the benefit of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home. Most of the members of the Lodge were opposed to this proposition and the Lodge began to decline. Instead of paying their dues in the ordinary way they began to pay them by drawing on the Lodge funds in the Treasurer's hands and the result was that

the treasury was soon depleted. The members then all demitted except the officers, the Charter was allowed to be eaten by the rats and the Lodge was arrested in 1886

ROBINSON CREEK LODGE NO. 591

BORRING, LAUREL CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877.

NEW ROE LODGE NO. 592

NEW ROE, ALLEN CO., KY.

Lodge organized under dispensation April 22, 1876, by Samuel B. Hendricks of New Salem Lodge No. 462 as proxy for the Grand Master, who installed the following officers: William R. Hendricks, Master; J. C. Hobdy, Senior Warden, R. D. Anthony, Junior Warden, M. C. Hobdy, Treasurer; B. F. Anthony, Secretary; W. W. Hunt, Senior Deacon; G. S. Anthony, Junior Deacon; W. T. Anthony, Steward and Tyler.

October 18, 1877, the Lodge was chartered and has since its organization maintained the Masonic spirit and a membership of about thirty Master Masons.

BOSTON LODGE NO. 593

JELLICO, WHITLEY CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877. On March 20, 1916, this Lodge and Eginton Lodge No. 490, at Williamsburg, Kentucky, consolidated under the name of Williamsburg Lodge No. 490, with the place of



meeting at Williamsburg, Kentucky.

MIDDLEBURG LODGE NO. 594

MIDDLEBURG, CASEY COUNTY, KY.

Early in the year 1877 the following Master Masons as Charter members were set to work in J. D. Wesley Lodge U. D. Officers: Joshua T. Wesley, Master; James A. Bryant, Senior Warden; George G. Fair, Junior Warden; Benjamin P. Estes, Treasurer; James C. Williams, Secretary; Rev. John M. Sallee, Senior Deacon; Morgan S. McCaniel, Junior Deacon; Jesse Coffey, Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters Benjamin P. Estes and Joshua T. Wesley, Master Masons Joseph Coffey, James A. Estes, Ephriam J. Godbey, James H. Hall and J. A. Martin.

On October 18, 1877, the Lodge was chartered as Middleburg Lodge No. 594 with J. T. Wesley, Master, James A. Bryant, Senior Warden and George G. Fair, Junior Warden. About this time a movement was instituted for the founding of a college at Middleburg, Kentucky. The membership of the Lodge was composed of adherents of the three churches in the community - Christian, Methodist and Baptist - and it was largely due to the influence of the Masons that the three churches agreed to co-operate in the erection of the school buildings. The Craftsmen were loyal workers for the school. They contributed about three thousand dollars to the building fund. Later the Lodge accepted a proposition to finish up and furnish one room for the privilege of holding meetings therein. The Lodge completed the room at an expense of approximately three hundred dollars. All was well and both Lodge

and school did a great work for the citizenship of Casey County. Unfortunately, after many years of useful service, the school became so much indebted that the buildings were sold to satisfy the creditors. The Masons thereby lost the use of the hall, became discouraged and finally surrendered their Charter on October 18, 1900. Soon, however, the Masons resolved to reorganize and continue their work. They encouraged the organization of the Farmers Deposit Bank and the erection of a bank building with a hall on the second floor. The structure being completed, they petitioned for a restoration of their Charter, which petition was granted on October 18, 1905. The Lodge has met regularly in the hall in the bank building ever since its Charter was restored.

One of the first things the members of the fraternity did after reorganization was to encourage the organization of a Graded and High School and the purchase of the school property and grounds, which had been sold. This was accomplished in 1908, since which time the school has done splendid work and has been well patronized.

It is difficult to measure the influence of a man's life and we hesitate to attempt to name the Craftsmen who have done most for the Lodge and for the community. Practically every member has so filled his station in life that the Masonic Fraternity is highly respected throughout this section. It has been said that a history of the late Dr. J. T. Wesley would be a history of the Middleburg Lodge. He was first Master and filled that station for nearly a quarter of a century. He was always a diligent student of Masonry and ever willing and anxious to impart light to his less informed brothers. He taught by precept and example



the true spirit of Masonry. He was not only a great Mason but a great citizen and above all a great physician. He served as counsellor and Vice President of the Kentucky State Medical Association. He did an extensive practice for an appreciative patronage for almost half a century. He never shut his ear to the call for help. As he lay sick upon his own bed, there came to him a messenger that at the foot of the distant hills a woman's life was in peril - that waters unfordable swept the roads between her and every physician within reach except himself, and the appeal for help was made to him.

From his own sick chamber he rode out into the blinding storm, traversing, in part, a way over which a horse could not carry him - he waded through mud and water - reached the house of suffering - relieved the distress of the afflicted household and restored the woman well to her family - but forfeited his own life to do it - he quickly succumbed to the exposure.

When his lifeless body was carried to the church house for parting hymn and prayer his bier was borne between long lines of men and women who with tear stained cheeks had come to pay his memory honor, and as living tribute covered his burial box not only with rare exotic bloom, but with the graceful fern and wild flower native to the hills among which he lived. Such funerals are rarely seen, because such men are rare.

MASONIC WIDOWS AND ORPHANS HOME LODGE NO. 595

TILTON, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877, became defunct October 22, 1896.

BREMEN LODGE NO. 596

BREMEN, MUHLENBERG CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877. Burned June 29, 1889. New Charter issued October 24, 1889.

HOCKER LODGE NO. 597

RILEYS, MARION CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877, became defunct October 24, 1889.

JOHN H. LEATHERS LODGE NO. 598

MOUNT ZION, GRANT CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1877, became defunct October 18, 1888.

CLIFTY LODGE NO. 599

BIG CLIFTY, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Clifty Lodge U. D., was organized at its Lodge room in Grayson County, Kentucky, November 4, 1876. Charter was granted this Lodge October 1877, and given the number 599. The Lodge room was in a hall over Clifty Church, located on the head waters of Clifty Creek, Ky. The Lodge was moved to Big Clifty, Ky., its



present site in March 1889. June, 1913, the Lodge hall was destroyed by cyclone but was rebuilt the following September and is now clear of all indebtedness.

The Lodge has forty members at present and is in good working order.

FORDSVILLE LODGE NO. 600  
FORDSVILLE, OHIO CO., KY.

Chartered October 25, 1878. Reports eighty members.

POND FORK LODGE NO. 601  
POND CREEK CHURCH, JACKSON CO., KY.

On April 4, 1877, an article of agreement was entered into between Pond Creek Church, and a "body" of Free and Accepted Masons" regarding a building, the upper part to be used as a Lodge room, while the lower part of the building was to be used by the church. To this agreement appears the names of Hiram Gabbard, S. J. Powell and Henry Sheppard, representing the Church and A. P. Settle, H. S. Powell and John Ward, representing the Masons.

This, it seems, was the beginning of Pond Fork Lodge, the first "Masonic body", organized in Jackson County, Kentucky. Beyond this there, seems to have been very little done until early in the year 1878, when R. M. Farleigh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, granted a dispensation naming H. S. Powell, I. S. Jones and C. J. Powell as principal officers and in April 1878 opened (by proxy) a Lodge of Master Masons for the purpose of

installing officers and "setting Lodge to work."

The first meeting Under Dispensation was held May 4, 1878, the names of H. S. Powell, I. S. Jones, C. J. Powell, C. D. Powell, S. J. Powell, J. N. Culton and the Rev. Elias Moore appearing as Charter members.

At that time this part of the country was very sparsely settled, there being no other lodge for many miles but Pond Fork Lodge prospered from the first and while it has never been able to report a large number, there are those who received "Light" in this Lodge, not only in all parts of Kentucky, but in many of the western states and Canada.

At the annual communication of The Grand Lodge in 1878 a charter, signed by C. H. Johnson, Grand Master and Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge, was granted to Pond Fork Lodge. Since then H. S. Powell, C. J. Powell, P. R. Pennington, Able Pennington, R. A. Dyche, J. H. Denham, A. York, Levi Pennington, Pleas Isaacs, Geo. W. King, Jerry York and Lee J. Webb, have served as Masters and C. D. Powell, John B. King, J. H. Denham, W. H. Peters, R. A. Dyche, E. Pennington, A. Isaacs, G. M. Farmer, and R. W. Strong, as Secretaries of the Lodge.

At this writing (May, 1914) C. D. Powell, who is now a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 104, is the sole surviving Charter member of Pond Fork Lodge.



## HOOD LODGE NO. 602

WATSON, (KNOWN AS EGYPT CHURCH ), ADAIR CO., KY.

Chartered October 25, 1878, became defunct June 13, 1906.

## VINE GROVE LODGE NO. 603

VINE GROVE, HARDIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 25, 1878. Reports one hundred and four members.

## POOLE LODGE NO. 604

POOLE, WEBSTER CO., KY.

Poole Lodge No. 604, at Poole, Webster County, Kentucky, was first organized under the name of Campbell H. Johnson Lodge No. 604 Pooletown, now Poole. Order of dispensation was issued May 28, 1875, by Campbell H. Johnson, **Grand Master**, and Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary.

Public installation of the following officers took place June 28, 1875, Campbell H. Johnson, Grand Master, officiating: K. J. McToney, Master; Elijah Melton, Senior Warden; D. H. Crews, Junior Warden; Elijah Sellars, Treasurer; L. S. Melton, Secretary, A. J. Thornberry, Senior Deacon, M. D. Thornberry, Junior Deacon; W. G. Lawrence, Tyler. These officers with the following brethren constituted the charter members: Dr. J. T. Bethel, Rev. Elijah Thurman, W. W. Poole, F. M. Norvel, and John E. Melton. All these brethren, except K. J. McToney, were members demitted

by sister lodges, Cairo No. 385, and Carlo No. 314.

The membership of Poole Lodge has been composed of the professional men and farmers of Poole and vicinity, and have always lived in the love and friendship of their neighboring lodges. They were held in highest esteem by Campbell H. Johnson, whose name was honored under the first charter. After the expulsion of the lamented brother from Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, the name of Poole Lodge No. 604 was taken instead on October, 21, 1896. The name W. W. Poole Lodge was adopted by the members December 7, 1875, but when the petition came before the Grand Lodge it held that lodges should not take their name from men; so they struck out the W. W. - gave the name Poole, also retaining the old number, 604. Although the name Campbell H. Johnson had been dropped and another taken, so full and complete had been the measure of mutual brother love and esteem that Campbell H. Johnson bequeathed to Vampbell H. Johnson Lodge his Masonic library, and after his death the same was presented to this lodge in a touching manner by his widow.

There are now sixty-eight members in good standing, nineteen Past Masters, three charter members are still living, only one A. J. Thornberry, is a member.

It is a custom in this Lodge that when a member dies they shall have his portrait prepared and hung in the hall. There are twenty framed pictures of deceased brethren, each bearing a short Masonic history.

The Lodge has always owned its own lodge room. At present they own their hall and a store house beneath. This is a comfortable



frame building 60x24, well equipped and furnished. The furniture is simple but appropriate. The widows and daughters of the Masons hold their Eastern Star meeting in this room and they take great interest in the Blue Lodge and hall. Here with their husbands, fathers, and brothers they are helping to build an influence, cheering, honorable and beneficent.

Poole Lodge has sent to the Masonic Home four wards, the children of the deceased brother, W. C. Dickey, - Nealie, Letcher, Ethel and Willie. The representative to the Grand Lodge usually accompanied by other brethren, and sometimes by their wives and daughters and sisters, have always found pleasure and profit in visiting the Home and acquainting themselves with its needs and work. On his return to the home Lodge the representative, usually the Master, gives an account of the Home, its progress, his experience while there, and other things that have impressed him. He also described the meeting of the Grand Lodge, many of its members and their appearance, the doing of the Grand Lodge from the view point of an eye witness, relates his experience as a member sometimes laughable and sometimes pathetic. He takes advantage of this occasion to turn over to the Lodge whatever remains from the Grand Lodge allowance for mileage and per diem after paying for the actual expenses for travelling and entertainment.

An unbroken record of the business and transactions of the Lodge is preserved in its minutes and records. Peace and harmony have always prevailed.

J. W. KNAPP LODGE NO. 605  
 PLUMMERS LANDING, FLEMING CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1879. Reports twenty-four members.

JAKE RICE LODGE NO. 606  
 BLAINE, LAWRENCE CO., KY.

