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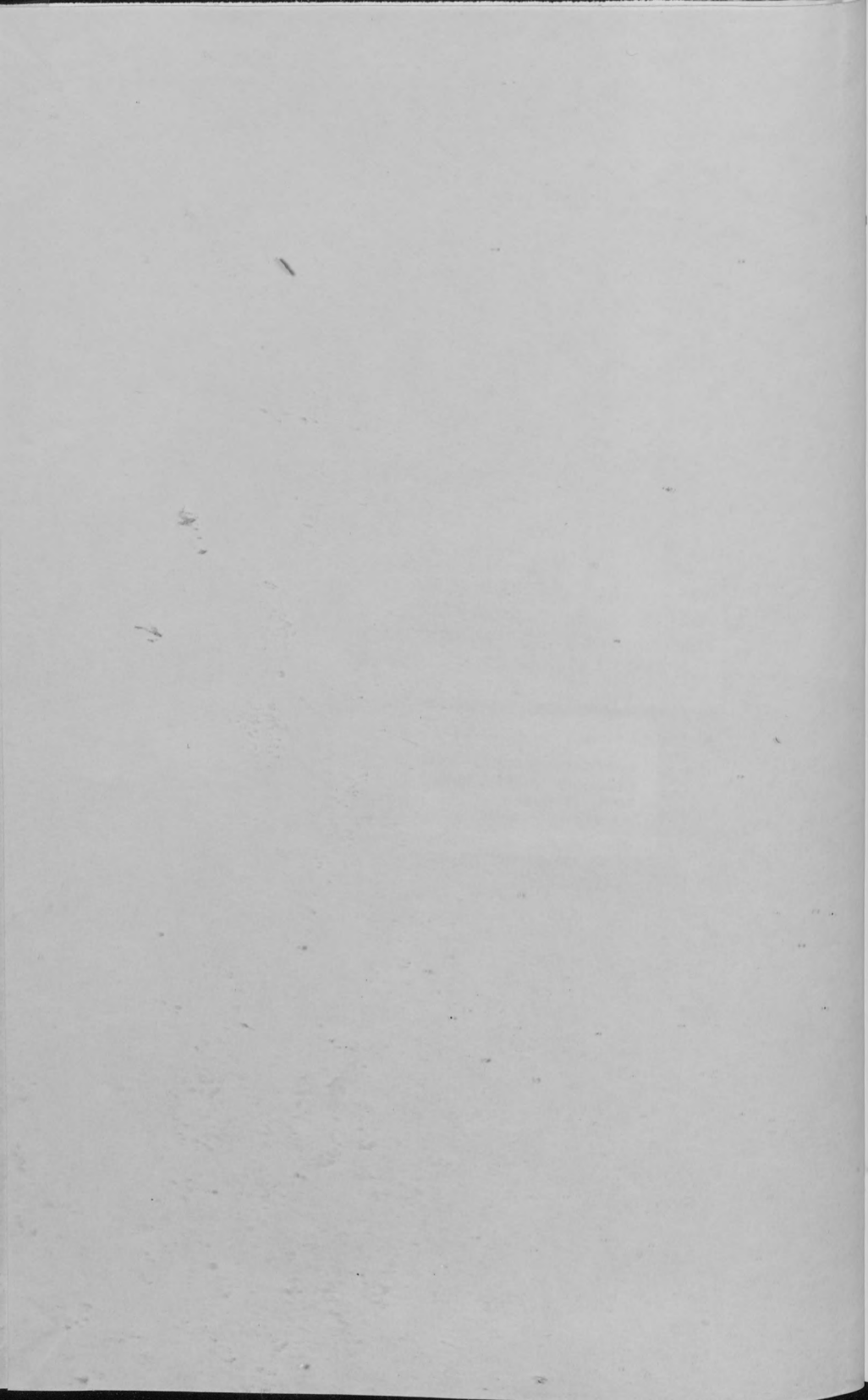
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Preface

IN THE PREPARATION of this manuscript I have quoted freely from the original minutes of the various Masonic bodies. There are over 4,325 members of all Masonic bodies in Pettis County today—over 1,100 Master Masons.

Much of the earlier history has been taken from the History of Pettis County published in 1882.