Jake Rice Lodge No. 606, was set to work by Deputy Grand Master Jake Rice, on February 14, 1879, under dispensation granted by Thomas S. Pettitt, Grand Master and Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary, bearing date of December 18, 1878. Petition for dispensation was signed by Dock Woods, John T. Dean, Martin L. Moore, H. H. Gamhill, Charles L. Osborne, T. R. Moore, Jesse H. Young, Jesse W. Young, Edison Gamhill, and Derrescus H. Derrifield. On the day of organization to these were added the names of Dr. John J. Gamhill, Dr. N. T. Rice, H. C. Osborne and James L. Moore. M. L. Moore, C. L. Osborne, Jesse A. Young, Jesse W. Young, have all been successful farmers and stock raisers. Each has advocated and assisted in every movement that has materially built up the community in which they lived.

F. R. Moore has been one of Lawrence County's successful lawyers.

H. H. Gamhill, who was a Union soldier, became a merchant and farmer. His farm in which he took great pride, was considered the best demonstration farm in the western half of the county. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Edison Gamhill for years ran the only grist mill at or near



Blaine, and at his carding mill was prepared the yarn from which the women made the cloth which clad the best dressed men of the county.

Dock Wood, the first Master, taught school in the county but later sought his fortune in the West.

D. H. Derrifield, after having made a success at farming, settled on the Pacific coast.

For many years John J. Gamhill and N. T. Rice (both living now) were the only physicians within reach of this section of the country.

Every school child knows our brother, H. C. Osborne, as one of the men who served as school trustee and as Post Master at Blaine for a number of years. He kept the Post Office in H. H. Gamhill's store, where he clerked. During the dull season the store room was given to the pupils for a play room. To many a child has he endeared himself by the pleasant things he would do for their entertainment.

J. H. Sturgill, a minister of the Methodist Church, and a member of the Lodge, has served one term in the Kentucky Legislature.

W. G. Moore, a member of this Lodge served in the Legislature of 1907.

S. H. Burton has served as County Judge.

HENRY BARNES LODGE NO. 607

DAYTON, CAMPBELL CO., KY.

After several preliminary meetings at different places in

Dayton, Kentucky, for the formation of a Lodge, the following named brethren finally presented their demits to accompany their petition for a dispensation: Henry Barnes, William Hasson, Hiram St. John, William W. Bean, William Linville, John Smith Moore, William H. Hall, William H. Jones, C. B. Schoolfield, Lewis P. Anschutz, John Alex. Daily, Thomas S. Noble, Charles Lukens Rorer.

The petition was presented to Robert Burns Lodge No. 163, Newport, Kentucky, for action on August 6, 1879.

On motion, it was ordered that a ballot be taken giving permission, which was carried unanimously, with the proviso that the officers satisfy a Committee that they are competent to perform their several duties. Accordingly Charles L. Solar, Robert Aire, Thomas Dixon, L. R. Hawthorn, Robert Claiborne, Robert Pye, and F. S. Cummins were appointed. On August 14, 1879, the petition was presented to Newport Lodge No. 358 for permission to form a new Lodge, and after an exemplification of work in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason by the brethren of the new Lodge, it was ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Committee from Robert Burns Lodge on August 17th., signed the recommendation which was subsequently sent to Thomas S. Pettit, Grand Master, for action.

At a meeting composed of Henry Barnes, Wm. Hasson, Hiram St. John, Wm. H. Jones, Wm. Linville, L. P. Anschutz, C. L. Rorer and C. B. Schoolfield, held on the 26th., day of August, 1879, in Odd Fellows Hall, then located at 923 Third Ave., Dayton, Ky., Mr. Barnes was, on motion, appointed Chairman, and Mr. Schoolfield, Secretary. The Chairman announced that the dispensation had been



granted, empowering them to form, open and hold a regularly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Dayton, County of Campbell, and State aforesaid, to be designated and known by the name and stule of Henry Barnes Lodge, under dispensation, etc. The dispensation was signed by Thomas S. Pettit, Grand Master, and attested by Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary.

The Chairman then read the Commission to Henry Bostwick, Past Grand Master, of Covington, authorizing him to install the officers of said Lodge and set them to work.

On motion, the Dispensation and Commission were received and the conditions therein accepted.

The following Committees were then appointed:-

Committee to visit Past Grand Master Bostwick, Wm. Hasson;

Committee on clothing, jewels, working tools, furniture, etc., Hasson, Dailey, Schoolfield and Barnes;

Committee on Hall,- Linville, Dailey and Rorer;

Committee on by-laws,-Barnes, Hasson and Jones.

The following officers were appointed: Secretary, J. A. Dailey; Treasurer, Wm. Hasson; Senior Deacon, Wm. H. Jones; Junior Deacon, L. P. Anschutz; Stewards, Hiram St. John and Wm. Linville.

On motion the meeting adjourned, to meet in Odd Fellows Hall on Tuesday evening, September 2nd.

By invitation of the brethren of the Lodges in Newport a meeting was held in Masonic Hall on Monday evening, September 1, to set the Lodge to work. Past Grand Master Bostwick, of Covington in the East, J. N. Gould, of Newport Lodge in the West, Charles

L. Solar, of Robert Burns Lodge in the South, and J. A. Dailey, Secretary.

The Commission of Past Grand Master Bostwick was then read, also the Dispensation.

The officers named in the Dispensation accepted the conditions and stipulations, and were then installed, Thomas Dixon of Robert Burns Lodge, acting as Marshal. William Linville was installed as Junior Warden.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened and a vote of thanks extended to Mr. Bostwick, Past Grand Master, for his presence and assistance, and also to the brethren present. The Lodge was then closed, to hold its first stated communication on Tuesday evening September 2nd., in Dayton, Kentucky.

At the meeting of September 2nd., a Committee, consisting of Dailey, Linville and Jones, was appointed to confer with the brethren of Newport Lodges on the limits of jurisdiction. The by-laws were also adopted.

On October 7th., the Worshipful Master was authorized to apply to the Grand Lodge for a Charter.

When the Grand Lodge convened, the Dispensation was referred to the Committee on Lodges under dispensation consisting of Smith M. Hobbs, of Mt. Washington, J. H. Gates, of Owensboro, and J. W. Boyd, of Owingsville. The Committee, after a careful examination of the books, submitted for inspection on the fourth day of the session, Friday morning, October 24th., 1879, recommended that a Charter be granted to Henry Barnes Lodge, U. D., which was



carried unanimously, (an anomaly in the history of a Masonic Lodge being organized about seven weeks). The Committee also recommended that Henry Barnes be the first Master, C. B. Schoolfield, the first Senior Warden, and Wm. H. Hall, the first Junior Warden thereof. The Charter was signed by the first Junior Warden thereof. The Charter was signed by Thomas S. Pettit, Grand Master, Jake Rice, Deputy Grand Master, W. La Rue Thomas, Grand Senior Warden, Wm. H. Meffert, Grand Junior Warden and Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary.

On November 4th., Past Grand Master Henry Bostwick, set the Lodge to work under the Charter, having been commissioned by Jake Rice, Grand Master, to organize the Lodge, install the officers and set the same regularly to work. The following officers were then installed: Henry Barnes, Master; C. B. Schoolfield, Senior Warden; Wm. H. Hall, Junior Warden; Wm. Hasson, Treasurer; John A. Dailey, Secretary; Hiram St. John and Wm. Linville, Stewards; J. S. Moore, Tyler, Wm. H. Jones, Senior Deacon, L. P. Anschutz, Junior Deacon.

On December 2nd., the Committee on Jurisdiction reported that the following boundary had been agreed upon. The Jurisdiction of this Lodge to extend to the center of Taylor Creek and center line of Covert Run Turnpike. The report was received and adopted.

At the stated meeting held December 30th., the committee on the donation of the Holy Bible, consisting of Dailey, Schoolfield, and Jones, made the following report, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered for publication:-

"To the Fair Donors of the Great Lights, the wives of the Charter Members:-

With great pleasure Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, acknowledge the receipt at your hands of an elegant and beautiful copy of the Bible, known Masonically as the Great Light of Masonry. Having been placed upon our altar by fair hands, at the prompting of loving hearts, we hope and believe that it will never cease to shed the light of Love and Truth, not only upon our labors, but will continue to shine for others long after we shall be called from earthly labor to refreshment. Accept then, the heartfelt thanks of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607 Free and Accepted Masons, for your munificent gift."

At the stated meeting, October 25, 1881, a beautiful Masonic picture, representing the letter "G" set in pearls, embroidered by the Square and Compasses in gold and silver leaf, all on a dark background, was presented by Henry Barnes from Peter H. Lallance. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED: That the tanks of the members of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, F. & A. M., of Dayton, Kentucky, are hereby tendered to Bro. Peter H. Lallance, of Miami Lodge No. 46, Cincinnati, Ohio, for the appropriate, emblematic and Masonic gift, and that we accept it as a token of Fraternal Love and Goodwill for the prosperity and perpetuity of the Lodge."

The Lodge continued to work in its first location until the spring of 1883, when it removed to its present quarters at 6th., and Berry. The first candidate to receive the Masters degree in the new quarters being Edward G. N. Tresise. The Entered Apprentice Degree was first conferred by the Lodge on October 7,



1879, the candidates being Herman J. Goetze, W. C. McClain, George C. Weimer, and D. D. Aughinbaugh.

In the spring of 1892, a Committee, consisting of J. W. Schuler, P. T. Kaighn, C. A. Bird, and Wm Skinner, was appointed to secure a lot for the future quarters, and on May 28th., 1892, secured the lot now owned by the Lodge at 6th and Vine Streets, Dayton, Ky.

Since its institution, to January 1, 1914, there have been candidates as follows:

Entered Apprentices,	345.	Demitted,	64.
Fellow Crafts,	336.	Suspended,	42.
Master Masons,	337.	Expelled,	2.
Received on Demit,	43.	Died,	34.

On October 31st., 1882, Charles L. Rorer died, being the first of the Charter members, and on April 2, 1913, John L. Moore, the last Charter member, also passed away.

Including the annual meeting of December 1913, there have been twenty-two different Masters of the Lodge, of who, thirteen are still living. Two of these have demitted, leaving eleven, who still retain their membership. Since its institution, the Lodge has entertained, in addition to other distinguished men, Grand Master Ewalt and Grand Master Ware, also Past Past Grand Masters, Bostwick and Veach.

ST. CHARLES LODGE NO. 608  
NORTONVILLE, HOPKINS CO., KY.

This Lodge was set to work at St. Charles, Hopkins County,

Kentucky, February 18, 1879. Charter was granted October 24, 1879.

In 1885, this Lodge joined with another fraternal organization in the purchase of a hall in which to hold its meetings.

January, 1915, it petitioned and was granted the right to move its place of meeting to Nortonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky, and since the change of location bringing the Lodge nearer to the homes of the majority of its membership, an interest has been awakened which gives better promise of success.

BEULAH LODGE NO. 609

BEULAH, HOPKINS CO., KY.

Chartered October 24, 1879. Reports seventy-three members.

H. B. GRANT LODGE NO. 610

ETOILE, BARREN CO., KY.

The first meeting of H. B. Grant Lodge U. D., was held at Caney Fork Church, twelve miles South-east of Glasgow, Kentucky, on the fifteenth day of November, 1879, for the purpose of organization, with the following Master Masons present: W. B. Honeycutt, S. T. Botts, E. D. Peden, S. H. Chambers, W. B. Young, J. W. Chambers, J. F. Sherfey, Jacob Peck, E. H. Chambers, R. P. Wilborn, T. S. Irhaley, G. W. Young, H. E. Chambers, R. W. Hughes and J. H. Greer. C. M. Chism acting as proxy for Grand Master Jake Rice. C. M. Chism, of H. A. M. Henderson Lodge No. 575, read the dispensation, which contained the following named Master Masons: W. B. Honeycutt, S. T. Botts, E. D. Peden, J. W. Chambers, Jacob Peck,



H. E. Chambers, R. W. Hughes, T. S. Irhaley, S. H. Chambers,  
R. P. Wilborn, J. F. Sherfey, J. R. Lyons, H. H. Button, E. H.  
Chambers, G. W. Young, W. H. Young, J. H. Greer and W. H. Denham.

W. B. Honeycutt was appointed first Master, S. T. Botts, first  
Senior Warden and E. D. Peden, first Junior Warden. The dispensation bore the name and seal of Grand Master Thomas S. Pettit and  
Grand Secretary, Hiram Bassett.

The following being a full list of officers at organization:

W. B. Honeycutt, Master; S. T. Botts, Senior Warden; E. D. Peden,  
Junior Warden; S. H. Chambers, Treasurer; W. B. Young, Secretary;  
J. W. Chambers, Senior Deacon; J. F. Sherfey, Junior Deacon;  
Richard Peck, Tyler.

H. B. Grant Lodge worked under dispensation until the following  
October, when it was granted a Charter, which bore date of October  
21, 1880. W. La Rue Thomas, Grand Master and Hiram Bassett,  
Grand Secretary. J. W. Jones, of Allen Lodge No. 24, was  
named as proxy to act for the Grand Master in setting H. B. Grant  
Lodge to work. The Charter naming W. B. Honeycutt, Master; S. T.  
Botts, Senior Warden; E. D. Peden, Junior Warden, and bearing the  
names of W. La Rue Thomas, Grand Master, W. H. Meffert, Deputy  
Grand Master, G. D. Buckner, Grand Senior Warden, A. R. Boon,  
Grand Junior Warden. H. B. Grant Lodge continued to meet at  
Caney Fork Church until the summer and fall of 1885, at which time  
the Lodge had completed a hall of its own, and on the 31st.,  
day of October, 1885, the Lodge was called together for the purpose  
of dedication. The Grand Master having appointed Prof. E. W.  
Elrod, his proxy, at the dedication, he being assisted by Judge

G. M. Bohannon, of Allan Lodge No. 24, and C. M. Chism, of H. A. M. Henderson, No. 515.

On June 24m 1912, the Lodge held a celebration and had for its guests Grand Master Dave Jackson and Grand Secretary H. B. Grant, in whose honor the Lodge was named.

Of the Charter members there are but three who are now living, E. D. Paden, of Nebraska, and W. H. Denham, and R. W. Hughes of Glasgow.

CORINTH LODGE NO. 611

CORINTH, GRANT CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1880. March 21, 1887, it surrendered its Charter and consolidated with Raven Creek Lodge No. 584 at Friendship Church, Harrison County, Kentucky.

CENTRAL LODGE NO. 612

CAMP ORR, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CAMDENVILLE) ANDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 2, 1880. Charter arrested in 1893, and later restored. The Lodge became defunct August 4, 1900.

HARDIN SPRINGS LODGE NO. 613

HARDIN SPRINGS, HARDIN CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1880. Reports seventeen members.



INDIAN CREEK LODGE NO. 614  
CLOVER BOTTOM, JACKSON CO., KY.

This Lodge was chartered at McKee, Jackson County, Kentucky, October 20, 1881, and continued to meet there until the first Saturday in January, 1890, when it was moved to Clover Bottom. The history of the Lodge has been an uneventful one, but the local members of the Craft have always endeavored to manifest the true Masonic spirit, and to preserve true Masonic unity.

KIRKMANSVILLE LODGE NO. 615  
KIRKMANSVILLE, TODD CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1882. Reports forty-eight members.

FLAT GAP LODGE NO. 616  
FLAT GAP, JOHNSON CO., KY.

Flat Gap Lodge was organized at Flat Gap, Johnson County, Kentucky, November 11, 1882, Dock Woods by commission acting as proxy for the Grand Master. The Charter bears date of October 18, 1882. William Jayne was appointed to be the first Master, John B. Williams, the first Senior Warden, John E. Reed, the first Junior Warden; A. J. Vaughn, Treasurer; M. G. Sagraves, Secretary; N. K. Williams, Senior Deacon; C. F. Webb, Junior Deacon; James M. Williams, Steward and Tyler. The following were Charter members: Jesse Sparks, E. E. Williams, Lewis Lemaster, H. A. Williams, Daniel Wheeler, Wm. H. Barker, William Castle, C. W.

Williams, Jas. B. Gullett, W. W. Bailey and John M. Skaggs.

This Lodge was organized by members demitting from Jaks Rice Lodge No. 606 Blaine, Ky., and Paintsville Lodge No. 381, Paintsville, Ky.

Quarters were rented in the High School building in which the meetings were held until 1891 when a commodious hall was erected over the Baptist church, since which time the Lodge has occupied this property, which is owned by the Lodge.

Since the organization of Flat Gap Lodge seven of her members have lost their home by fire, to all of whom the Lodge donated liberally to enable them to rebuild. A number of contributions have been made to members of other lodges who have suffered loss from this cause.

Since the institution of this Lodge in 1882, four other lodges have been formed in whole or in part from members taken from its ranks. Red Bush Lodge, Oil Springs Lodge, Wheelersburg Lodge, and Chandlersville Lodge were formed by members demitting there - from or from within, the jurisdiction formerly held by this Lodge.

The Lodge has grown to considerable strength several times in her history but has many times been weakened by demitting members for the establishment of new lodges. The membership is composed of the best citizenship of the country including the most prominent business and professional men.



## BEREA LODGE NO. 617

BEREA, MADISON CO., KY.

Berea Lodge No. 617 was first authorized to begin work U. D. at Reedville, Rockcastle County, in 1882. At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in October of that year, for good and sufficient reasons, its location was changed to Berea, and the same was chartered as Berea Lodge No. 617. The Charter was signed by Grand Master G. D. Buckner and N. D. Wilmot designated Master, L. P. Johnson, Senior Warden, and G. R. Witt, Junior Warden. The town of Berea is the seat of a college organized before the war for the purpose of educating the mountain youth. Its originators were strong abolitionists, men of decided conviction and great moral courage, fanatical it might be said. Among their other idiosyncracies was a decided opposition to Masonry, founded on the prejudice and ignorance engendered by the campaign of the early part of the nineteenth century. This opposition, however, has never seemed to affect the growth or prosperity of the Masonic Lodge located there. Its early roster contained the names of Madison Todd, William Fish, B. F. Gay, P. B. Johnson and a large number of the influential citizens of that section. From the very beginning it grew with great rapidity until today it has a membership of more than one hundred and fifty and is the largest Masonic Lodge in Madison County. Its capacity for usefulness cannot be over-estimated if it remains true to the ideals which should characterize every well regulated Lodge. Berea Lodge owns more than one membership in the Widows & Orphans Home. It also

furnished a room in the Old Masons Home. The Lodge has a membership of one hundred and sixty-five.

ELDORADO LODGE NO. 618

McAFEE, MERCER CO., KY.

This Lodge was granted a dispensation as McAfee Lodge U. D., it was chartered October 21, 1885 as Eldorado Lodge No. 618. Its first officers were: William A. Holman, Master; William A. Vanarsdall, Senior Warden; William W. Davis, Junior Warden; John B. Lapsley, Treasurer; Benjamin L. Sharp, Secretary; William A. Sharp, Senior Deacon; Thomas R. Chilton, Junior Beacon; Bryant O. Jones, Steward and Tyler.

The Lodge became defunct October 14, 1901.

BEECHVILLE LODGE NO. 619

BEECHVILLE, METCALFE CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1883. Reports thirty-nine members.

ARBA LODGE NO. 620

KENTONTOWN, ROBERTSON CO., KY.

Set to work under dispensation in 1882. Charter granted October 18, 1883, naming as the three principal officers of the Lodge, J. B. Beckett, Master, J. W. Langley, Senior Warden; J. J. McGuire, Junior Warden.

It reported a membership of thirty to the Grand Lodge in 1913.



DALLASBURG LODGE NO. 621

DALLASBURG, OWEN CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1885. Reports forty-one members.

T. L. JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 622

BIRMINGHAM, MARSHALL CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1885, at Olive, Marshall County, Ky.  
July 1, 1889, moved to Birmingham, Marshall County. Burned July  
31, 1904, new Charter issued October 18, 1904, in place of one  
burned. Reports forty-nine members.

WOODBINE LODGE NO. 623

WOODBINE, WHITLEY CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1885.

CUSTER LODGE NO. 624

CUSTER, BRECKINRIDGE CO., KY.

Custer Lodge U. D., held its first meeting December 13, 1884,  
and was set to work by R. E. Pennington, Master of Bewleyville  
Lodge, acting as proxy for the Grand Master.

October 21, 1885, the Lodge was granted a Charter and given  
its numerical designation 624. The first Master of the Lodge was  
B. C. Cook, first Senior Warden, F. B. Lyon and first Junior  
Warden, J. W. Meader.

The Lodge, since its organization, has had the quiet

uneventful career of the average successful country lodge.

WICKLIFFE LODGE NO. 625

WICKLIFFE, BALLARD CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1885. Burned December 9, 1895, new Charter issued October 21, 1896, burned again October 12, 1899, new Charter issued October 19, 1899. Reports forty-eight members.

WILLARD LODGE NO. 626

WILLARD, CARTER CO., KY.

Willard Lodge No. 626, Willard, Carter County, Kentucky, was organized on February 14, 1885, under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, by H. C. Osborn, of Jake Rice Lodge No. 606 as proxy of the Grand Master, who assembled the Craft and installed the following officers; Dock Wood, Master; Walter A. Kitchen, Senior Warden; Andrew J. Pennington, Junior Warden; James Pennington, Treasurer; Benjamin F. Webb, Secretary, John W. Deal, Senior Deacon; Elias H. D. Webb, Junior Deacon, Jacob Lawson Edwards, Tyler.

The following names were signed to petition to the Grand Lodge for dispensation to establish Willard Lodge No. 626: Dock Wood, Andrew J. Pennington, Elias H. D. Webb, Fred M. Stewart, Levi Webb, Jacob Lawson Edwards, Walter A. Kitchen, Williams Woods, Benjamin F. Webb, Preston Lawson and Dr. Abel Pennington.

At this time, April, 1914, only four of the eleven are living, viz:



Dock Wood, Elias H. D. Webb, Levi Webb, and Walter A. Kitchen, and of this number only two are now in Kentucky.

While the number of members was small at the institution of this Lodge, its location was surrounded by a fair jurisdiction that had material for the making of Masons, and the Lodge was a success from the date of its institution. There were four petitions the first meeting after its institution.

The growth of the Lodge was very rapid for a time, and soon became not only self supporting, but has contributed much to the deserving poor.

The Lodge met in a rented hall for about two years before it had a home of its own. December 28th., 1885, a committee was appointed to select a site for the erection of a hall, and on March 1, 1886, made a report proposing a site which was accepted.

On June 21, 1886, the contract was awarded for the building of same, while the minutes do not show at what date the Lodge held its first meeting in its own home, it was evidently the latter part of the year 1886, where there has been a goodly number brought to Masonic light.

Our Lodge has never attained to a high number in membership, but has held fairly well to its family of initiates, the highest membership was one hundred and eighteen, and the membership now as shown by the last Grand Lodge Report is one hundred and two. To the efforts of Rev. Dock Wood, of the Baptist Church, at the time a member of Jake Rice Lodge No. 606, is largely due, the establishment of this Lodge. He is an enthusiastic Mason,

a public spirited, God serving man who has never lived among the people of any community that has not been benefitted by his influence, his example and his labor.

WEAVERTON LODGE NO. 627

WEAVERTON, HENDERSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 22, 1885, and became defunct October 19, 1898.

DAWSON LODGE NO. 628

DAWSON SPRINGS, HOPKINS CO., KY.

Chartered October 21, 1886. Reports one hundred and eleven members.

OLIVE HILL LODGE NO. 629

OLIVE HILL, CARTER CO., KY.

April 23, 1886, a dispensation was granted to C. C. Brooks, George R. Ross, L. C. Wilson, W. H. Courts, F. P. Tabor, K. B. Grahn, J. N. Hubbard and H. F. Paynter, to organize a Masonic Lodge at Olive Hill, Kentucky, and on May 31, R. D. Davis, holding the proxy of the Grand Master, instituted a Lodge U. D., with the following officers: C. C. Brooks, Master; George R. Ross, Senior Warden; L. C. Wilson, Junior Warden; F. P. Tabor, Senior Deacon; W. H. Courts, Junior Deacon; J. N. Hubbard, Treasurer; K. B. Grahn, Secretary, H. F. Paynter, Steward and Tyler.

This Lodge met first in a room over Mrs. S. S. Blessings



Millinery Store on Main Street, and after two meetings at this place, removed to more commodious quarters over a vacant store room in East Olive Hill owned by C. H. Sea. On 18th., of November, 1886, a regular Charter having been granted the Lodge U. D., R. D. Davis bearing the proxy of the Grand Master, instituted the Lodge under the name of Olive Hill Lodge No. 629.