It has been a pleasure to collect this material. I hope the names of faithful and hard-working Masons will be preserved for many years to come.

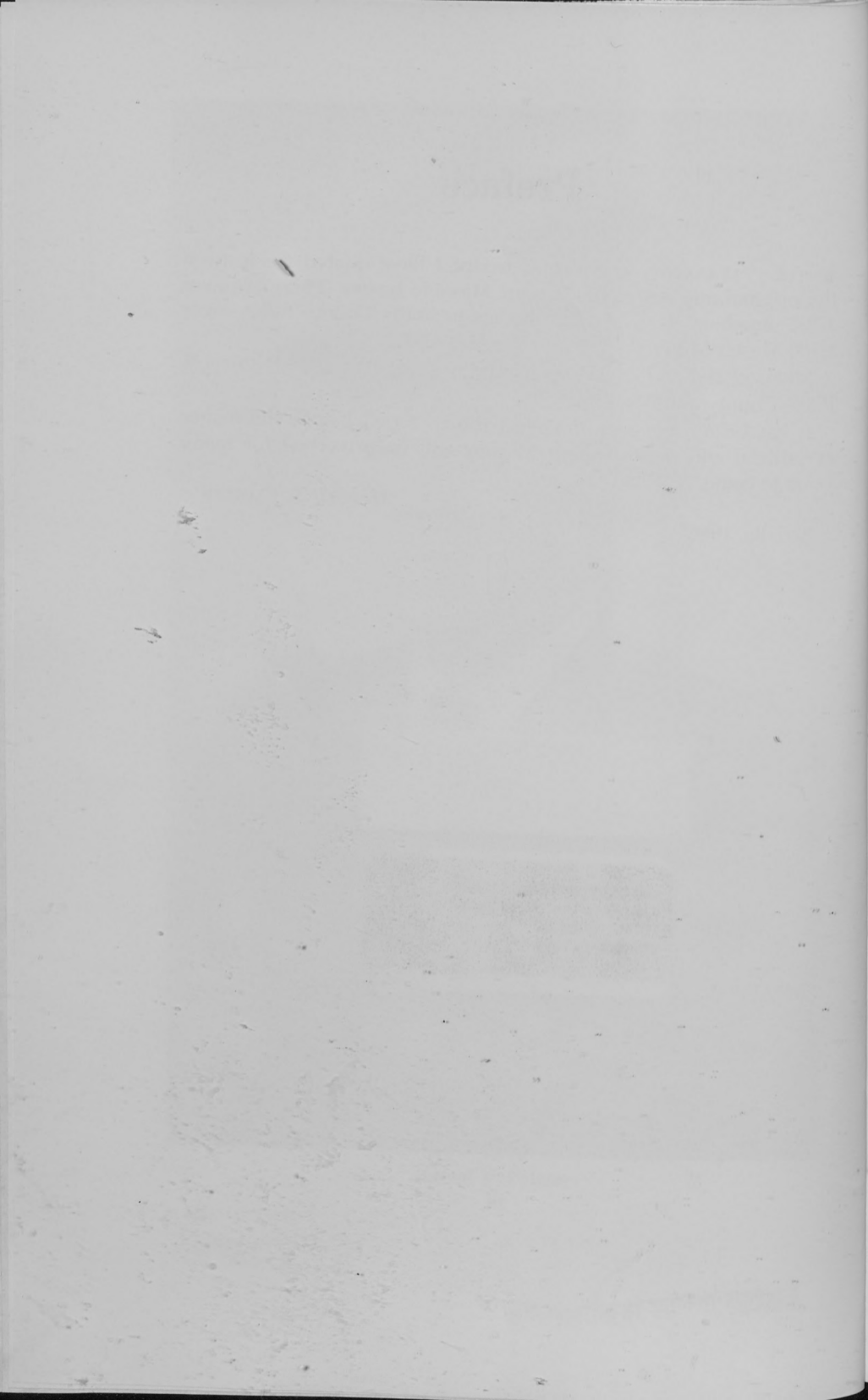