The Lodge continued to meet at above named place, also to grow in numbers until the membership felt that they should own their own building. They bought a two story frame house from D. C. Cline on Scott Street, where they continued to meet at regular stated meetings until 1915. On the 24th., day of June of same year Past Grand Master Samuel K. Veach of Carlisle, Kentucky, bearing the proxy of the Grand Master laid the cornerstone with appropriate ceremonies of the present commodious brick Temple.

Of the Charter members of this Lodge there are still living four; C. C. Brooks, the first Master, who is the grand old man of Masonry in that section of the country. He lives in a nice home on the outskirts of the city and frequently attends the meetings. L. C. Wilson, who is engaged in the mercantile business lives at Olive Hill. Judge J. N. Hubbard, who has served term as County Attorney, lives at Grayson, Kentucky, the County seat. K. B. Grahn, the first Secretary owns the Louisville Fire Brick Company and two brick plants at Grahn on C. & O. Railroad, and lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

## GARFIELD LODGE, NO. 630

TURNERS STATION, HENRY CO., KY.

Garfield Lodge No. 630 at Turners Station, in Henry County, Kentucky, was organized October 21, 1886, and became defunct July 25, 1904.

## McKINNEY LODGE NO. 631

McKINNEY, LINCOLN CO., KY.

McKinney Lodge No. 631 was granted a dispensation by John G. Orendorff, Grand Master, on the 21st. day of October, 1885, and on November 23, 1885 the following Master Masons met over K. L. Tanner's store in McKinney and were set to work U. D. by our lamented brother, the late H. G. Sandifer, assisted by C. N. Smith, of Franklin Lodge No. 28, of Danville, Ky. J. F. Hocker, F. M. Ware, J. P. Daniel, W. R. Davidson, K. L. Tanner, W. J. Carson, W. A. Coffey, W. J. Montgomery and J. W. Carson, who were Charter members. There were also present G. M. Givens, G. F. Peacock, Hustonville Lodge No. 184, Wm. Hughes, Mountain Lodge No. 181, W. B. Smith, J. D. Smith, S. R. Walls, of Middleburg Lodge No. 594 and Dr. Green Moore of Russell Lodge No. 284.

Mr. Sandifer who was duly appointed by the Grand Master to set the Craft to work, installed the following officers: J. F. Hocker, Master; F. M. Ware; Senior Warden; J. P. Daniel, Junior Warden; W. R. Davidson, Secretary; K. L. Tanner, Treasurer; J. W. Carson, Senior Deacon; W. A. Coffey, Junior Deacon, W. J. Montgomery, Tyler.



There were two petitions for initiation offered at that meeting, W. A. Flint and Dr. J. A. Williams. J. F. Hocker was continued as Master by the Grand Lodge during 1886 and 1887 and on October 19, 1887, a Charter was granted, J. W. Hopper being Grand Master, and Hiram Bassett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Of the Charter members, three only survive, Rev. W. R. Davidson, of Lexington, Ky., F. M. Ware and W. J. Montgomery, of McKinney.

Those of the Charter members who have been called from their labors on earth to that Celestial Lodge on high were true and faithful to the end, but none more so than the late K. L. Tanner who served as Treasurer of McKinney Lodge from its organization until the day of his death. On April 23, 1888 the minutes of the regular Communication on that date show the following notation: "Brother Tanner not present" and the same minute book shows this to have been the first time he had missed a meeting since the day the Lodge was set to work, a period of more than three years. In fact Mr. Tanner did not miss on an average of more than one meeting a year for the twenty-seven years he served as treasurer.

W. A. Coffey, another one of the Charter members who passed away only a few months ago, who served the Lodge so long and faithfully as Secretary, was another one of the highly esteemed and much beloved Charter members.

All of the officers have been true and efficient, of whom we might be mentioned F. M. Ware and E. J. Tanner. The latter having officially filled every chair in the Lodge, ten years of which he has presided in the East, and at the last election he was unanimously elected treasurer. Mr. Ware, one of the three surviving Charter

members having also filled most all the stations, eight years of which was in the Master's chair, at the last election, he having declined further preferment in favor of younger members.

This Lodge, like many others, has had its seasons of prosperity and adversity, sometimes flourishing, sometimes otherwise, but on the whole the Lodge should be proud of their efforts in establishing and maintaining a society of friends and brethren among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, as to who can best work and best agree.

This Lodge has the honor of having as one of its members, John Hubble, who has been in the Government Service for the past twelve years, having served three years as a non-commissioned officer in the Ninth United States Regulars, three years in Coast Artillery, six years in the Signal Corps in the different branches thereof. Mr. Hubble was initiated and passed in this Lodge in 1910 while on a three months furlow with his parents, his furlow having expired soon after he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was deprived of the pleasure of raising him to the sublime degree of Master Mason, however Mr. Hubble was not long attaining to that degree as he carried away with him credentials from this Lodge showing he was entitled to it and upon his arrival in Manila, P. I., presenting his credentials to an American Lodge, received the sublime degree of Master Mason. Mr. Hubble is at present in the United States, being at Leavenworth, Kansas, but has recently been assigned as a wireless operator to an important post in Alaska. He has made good and this Lodge has a right to be proud of him.



This Lodge at present is in a flourishing condition. All of the officers are young and enthusiastic Masons. Cleo Thomas being Master, presides in the East with the ability and dignity of a veteran.

WILLOWTOWN LODGE NO. 632  
WILLOWTOWN, TAYLOR CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1887, and became defunct January 16, 1901.

AURORA LODGE NO. 633  
LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

Aurora Lodge U. D. now No. 633, was instituted November 3, 1886, and a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge on October 19, 1887. She was constituted on that night by J. W. Hopper then Grand Master, with the following brothers acting as officers: Past Master Frank Abnot, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 147, acting <sup>Grand</sup> Senior/Warden, E. H. Knelkamp, Past Master Mt. Zion Lodge No. 147 Acting Junior Warden, Wm. Reinneicke Past Master Louisville Lodge No. 400 Acting Senior Deacon, Theo. Davis Past Master St. George Lodge No. 339 Acting Junior Deacon, H. B. Grant Grand Secretary, Rev. R. H. Coleman, Chaplain. About 200 visiting brethren attended and all of the officers named above acted at the institution of the Lodge except H. B. Grant and Rev. Coleman.

Aurora Lodge was organized as German working Lodge and it was an honor to the Grand Master J. W. Hopper and a pleasure to the Charter members of Aurora Lodge that the Grand Master instituted

the Lodge in the German language. Following is the list of Charter members: John Blaes, Fred J. Schaefer, F. Veit, C. G. Leonhard, Chas. Stieglitz, Adolph Kaiser, Louis Simm Sr., Julius Eschman, Christ Frank and G. Henry demitted from Mt. Zion Lodge No. 147, J. B. Kraemer and E. Hallbleib demitted from Willis Stewart Lodge No. 224, H. B. Fenster and Theo. F. Tiller, demitted from Kilwinning Lodge No. 506. Mt. Zion and Willis Stewart Lodges were working at that time in the German language. The following were appointed as the lodge officers: Master, John Blaes; Senior Warden, Fred J. Schaefer; Junior Warden, Fred Veit, Senior Deacon, Adolph Kaiser; Junior Deacon, Louis Simm, Sr., Secretary, C. G. Leonhardt; Treasurer Julius Eschman; Stewards and Tyler, John B. Kraemer and Charles G. Stieglitz. They were installed in due form. At the first meeting of the Lodge twenty-nine petitions were received of which in due time twenty-seven were elected and two rejected. The Lodge closed and repaired to the large hall on the second floor of the old Falls City Hall where covers were laid for two hundred persons. The good wives and daughters of the Charter members prepared a sumptuous banquet and served the same personally. Everybody present was loud in their praise of the ladies and it was a feast such as only good German housewives can prepare. William Reineicke acted as Toastmaster. Grand Master J. W. Hopper, Grand Secretary H. B. Grant, Grand Chaplain Rev. R. H. Coleman, were among those present.

The membership during the first year increased to the number of seventy-eight, showing that sixty-four were added. In the second year they numbered eighty-nine and the Lodge grew more and more



every year until March 27, 1890, when that terrible cyclone visited the City of Louisville, laying waste to numbers of houses, killing many people and playing havoc generally. It struck the old Falls City Hall and laid the building in ruins, killing forty-five people outright and several of the wounded died soon afterwards from the effects. Four members of Aurora Lodge were killed and two were wounded. The Lodge lost all of her paraphernalia and working tools and was compelled to move to Compass Lodge Hall on Jefferson St., between fourth and fifth. Compass Lodge in spirit of brotherly love and kindness loaned all of their paraphernalia until the Lodge could replace its loss.

Lodge meetings were not very well attended after that. Mr. Blaes was persuaded to become Master again and was elected December 27, 1890. The Lodge then moved to the new Falls City Hall and interest was again renewed. Meetings from time have always been well attended and the Lodge has enjoyed prosperity to this day.

It must be remembered that the Lodge is a German working Lodge and for that reason it cannot be expected that the membership **should** be as large as their sister Lodges who work in the English language.

November 7, 1900, the Lodge celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, of which the Masonic Home Journal gave the following account.

"Aurora Lodge No. 633, F. and A. M., celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their Lodge on Wednesday, November 7, 1900. The Lodge was opened at 7 P. M., by W. Master Alvin Wunderlich, a large delegation of members and visiting brethren being present.

"Past Master Ernst Brinke was first on the programme. With opening remarks he stated the object of the meeting in well chosen words. Then came a song by Aurora Quartette, composed of the brothers Carl Beck first tenor, Prof. Carl H. Toelle second tenor, Henry Wolf first basso, and Christopher Strunz second basso. Next on the programme was the presentation of the Centennial badge from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, also the Delegates' badge, by the venerable Secretary, Bro. C. G. Leonhardt, which in turn was received by the Worshipful Master, Alvin Wunderlich; then came another song by the Aurora Quartette. The next on the programme was the presentation of the new altar by the donor, Bro. George Thoben, in a very neat speech; responded to in receiving the altar by W. M. A. Wunderlich. This part was the flower of the programme. Both Bro. G. Thoben and the W. M. Wunderlich did themselves credit. The altar itself is a masterpiece and does great credit to the donor; it was built at a cost of very nearly a hundred dollars. Next was the dedication of the altar, by P. M. John Blaes; then Bro. Carl Beck sang a beautiful tenor solo. In the absence of Bro. R. H. Coleman, Grand Chaplain, who was on the programme for the benediction, Bro. P. M. Isaac Kelly, Superintendent of our Home, filled that part with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity in a sincere prayer.

Now came a part that was not on the programme. The Worshipful Master, while the lodge was still standing as in prayer, presented Bro. John Blaes, who is the oldest Past and called the father of the lodge - for it was through his efforts Aurora Lodge was instituted - with a beautiful roller top writing desk, in honor



"of his 59th birthday, which was November 6th. Brother Blaes was very much affected, so much so, that he could say but very little, but "thank you, my brethren". Then Bro. C. H. Toelle read a poem he had prepared for Brother Blaes birthday. Bro. C. Beck presented him with a very fine pair of enameled leather shoes. Bro. C. Stunz presented him with a very artistically carved jewel box, made by himself, and Bro. H. Wolf presented him with a box full of fine Havanas; then the lodge closed and sat down to a very elaborate refreshment, prepared by Bro. Jacob Seibert, who can not be excelled as a caterer.

The following brethren responded to the toasts: Our guest, P. M. Bro. Thomas Crawford, of Robinson Lodge No. 266; our sister jurisdiction, by Bro. John J. Hayet, of Jeffersonville; Our Home (M. W. & O.), by Past Master Isaac A. Kelly; the brotherhood in our city, by Bro. C. Warren, of 376. During the intermission the Aurora Quartette rendered some of their beautiful songs. Some of the brethren gave some comical recitations, and parted with well wishes and God speed to Aurora Lodge. The evening was well spent. The most pleased brother was Past Master John Blaes. May he live to see many birthdays of himself and Aurora Lodge.

The following programme was rendered:

1. Eröffnungrede-P. M. Ernst Brinke.
2. Gesang-Aurora Quartette-Die Brüeder C. Beck, C.H.Toelle, H.Wolf, and C.Strunz.
3. Presentation der Centennial Badge-Br. Sec. C. G. Leonhardt.
4. Empfang der Centennial Badge-Sehr Ehrw. Meister A. Wunderlich.

- "5. Gesang-Aurora Quartette.
  6. Presentation des Altars durch den Geber-Br. George Thoben.
  7. Empfang des Altars-Sehr Ehrw. Meister A. Wunderlich.
  8. Einweihung des Altars-P. M. John Blaes.
  9. Gesang-Tenor Solo-Charles Beck.
  10. Schluss der Loge Gebet-Grand Chaplain R. H. Coleman.
- Nach Schluss Erfrischung, mit Kurzen Reden, Scherz, und Gesang".

BURNSIDE LODGE NO. 634

BURNSIDE, PULASKI CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1887. Surrendered Charter August 1894.  
 Revived by Grand Lodge October 1894 and given back old Charter.  
 Charter burned and new one issued October 20, 1909.

CANEYVILLE LODGE NO. 635

CANEYVILLE, GRAYSON CO., KY.

Chartered October 18, 1888. Reports seventy-seven members.

CRAB ORCHARD LODGE NO. 636

CRAB ORCHARD, LINCOLN CO., KY.

October 18, 1888, Crab Orchard Lodge U. D., was granted a  
 Charter as Crab Orchard Lodge No. 636. Joseph D. Pettus was named  
 therein as the first Master, John R. Bailey as Senior Warden, William  
 H. Cummins as Junior Warden. The meetings were held monthly in  
 a rented house. November 19, 1896, the lodge room and all its



properties were destroyed by fire. October 20, 1897, a new Charter was granted the Lodge in lieu of the one destroyed.

The Craft immediately set themselves to work, rekindled their Masonic enthusiasm, and upon, perhaps, the most desirable lot in the town erected a handsome two story building - the ground floor of which is used as a store and the second story for Lodge purposes. The Lodge has a membership of more than forty, holds its meetings upon the fourth Monday night of each month: the average attendance is good and Masonic interest awake.

See Nos. 139 and 432.

JONESVILLE LODGE NO. 637

JONESVILLE, OWEN CO., KY.

Jonesville Lodge was instituted under dispensation April 28, 1888, by M. J. Williams, Past Grand Master, Glencoe, Kentucky, acting as proxy for Grand Master J. Soule Smith. The first officers being J. B. Foster, Master; William M. Gray, Senior Warden; Joe McKinsey, Junior Warden; Joe R. Thomas, Treasurer; R. T. Stewart, Secretary; T. V. Toon, Senior Deacon; Jef D. Renneckar, Junior Deacon, T. B. Jones, Tyler.

The Lodge received its Charter October 18, 1888, as Jonesville Lodge No. 637, with the same officers who were re-elected December 27, 1889.

Jonesville Lodge has always occupied a rented hall, never being able to own one of its own. Financially, and as regards membership, the Lodge may be regarded as one of the weaklings,

but each one tries to perform his part of the work in the uplift of humanity.

The membership is greatly scattered, some live in other states, others so far away they seldom attend the Lodge, and others too old to attend except in rare instances. With all these discouraging circumstances the men of this Lodge have not lost heart but have gone on from year to year doing the best they can to fill aright their place in the great body of Masonry.

PARKLAND LODGE NO. 638

LOUISVILLE, JEFFERSON CO., KY.

In May, 1888, William H. Perrin, Thomas W. Blackhart, Thomas C. Robertson, William T. Pyne, Walter P. Jobson, Rev. Ivan M. Wise, Dr. John W. Drake, and Humphrey Marshall, assembled at the residence of Mr. Perrin, southwest corner of Twenty-sixth and Dumesnil streets to exchange opinions, offer suggestions, and there formulated a petition for a Lodge of Masons, and forwarded it to H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, who submitted it to that body. On the 28th., day of ~~May~~<sup>June</sup>, 1888, the Grand Lodge granted their petition and ordered that the petitioners be authorized to open and proceed to work in a regularly constituted lodge, known by the name and style of Parkland Lodge, Under Dispensation. The Grand Master, J. Soule Smith, conferred the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason upon the applicants and appointed the following officers: William H. Perrin, Master; Thomas W. Blackhart, Senior Warden; Thomas C. Robertson, Junior Warden;



On Saturday night, June 30, 1888, the first meeting was held in a room on the second floor of the "Old Davidson House", on Virginia Avenue, between Olive Avenue and Twenty-eighth Street in Parkland. The Lodge was called to order by Past Grand Master, John H. Leathers, proxy of Grand Master J. Soule Smith, and opened on the Masters Degree, officered and attended as follows: Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, acting Master of the Lodge; Thomas W. Blackhart, Senior Warden; Thomas C. Robertson, Junior Warden; Walter P. Johnson, Secretary; William T. Pyne, Treasurer; John W. Drake, Senior Deacon; Humphrey Marshall, Tyler. William H. Perrin the newly appointed Master of the Lodge; Rev. Ivan M. Wise, W. H. Shaw, of Falls City Lodge, No. 376 of Louisville, and Frank K. Lewis, of Golden Rule Lodge No. 345 of Covington, Ky.

Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, then proceeded to institute a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under dispensation. The following officers were installed: William H. Perrin, Master; Thomas W. Blackhart, Senior Warden; Thomas C. Robertson, Junior Warden.

The following officers were then appointed and installed: Walter P. Johnson, Secretary; William T. Pyne, Treasurer; John W. Drake, Senior Deacon; Humphrey Marshall, Junior Deacon; and Frank K. Lewis, of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, Covington, Kentucky, (a petitioner for affiliation), acting Tyler. W. H. Shaw, of Falls City Lodge No. 376, the acting Master of Ceremonies proclaimed Parkland Lodge, U. D., instituted according to the forms and usages of Masonry.

In the "Old Davidson House" where the Lodge was instituted,

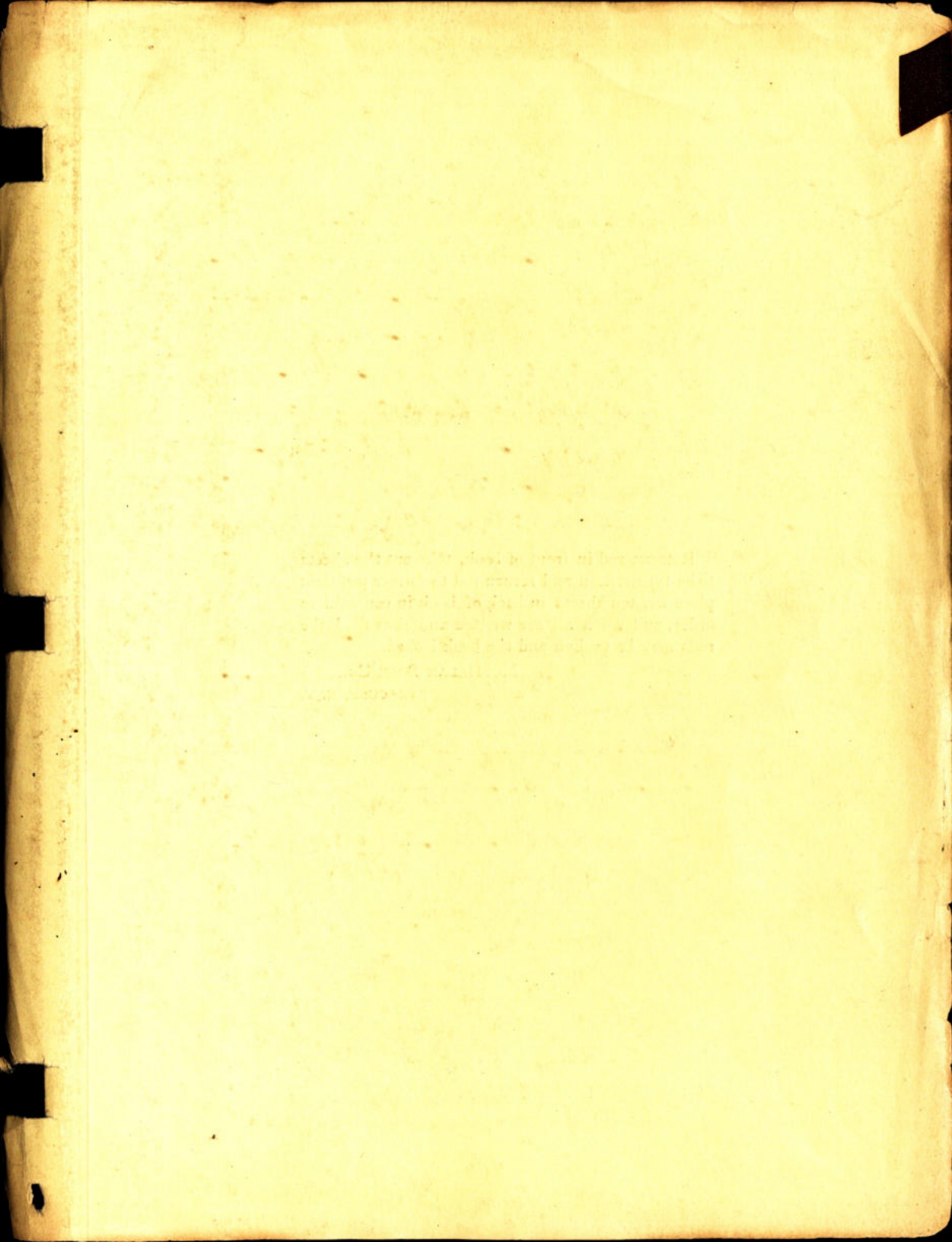
George M. Crawford, William B. Tata, and William W. Riggs, the first petitioners, were introduced and initiated, in due and ancient form.

Parkland Lodge, U. D., started on its mission with slim chances for success, being poorly equipped for progressive work until it secured by a loan from Abraham Lodge No. 8, the paraphernalia and outfit necessary for lodge work. At the second stated meeting two petitions for affiliation were received, and the regular meetings of the Lodge were set for the first and third Saturday nights of each month. There really was no third meeting, July 21, 1888, (although a few members put in an appearance) on account of the "Parkland Excursion to High Bridge", given for the benefit of one of the churches. Nearly every person in the town took advantage of it and went on the outing.

The Charter of the Lodge was received on the 18th., of October, 1888. On the 20th., of October the members of the Lodge were obligated in Dixon's Hall, North-east corner of Twenty-eighth and Dumesnil streets, by Past Grand Master John H. Leathers, proxy of the Grand Master, J. Soule Smith, of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and other representatives of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge continued to meet in Dixon's Hall after its lease had expired in February 1889. In the meantime the leasing of the Masonic Hall, then in course of erection had been arranged, and the date for the dedication set for November 20, 1890. The meetings of the Lodge were changed the second time, instead of the first and third Saturday nights of each month, to the second and fourth Tuesdays.