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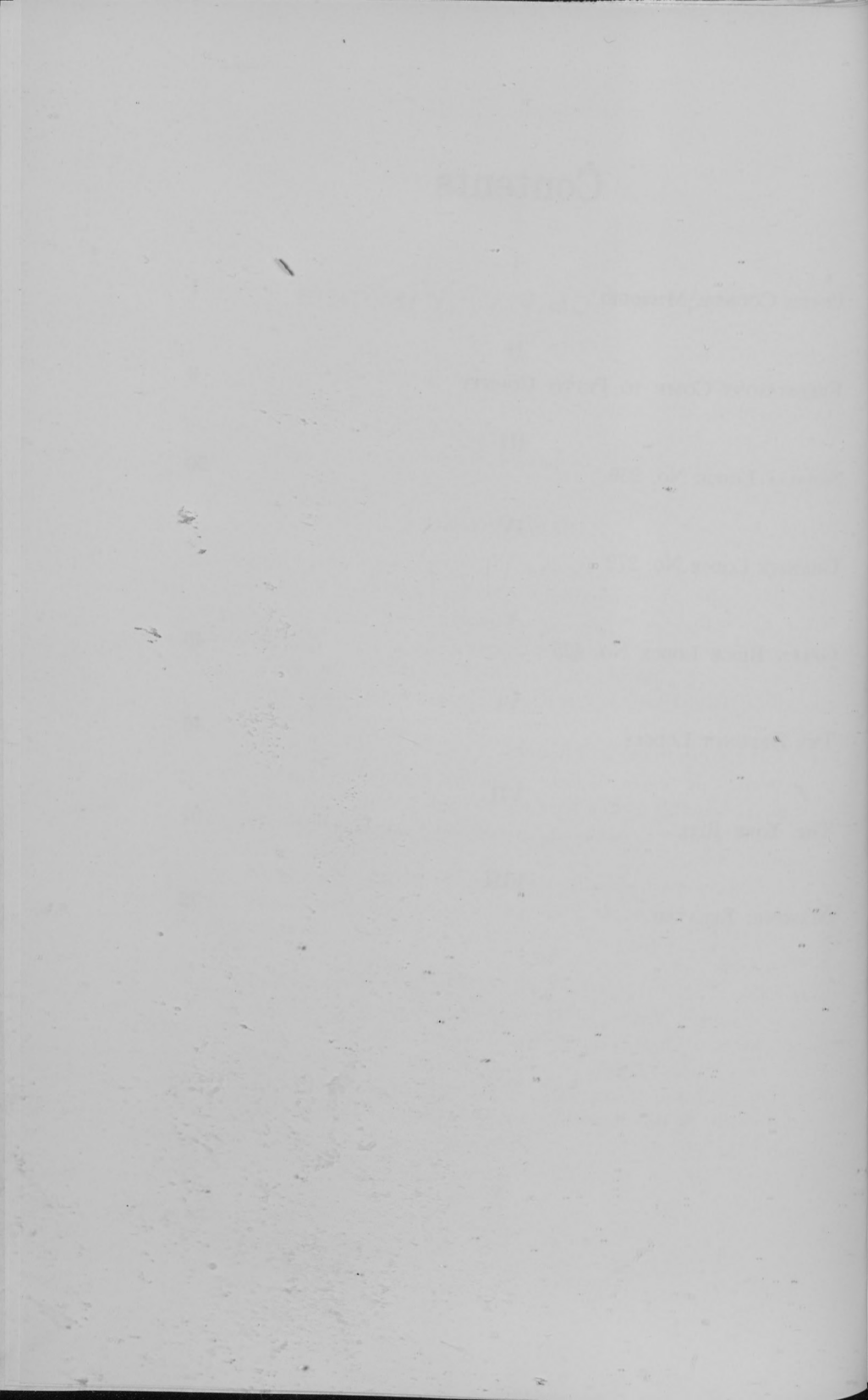
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I