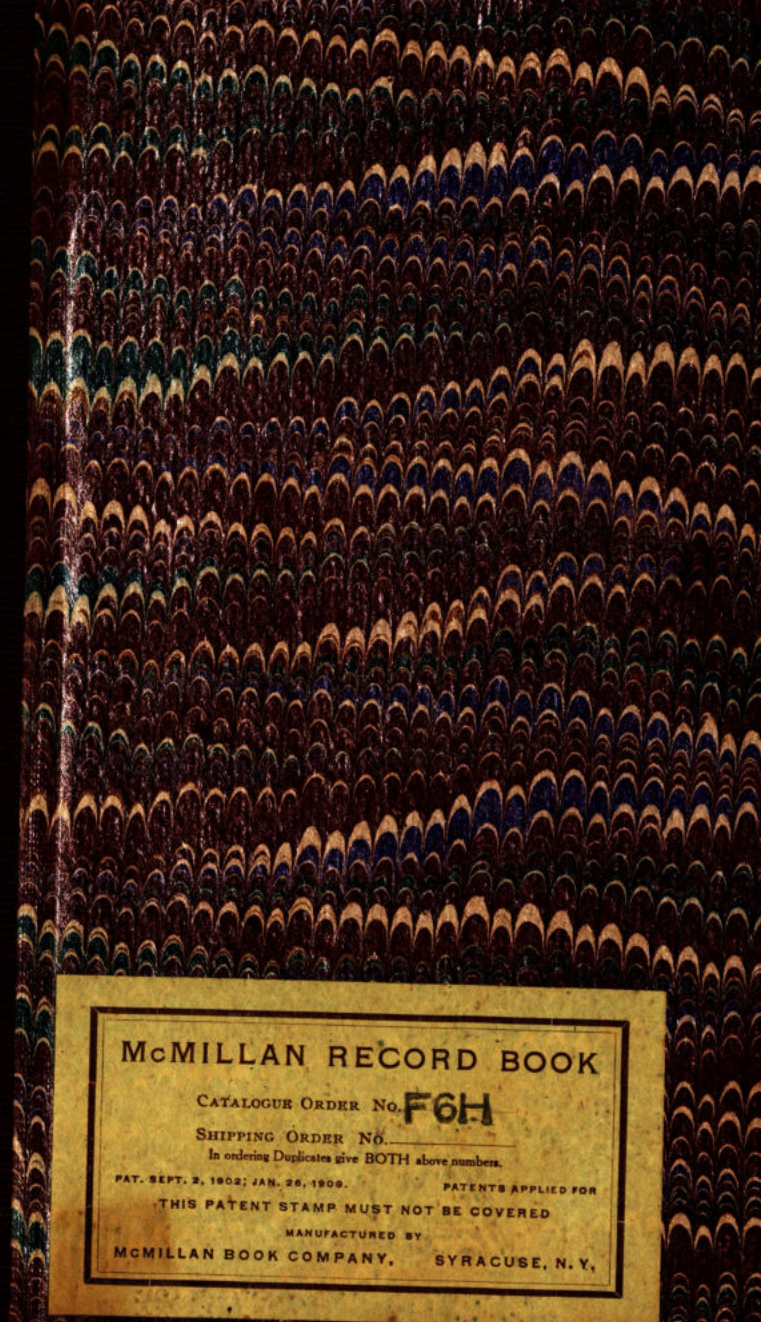
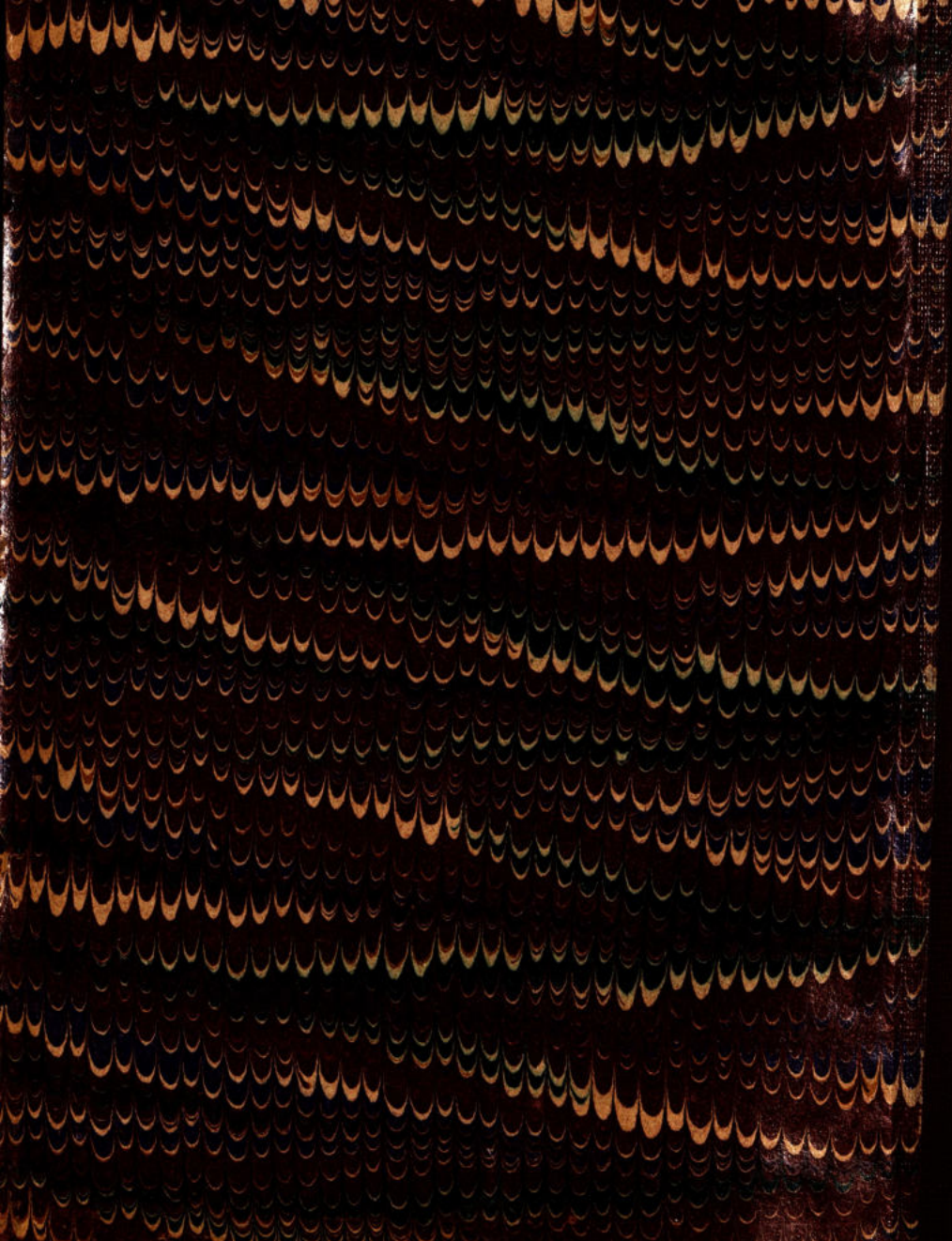
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## Oldham County And Her Neighbors

By W. C. BARRICKMAN

### V—ARE YOU A MASON?

The first Masonic Lodge in Henry County was established at New Castle, Aug. 29, 1849. Officers and members at that date: C. M. Mathews, W. M.; L. Owens, S.; J. R. Lott, Sec.; J. P. Smith, J. D.; Berri, Ellis, Tyler, A. B.; Price, H.; Gilvert, E.; B. H. Jones, J. W.; J. C. B. Jones, Marshal; H. Waldron; Richd. Goodie, F. C.; and J. N. Webb, B. H. Dale, J. Crutcher, P. J. Glaser and Thos. B. Jones.

At Campbellburg, Henry Lodge, No. 249, was organized in 1851. W. L. Davies was the first Master and J. W. Jones, J. W. Jones, was the first Warden. I do not have the names of other officers or members. In 1866 fire destroyed the lodge-room, causing the lodge to discontinue. It was re-organized the same year, with W. T. Chilton as Master.

In 1864, when the officers of the KY. Grand Lodge were: Wm. M. Tyler, D. G. M.; D. T. Monaurat, G. S. W.; F. N. Wise, G. J. W.; and Phillip Swigert, Grand Secretary, a charter was granted for a lodge at New Castle, No. 282. The first officers were H. H. Hancock, Master; N. D. (L. N.) Porter, Senior Warden; C. P. Bell, Junior Warden. Members: M. J. Williams, Grand Master and J. M. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

At Pleasant Hill, North Pleasance Lodge, No. 286, was organized at Pleasant Hill, May 23, 1866. The Civil War was over and "the times were out of joint", but—or perhaps because of that—there was a great hurry of installation was carried out when the Lodge was instituted, June 16, 1866. Dr. D. N. Porter, G. E. Emmons, Wm. F. Bond, as Grand Senior Warden, J. F. Reese as Grand Treasurer, J. H. Clubb as Grand Treasurer, W. Wilson, Grand Senior Deacon, Salsie Brannaman, Grand Junior Deacon, Thos. C. Ireland, Grand Tyler, and J. J. Reese, Grand Master.

In addition to those above mentioned: John L. Hill, John I. Clarke, G. M. Hill, P. H. J. Wm. Smith, J. T. Ladd, Wm. Magruder, Wm. Maddox, Ben. Williams, W. W. Clifton, as first Warden. At New Castle, the Lodge, as organized, was formed and proceeded to the church where "Dr. Porter" had been the first Master. The first officers elected were John L. Hill, W. M.; Jas. T. Miles, S. W.; Spencer Claxson, J. W.; T. P. H. List, Sec.; Geo. M. Hill, S. D.; N. J. Moore, J. D., T. D. Ireland, Tyler.

The charter of Pleasance Lodge, No. 286, was issued Oct. 17, 1866. In 1893 it was surrendered, but re-issued Dec. 27, 1894, when the following officers were chosen: Wm. Smith, J. T. Ladd, S. W.; S. W. Underwood, J. W. A. M. Edwards, Sec.; S. W. Mays, Treas.; and Wm. Evans, Tyler. This lodge has furnished many members to the "Widow's and Orphans' Home in Louisville.

Lockport Lodge, No. 772, was established Oct. 17, 1866, with William Bush, W. P. Clubb, Silas Douthitt, James Henderson, John Hartman, Noble Hundley, Warren (first Master), Dudley Spur and Emory Wells, the first secretary.

Marshall Lodge, No. 700, now defunct, was organized at New Castle. It was organized under dispensation granted by Grand Master J. D. Landrum, in September, 1893. T. S. Bourne, W. M.; Montgomery, J. W., were its first officers. It received a charter as Marshall Lodge, No. 427, in November, 1896.

An interesting thing in connection with this Lodge is that it was named for Mrs. Judith L. Marshall, a lady 75 years old at the time of its organization for a new charter as Port Royal Lodge, with Robt. Grimes as Master, September 27, 1897. Wm. W. Jones, S. K. Jones, Junior Warden. In October, 1896, it was chartered as Marshall Lodge, No. 100.

After forty years of activity, the Lodge No. 27, 1937, with Simpson Lodge, No. 189, at New Castle.

And thus we have, in outline, over a period of 140 years, the story of Masonry beginning at Westport, then in Henry County, in 1817, crossing the county line into Westport, spreading on to New Castle, then to Olden and Trimble, ending at New Castle, also in Henry County with the consolidation of Port Royal and Simpson boundaries in 1897.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, second oldest in continuous existence in Kentucky, and one of the charter lodges of the Kentucky Grand Lodge when it was organized in 1800.

Will Fortitude, No. 47, next to Solomon's No. 5, the oldest Lodge in these counties, joins with the latter in celebrating its 125th anniversary!

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September 27th, 1950.

Mr. A.E. Orton,  
Grand Secretary,  
Grand Lodge of Masons,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

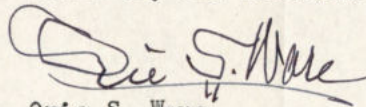
Dear Al:

In the analytical index of lodges chartered, on Page 268 of the present Constitution, I find Mayo Lodge No. 198 was chartered August 28th, 1850, and under remarks, it says "moved to California, Kentucky, 1890." I am in my office and do not have available Capt. Grant's "100 Years of Kentucky Masonry", which may show something about the history of this lodge. I have the Proceedings from 1871 to date, but all my Proceedings, except recent years, are also at home.

I would like, if you will take the time to look at the Proceedings of 1850, to see if there is anything that would indicate where this lodge was meeting when it was organized, and after whom it was named. Any information that you can find on the history of Mayo Lodge will be appreciated.

Charles B. Truesdell, member of the fraternity, has been asked to get up something about the history of the lodge when they celebrate their 100th anniversary in the next few weeks, and I thought you might be able to give me something, which I could pass along to Mr. Truesdell relative to the history.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Orie S. Ware



September 28, 1950

Hon. Oris S. Ware,  
First National Bank Building,  
Covington, Kentucky

Dear Oris:

Your letter of the 27th. at hand this morning.

I find in the Proceedings of 1850, under the report of Lodges U.D.,  
the following:

"Also, the work and by-laws of Mayo Lodge U.D., and find the same  
correct. They recommend that a Charter be granted  
under the name and style of Mayo Lodge No. 198,  
to be held at Beallmont, County of Campbell, and  
State of Kentucky; and that James McCrone be the first  
Master, J.K. Mollyneaux, first Senior Warden and  
Gibson Simonsen, first Junior Warden thereof."

The roster in the 1850 Proceedings follow:

Mayo Lodge No. 198  
Stated meetings, the Saturday of, or preceding  
the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS

James McCrone, Master  
James H. Mollyneaux, S.W.  
----- J.W.  
T.S. Young, Secretary  
James M. Young, Treas.  
Charles Rid, S.D.  
B.J. Beall, J.D.  
D.S. Carny, S & T.

Master Masons:--J.B. Otton, Wm. Jennings, L. Beagle, Gibson  
Simonsen.

Entered Apprentices:--M.J. Morin, Thomas Bates.

Rejected:--Thomas L. Cox, about 36 years of age, dark  
complexion, 5 ft. 8 or 9 inches tall, occupation,  
tavern keeper.

Expelled:--J.J. Barker, Junior Warden of said lodge;  
about 34 years old, light hair, blue eyes,  
and rather heavy built, and goes to California  
on the 20th of July, 1850. For gross unmasonic conduct-  
Fraud.



Initiations:-2

Lodges Cited to Appear This Session (1890)

Mayo Lodge No. 198. Sent O.T.Smith, Secretary (August 14)  
Unrepresented 1888, 1889; Dues owing for 1888 and 18/89. Amount \$92.00

Lodges U.D. Committee, report.

We have examined the Grand Master's dispensation ~~XXXXX~~ to those lodges whose charters were arrested through error or irregularity: (25 lodges listed) including No. 198, and recommend that their charters be returned to them and they be permitted to continue work as though their charters had not been interfered with.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

In the matter of Mayo Lodge 198, which from the proof has suffered greatly from its location, being inconvenient and remote to many of its members, which is now happily removed by a change in location, in accordance with the law, ask that this Grand Lodge remit a small amount in dues. We recommend the remission.

JR.Rogers  
H.R.French  
Committee

P.G.M. James N. Saunders History reads as follows:

"Mayo Lodge was organized August 28, 1850, by Co. Mayo of Newport, Kentucky Master of Newport Lodge. The first meeting place was upstairs over James Young's Store, at Belmont, Ky. James McCrone was the first Master, Dr. James Mollyneaux was first Senior Warden, and Gibson Simons, Junior Warden.

The lodge has now moved from Belmont to Beech Grove, about 1856, where they built a hall over the school house, meeting regular once a month until 1862, there were no more meetings until November 25, 1865, when A.C.Dick returned from the war, he went to the hall and found all of the records had been destroyed. A.C.Dicken then borrowed money, paid the Grand Lodge tax, and called together Wm.A.Morin and Peter Daniel and started the lodge again. Mr. Dicken was afterwards made an honorary member for his services.

On February 27, 1890, the lodge was moved to California, Kentucky, where the lodge has a nice hall and a membership of sixty members at present." (He first gives A.C.Dick and afterwards Dicken)

Ora this is all I can find and I think will help you some in your search for information on Mayo Lodge No. 198.

With all good wishes, I am,

Fraternally thine,



BOWLING GREEN LODGE NO. 73

BOWLING GREEN, WARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, was instituted June 6, 1821, under a dispensation issued by Henry Clay, Grand Master, dated at Lexington, Kentucky, 26th day of May, 1821. Daniel Bradford, Grand Secretary, Abram Larsh, First Master, Francis Johnson, Senior Warden, John W. Powell, Junior Warden, and Past Master, John Breathitt, Samuel Curd, and Fred Weller, opened a lodge in the Past Master's Degree, and Past Master, Abram Larsh was installed Master of the said Bowling Green Lodge. By-laws were adopted at the second meeting, held June 8th, and Samuel S. Brooking, Jona Hobson, James T. Morehead, and William P. Neill were the first petitions received.

The Lodge received a charter August 26, 1822, signed by John McKinney, Jr., Grand Master, Daniel Bradford, Grand Secretary. The Lodge continued to grow and made Masons and dispensed Masonic charity till the time of the Morgan excitement. On June 24, 1834, Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and on March 10, 1847 a new lodge was instituted under a dispensation issued by William D. Allen, Grand Master, Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary, dated at Lexington, Kentucky, February 12, 1847; Asher W. Graham, first Master, William V. Loving, Senior Warden, and Warner L. Underwood, Junior Warden, when the by-laws of the late of the late Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, formerly under charter be for the present adopted as the by-laws for this Lodge. Six petitions were presented at the first meeting. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky on September 2, 1847, adopted the following resolution: Resolved, That the charter of Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 be restored to this lodge. Sometime about 1853, Dinwiddie Lodge No. 269 was



instituted in Bowling Green. Charter issued in September, 1853. John B. Grider,  
First Master. This lodge became defunct in 1863. John C. Gerard Lodge No. 527  
instituted in Bowling Green under dispensation December 28, 1871. Chartered  
October 24, 1872. This lodge surrendered its charter and consolidated with Bowling  
Green No. 73 in 1882.

Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 erected a monument to Past Master, Asher W.  
Graham at a cost of eight hundred dollars. Bowling Green Lodge has furnished one  
Grand Master, Frank C. Gerard in 1895-1896, and thus has Bowling Green Lodge No.  
73 continued to dispense Masonic Light and charity for nearly one hundred years.



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**Oldham County And Her Neighbors**

By W. C. BARRICKMAN

**IV—ARE YOU A MASON?**

After the removal of Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, from Transylvania in Jefferson County to LaGrange, in 1844, there was no Masonic Lodge at the mouth of Harrod's Creek until a lodge under dispensation was opened there in 1836. In October, 1867, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky adopted a report of its committee on Lodges, U. D., as follows: "Resolved, that a charter be granted to Harrods Creek Lodge, No. 456, to be located at the mouth of Harrods Creek, Jefferson County, Ky., and that Clarence Bate be the first Master, Warner DeHaven the first Senior Warden, and A. E. (Alfred E.) Shirley the first Junior Warden."

Under this charter the lodge operated until October, 1899, when it became defunct. In November 1899, it was reorganized, and the old charter was returned. Other officers of the lodge when it was chartered in 1867, were Wm. Duerson, treasurer; James S. Bate, secretary; R. H. Hoskins, S. D.; Henry Hohn, J. D.; Benj. Taylor, Steward and Tyler. Thomas C. Richards and Frank S. Barbour were Fellow Crafts, and John W. Winchester, Philip B. Bate, Horace Nuckols and Caleb Dorsey were entered apprentices.

**Shelby County Lodges**

Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, at Shelbyville, was opened U. D. by authority of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It was one of the five lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1800, and besides Lexington, No. 1, is the only lodge in the state that has been continuously at work, under its original charter, since that time. An interesting and

unexplained fact about the Shelbyville Lodge is that while the lodges at Lexington, Paris, Georgetown and Frankfort paid but Five Pounds each for their charters, Colomon's, No. 5 paid ten pounds for its charter." The charters of these lodges in due form were issued October 12, 1803, and had certificates attached, signed by the G. M., D. G. M. and G. S., under seal of the Grand Lodge "that they were true transcripts of the original charters, which were filed with the Archives of the Grand Lodge." In 1892 Solomon's Lodge appointed a building committee—Wm. J. Tunstall, John Allen, Isaac Watkins and James Wardlaw—to draft plans and secure a suitable site for a lodge-room. The committee reported it was having some trouble in securing a lot, and John McGaughey, an enthusiastic and zealous Mason, "who had been initiated, passed and raised within five days," March 8-13, 1802, presented the Lodge with a lot on Washington Street between 6th and 7th streets, upon which a lodge building was erected, 1805. In August, 1836, this house and lot were presented to Henry Burnett "in consideration of faithful services for many years as Tyler." In July, 1900, Solomon's Lodge, No. 5, celebrated its centennial anniversary at the Shelby County fairgrounds.

Wingate Lodge, No. 161, at Simpsonville, was chartered September 1, 1847. From its membership were formed Philip Swigert Lodge, No. 218, at Fisherville, Elk Creek Lodge, No. 485, at Elk Creek in Spencer County, and a lodge at Boston (Long Run) which no longer exists. Past Grand Master Henry Wingate, for whom the lodge at Simpsonville was named, at its inception in 1847, "presented the lodge with a copy of the Great Light of Masonry, which has been in constant use up to the present time and is still in good condition."

Mention of Boston, a village on the Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville turnpike, in the days before the "War Between the States" recalls an incident said to have happened there in Henry Clay's political career. Clay, who was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity in Kentucky, ran for President in 1844, but was defeated by James K. Polk, of Tennessee. Clay received every vote that was cast in Boston. Passing through the place by stage after the election, when the coach stopped Clay got out, looked over the village, and spreading his arms in an all-embracing gesture, declaimed: "Boston, Boston, thou art great,—but thine arms are too short!"

Shelby Lodge, No. 662, at Waddy,

was chartered in October, 1891; the lodge burned in June, 1895; and a new charter was issued in October, 1895. Officers and members of the lodge in 1892 were: J. T. Campbell, W. M.; Geo. W. Figg (or Pigg) S. W.; A. McCormack, J. W.; W. E. Robertson, Secretary; R. H. White, Treasurer; N. F. Nash, J. D.; W. W. Parker, Tyler; Craven Garrett, Wm. H. Giles, Millard F. Jesse, Shelby McClain, Perviz McGaughey, Noble F. Nash, Wm. Pigg, James S. Garrett, Thomas Todd; Nathan H. Waters, Fellow Craft.

—FOR VICTORY: BUY BONDS—



# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

## A.C. Program Calls For Election In Five Districts

Plans for the community election meetings under the Agricultural Conservation Program were made Thursday when the secretaries of the five new districts met for the purpose of reviewing election procedure. The election meetings will be held at Liberty School, the City Hall, Court House, Brownsboro School and Crestwood School on March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Three community committeemen will be elected in each of the five districts as well as a delegate and alternate to the county convention. The latter meeting will be held March 27 at 2:30 p.m. and at this meeting members of the county committee will be selected.

Any person is eligible to vote in the community election if he is engaged in farming in the community and is participating in the farm programs administered by the association. Each eligible voter will be notified by mail of the district in which he resides and the place of meeting for that district.

It is highly probable that committeemen will assist in the checking of performance in the county this summer and for this reason it is desirable that each section of a community be represented by a committeeman. This also will decrease the amount of travel necessary and wear on tires will be greatly reduced.

Secretaries of the various election meetings are as follows: District One, Frank Gotthardt; District Two, Morris Head; District Three, J. H. Rice; District Four, S. Drane Clore; District Five, W. F. Smiser.

Farmers in the county are urged to attend these meetings in order that a representative vote will be cast.

### EXTENSION NEWS

BEACH CRAIGMYLE  
County Agricultural Agent  
MISS LILAH HEMBREE  
Home Demonstration Agent

### TOMATOES

Between seventy-five and one hundred acres of tomatoes for canning will be grown in the county this year, according to Beach Craigmyle, County Agent. A large acreage for canning is necessary this year to provide large quantities of tomatoes for the armed forces and for shipment to our allies in this war. The growing of tomatoes for the canning factory is an important part of the food for victory program.

The program was fully explained to growers at a meeting held in LeGrange last Saturday afternoon. Growers will be furnished information on producing this crop throughout the season, Craigmyle said, since this will be the first experience in growing tomatoes on a large scale by most of the growers.

### HEMP SEED

Considerable interest is being shown by farmers in Oldham County in the production of hemp seed this year, County Agent, Beach Craigmyle says. Farmers in the State have been requested by the government to grow 35,000 acres of hemp seed this year in order that three or four hundred thousand acres of fiber can be grown in 1943. Hemp fiber is used in making rope, burlap, and similar materials so necessary in normal times and extremely important in the defense program. The government has agreed to buy all hemp seed produced at \$8.00 per bushel, which with average yields, will make this a profitable crop to grow this year.

Farmers who are interested should call at the county office, Craigmyle says, where further information can be obtained and agreements for the seed can be signed. The

representatives now and which could not hope to do better than to lose from re-districting.

Population maps developed by the State Highway Commission were distributed to members of the House and Senate. It was reported that State Highway Commissioner J. Lyter Donaldson, usually the key to administration moves, was studying favorably one plan and discussing it with some of the members as more favorable than others. All issues seem to become complicated when they reach Fayette county.

This county stands to gain an extra representative if its cause is advantageously espoused in this regard. However, at the present time county funds are being safeguarded from a considerable diversion to the state treasury by the contention that the county's population is lower than would have to be claimed, the population of institutions in the county having been eliminated from consideration as population in affecting a legislative act concerning the disposition of county funds.

At the recent regular session the legislature enacted a bill to raise the population figure at which this enactment takes effect but, of course, there is always the danger of unconstitutionality.

Not long ago General Hubert Meredith, almost lone dissenter from administration policies among the elective officials, said he intended to take an active part in the 1943 gubernatorial race but that he did not intend to be a candidate. Most observers had thought that General Meredith would be the anti-administration candidate. His remarks did not close the door but indicated he had another choice.

Wednesday this choice was made public in the form of a letter to the editor of the Courier-Journal in which General Meredith endorsed Howard Henderson, C-J political columnist, for the Democratic nomination for governor.

He said: "It would give me great pleasure to be permitted to stump this state at my own expense for Mr. Henderson. If we should succeed in electing him I could then realize my ambition to return to private life in full confidence that the affairs of

Altham Co  
Lafayette

and Mrs. Carl Lambert and Mrs. Gertrude Shores of Louisville were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs. Adison Stoen and family of Crest...

Miss Clarence Smith was the guest of honor at a birthday party at her home on Maple Ave. Those present were Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Al...

The Altwood Bridge Club met Monday in the home of Mrs. R. W. Fr and Mrs. W. W. ...

Paul Grand Master J. N. Saunders says that during the Civil War...

Oldham County And Her Neighbors

By W. C. EMBICKMAN 3412 - cont. 9

Fortitude Lodge of Masons, one of the oldest in the state, was organized by the Kentucky Grand Lodge after its organization in 1860, was first located in Henry and then in Jefferson County...

Money Talks by Frederick Stamen, Economist Director of Adult Education UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Our Allies are not only looking to this country to send them bombers and fighting planes, tanks, ships and airplanes, but they are also looking to us to take the lead in the new U. S. "food-for-defense" budget...

On September, 1913, Fortitude Lodge No. 47, located at Trinity, Harrod's Creek, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, signed by T. S. Bodley, Deputy Grand Master, and R. S. Todd, Grand Secretary...

Increased production does not necessarily mean lower prices for farm products. On March 3, 1942, the Chicago market...

Since that meeting says Mr. Swigert, Grand Secretary, informed the brethren that the Grand Lodge had authorized the resanctification of the altar...

The mission study book was taught each afternoon during the week by the following, Mesdames: W. Ball and O. Virgil Marlowe, T. L. Ball and O. Virgil Marlowe, T. L. Ball and O. Virgil Marlowe...

Missionary Society In Meetings At Church

The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church observed the week of prayer for "Home Missions" by observing at the church each afternoon...

With many of the farmers of Europe in the fighting forces, America must redouble its effort to feed the Allies...

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to many friends and relatives for their generous gifts on the golden wedding anniversary Sunday, March 8, 1942.

MRS. C. H. MITCHELL, J. R. Guthrie, S. E. De-



HISTORY OF ALBANY LODGE NO. 206 F & A.M.  
Written for the Grand Lodge in 1917  
By a special committee

This Lodge was organized in the year 1849, granted a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at its regular session held in the City of Lexington, Kentucky, on the 29th day of August, 1850.

The Grand Master appointed and commissioned as his proxy, Thomas T. Alexander, Past Master of Cumberland Lodge No. 149 (defunct Oct. 18, 1866) to assemble the brethren in the town of Albany and State of Kentucky, to install the officers and set the Craft regularly to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of the Free and Accepted York Right Masons.

Thomas E. Bramlett was installed as Master; Samuel Long, Senior Warden; John M. Elder, Junior Warden; William Bramlett, Treasurer; Samuel Bell Maxey, Secretary; Allen Elder, Senior Deacon; J.H. Cross, Junior Deacon; and Alfred Young, Steward and Tyler.

The Craft soon bought a very desirable lot on the south-east corner of the public square in the town of Albany upon it built a commodious Hall.

The membership consisted of Maxeys, Bramletts, Longs, Elders, Cross', Youngs, Irwins, Duvalls, Woods, Dabneys, Pickens, Hopkins, Ryans, Hancocks, Kelseys, Becketts, Leslies, Harrisons, Williams, Wrights and many others of the most prominent families within the borders of that Masonic jurisdiction. For the first ten years the work, influence and growth of the lodge was hardly excelled by any in the mountain counties of Kentucky. During the war nearly the whole town was burned, but there was always a hand in either army to protect the Masonic lodge building.

The records of the lodge show that for sixty-four years there has been no change in the time or place of meeting, save for a short period in the summer of 1913, while the new building was being erected upon the same site, which is a handsome structure furnished with the most modern conveniences, costing about four thousand dollars.

The first Master of the lodge, Thomas E. Bramlett, was, in 1863, honored with the Governorship of Kentucky.

Samuel Bell Maxey, the first Secretary, after going to Texas was honored by the Legislature of Texas with a seat in the United States Senate.

Col. Wm. Haskins, who was first Colonel of the 12th. Kentucky Infantry U.S.A.. Vol., was a member of this lodge.

Albany Lodge has had, and still has, some very able ministers of the gospel, to wit: Rev. Ballinger Wright, in his day a power for the cause of Christ, he was identified with the Baptist Church. Rev. A. Bertram, a Baptist minister of great influence is at present a member of the lodge, he has been twice elected to the State Legislature.

The returns of Albany Lodge No. 206, show meetings on the first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS

Thomas E. Bramlette,	Master
Samuel Long Jr.	Senior Warden
Wm. H. Spencer	Junior Warden
Rice Maxey	Secretary, pro tem.
Joseph H. Ryan	Treasurer, pro tem.
Sam. Bell Maxey	Senior Deacon, pro tem.
A. M. Elder	Junior Deacon, pro tem.
W. J. Dabney	Steward, pro tem.
A. M. Young, Tyler,	pro tem.



Past Master-Thomas E. Bramlette

Master Masons-William Vann, John M. Elder, Ambrose Pearce, Wm. Bramlette,  
W.R. Ryan, Croft Irwin, J.H. Cross.

Fellow Crafts- Cunningham Irwin

Entered Apprentices- Wm. E. Long, J.J. Smith, John W. Emree, Jonathan Jones, Thomas J. Wood  
William Irwin, Lewis Irwin.

REJECTED- R.W. Zimmerman, age 28 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; dark complexion;  
grey eyes; black hair; heavy set; residence, Clinton County, Kentucky;  
occupation, farmer and stock trader; on the 5th. day of August 1850.

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DUNAVAN LODGE NO. 292  
BOSTON, NELSON CO. KY

Dunavan Lodge No. 292 was organized in the early part of the year 1854 and received its Charter later in the same year.

The following being the charter members, viz:

George W. Strickler, Master;  
Wilford L. Harned, Senior Warden;  
Wilford Lee, Junior Warden;  
Wm. Harned, Secretary;  
John W. Harned, Treasurer;  
Leonard Troutman, Senior Deacon;  
Henry Newman, Junior Deacon;  
Robert M. Prunty, Steward and Tyler.

The first meetings were held in an unoccupied residence near Peters burgh in Nelson County, Kentucky.

A two story building was later erected by the Lodge at Petersburg, the upper floor of which the Lodge occupied; the lower being used as a school room.

In the year 1876, the Lodge moved to Boston, Nelson County, Kentucky. The meetings were held in the second story of a store building until the year 1902, when they purchased the hall over the Boston Bank.

The jewels now in use were found upon the battle field of Shiloh by Wm. Carlisle (an Entered Apprentice), and presented to the Lodge by him.

# 437 O.D. Henderson

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Deed V  
O.D. Henderson  
Lodge # 437  
FRANK

This Deed between O.D. Henderson and Christie Ann Henderson his wife of Estill County and State of Kentucky of the first part and O.D. Henderson Lodge of F.M.S. No 437 of the aforementioned County and State of the second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part in consideration of a donation to said Lodge of Masons the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do hereby donate grant and convey to the party of the second part their heirs and assigns the following described ~~property~~ viz. the Site on which their hall is located containing in dimensions Forty by Twenty feet square to have and to hold the same with all the appurtenances thereon to the second party heirs and assigns forever with Covenant of General Warranty

In Testimony whereof witness our signatures this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1886  
O.D. Henderson  
Christie Ann <sup>his</sup> Henderson <sub>mark</sub>

State of Kentucky }  
Estill County } set

I W. W. Jacobs Clerk of Estill County Const do Certify that the foregoing deed from O.D. Henderson & wife to O.D. Henderson Lodge was duly acknowledged by said Henderson & wife on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1886 to be their act and deed wherefore the same has been duly recorded this 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1886

W. W. Jacobs Clerk



GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.&A.M.  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1850

The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported as follows:

Your Committee has examined the work of Maguire Lodge U. D. and find same incorrect in this: That said Lodge received and acted upon four petitions and initiated the petitioners at its first meeting without a dispensation; but as most of its members reside at a distance and in another county, the emergency was such, in the opinion of your committee, as greatly to palliate, though not to justify, the irregularity.

They have also examined the By-laws of said Lodge, and in the opinion of your Committee, Section 5 of Article 5, which provides for the suspension of a member for Non-payment of dues after twelve months, without trial, is contrary to the Constitutional rules of this Grand Lodge. They also deem Article 7, which provides for weekly dues, and weekly funeral benefits as highly objectionable and contrary to ancient Masonic usage. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, that a charter be granted under the name and style of Harvey Maguire Lodge No. 209, to be held at Perryville, Boyle County, Kentucky, and that E. J. Penney be the first Master, Henry Gray, Senior warden and L. L. Penney, Junior Warden, thereof.

But be it further resolved, that said lodge be required to strike out from her By-laws Section 5 of Article 5, and the several Sections of Article 7.

Signed

Marcus M. Tyler  
John W. Tydings  
A. Y. Huffman  
Committee

Stated meetings, First and Third Fridays in each month.  
OFFICERS 1850 U. D.

Samuel Wingfield	Master
E. J. Penney	Senior Warden
J. W. Cardwell	Junior Warden
S. H. Hart	Secretary
J. L. Bolling	Treasurer
W. T. Polk	Senior Deacon
Henry Gray	Junior Deacon
L. L. Penney	Steward & Tyler

Master Mason: B. D. Williams  
Fellow Crafts: J. J. Polk, Rev. A. Minor  
Entered Apprentices: H. Kirkliter, David Board, William F. Webb, William Parks.  
Initiations: 13



OFFICERS 1851 REPORT

William T. Polk	Master
William F. Webb	Senior Warden
Joseph H. Hopper	Junior Warden
John Barker	Secretary
T. H. Gray	Treasurer
John T. Bolling	Senior Deacon
William Parks	Junior Deacon
A. Greenwood	Steward & Tyler
Initiations 17	25 Members

Prior to August, 1850 this lodge was set to work as Maguire Lodge U. D., it was chartered August 29, 1850 as Harvey Maguire Lodge No. 209.

October 8, 1862, the day of the battle at Perryville between the Confederate and Federal Armies the lodge room, furniture and charter were destroyed by fire. I find in Grand Lodge meeting on October 21, 1863 the Committee on Lodges U. D. report as follows:

The Committee also report that they have inquired into the grievances stated in regard to Harvey Maguire Lodge No. 209, working in Perryville, Boyle County, Kentucky under Dispensation at this time, which lodge was nearly destroyed about the 8th of October 1862, together with their charter and furniture by the soldiers who occupied it as a hospital after the battle of Chaplin Hills, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that a duplicate of the former charter be granted said lodge without charge for same.

This charter was issued on this date October 21, 1863 and destroyed by fire October 18, 1900, another charter was issued under which the lodge is now working.

This I think brings you up to 1900 as requested.

If we can be of furter service, let me know.



The names of the Past Master of Harvey Maguire Lodge No. 209 from 1850 to 1899  
are as follows:

J. L. Bolling  
W. T. Polk  
W. F. Webb  
David Board  
H. Kirklighter  
T. W. Gray  
William Parks  
Joseph Hopper  
William Stigall  
John P. Crook  
William T. Poke  
Charles Gray  
William M. Lemmey  
John R. Figg  
W. W. Brinton  
Samuel J. Roney  
I. T. Montgomery  
Rev. J. C. Gilliam  
Francis M. Best  
James T. Holland  
H. L. Guthrie  
G. R. Yeast  
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DATE: 7/16/93

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Joe Conway, Grand Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Conway and F & AM Officers:

On the recommendation of Mr. Conway, I'm requesting information from your archives. Mr. Conway indicated in our phone conversation today that Kentucky's lodges submitted histories of their organizations to you; those histories were compiled but not published. I have asked Mr. Conway for you to consider at the June 11 Officers' Meeting the Heritage Council's request to photocopy that information. Those documents will increase our knowledge of your important group's history. The information will be restricted according to your wishes and will not be used to prevent the owners from making changes to their building as they see fit. By having individual histories of the lodge, we will be better able to recognize their most important features, in turn, becoming better prepared to aid a community that wants to preserve their own structure.

Currently, I am working with Danny Coffey and the Jamestown lodge to place their building on the National Register of Historic Places. That job requires me to write both a history of the Jamestown lodge and an overview of Masonic history in the area. In doing both, the role that the Jamestown F & AM lodge plays in the history of area Masonic and fraternal organizations will be better understood. I intend to use the overview authored by Dr. Guthrie to write my own overview, but the individual lodge histories may help me to fill in parts of the larger story that he was simply unable to treat.

The Heritage Council would be pleased to have the opportunity to photocopy those individual lodge histories for addition to our theme files. Your group's large membership and outstanding lodge buildings testify to the significance has held in Kentucky's past and present. I look forward to your reply. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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