Pettis County, Missouri

PETTIS COUNTY consists of 679 square miles of rich farm land in West Central Missouri. The annual rainfall averages 39 inches. Muddy Creek and Flat Creek are the principal streams. The leading pursuits of its people are farming, railroading, and small manufacturing.

EARLY HISTORY

In the early 1800s the area that was to become Pettis County was on the frontier of civilization: "The wolves often howled round about the cabins with perfect impunity, with none to molest or make them afraid. You could scarcely walk a mile without seeing herds of deer. Flocks of wild turkeys filled the woods and a superabundance of rattlesnakes crawled about the premises. All we had to do to get a supply of 'sweetening' was to fell a bee-tree, and we could cut out bushels of honey."

Some of the early settlers were Freemasons: Clifton Wood, Nathan A. Newbill, Reece Hughes, George R. Smith, George Heard, John Montgomery, Aldea A. Glasscock, Albion Roberson, and Samuel B. Hoss.

The County was formally organized on January 26, 1833, by subtraction from Saline and Cooper Counties. It was named after Spencer Pettis, who had been killed in a duel with Thos. Biddle in 1831 near St. Louis.

In 1835 George Heard built the first house in George Town. The county seat was located at St. Helena, commonly called Pin Hook, until 1837, in which year it was moved to George Town. George Town was incorporated on January 4, 1860, by the State Legislature. Of the seven councilmen, Watson, Staples, and Hughes were Masons. Clifton Wood was the first merchant at George Town, and an active Mason.

By order of the court on November 6, 1838, the first school

district was organized. George Heard was the first teacher and Milton Thompson was the second teacher, both Masons.

There were two political parties active prior to the Civil War: The Whigs, of whom Geo. R. Smith, Dr. J. M. Fox, Andres Forbes, and Col. Crawford were Masons active in this party. And the Democrats, of whom George Heard, Reece Hughes, and Dr. Thos. E. Staples were Masons active in this party.

Dr. Wilkins Watson, an active Mason, possessed the first piano in Pettis County.

In 1865 the county seat was moved to Sedalia, and the county began a new phase of political and economic life.

The early settlements in Pettis County were on the wooded skirts of Flat Creek and Muddy Creek. Tall grass, three to four feet, grew on the broad prairies.

The early settlers spent much time hunting and fishing. The forests were filled with every species of game and the streams with all kinds of fish. The rich soil promised abundant harvests.

Indians were plentiful in the early days, and they hunted game over the prairies frequently stopping at the cabins of the settlers. When game became scarce they would occasionally kill a pig or a calf, but outside of this they never did any damage. (From an account in Blackwater Township.)

"It was thinly settled, but plenty of deer, prairie chickens, and wolves were on the prairie where Sedalia now stands. Had to send our children to school in little houses, 16 x 18 feet, made of logs and seats without backs to them. Had to preach in those little houses, or in private family homes, or in the groves in warm weather." (Rev. Wm. Ferguson)

The weapons of the pioneers were flint-lock rifles for defense and an ax for hewing out a new civilization. The Holy Bible was the rule and guide of their faith and practice. The streams, forests, and prairies, were sacred. Every child learned the call of the wild.

HEATH'S CREEK TOWNSHIP

The earliest settlements, in what is now Pettis County were probably made within the boundary of Heath's Creek Township. On March 1, 1817, the families of Hiram Johnson, John Bowles, and Thos. Marlin settled near the mouth of Heath's Creek. Others followed including:

1817 Aaron Jenkins

1826 C. H. Hieronymus

1826 Jesse Swope
1828 Henry Raines
1829 William Anderson

In 1831 Heath's Creek Cumberland Church was established.

BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP

The first pioneers to settle in what is now Bowling Green Township were:

1815 Joseph Scott	1825 George Small
1820 Joseph Roberts and wife	1825 Geo. W. Smiley
1820 N. Steel	1827 Robert Ross
1825 John Potter	1831 Daniel Wright

The first marriage was performed in 1832. Salem M.E. Church was established in 1840. Smithton Township was formed in 1864 by subtraction from Bowling Green Township. Providence Baptist Church was organized in 1842 and Flat Creek Baptist Church in 1846.

The town of Smithton was platted in 1859 by Wm. E. Combs and named in honor of Geo. R. Smith (both members of Relief Lodge No. 105).

Rev. Wolf and Rev. Morey, old school Baptists, came to Smithton in 1831 and a school was established in 1832. Dr. Thos. Evans (No. 105) located here in 1837. A M.E. Church was built in 1844. Smithton M.E. Church was organized in 1866.

Amity Lodge No. 340 was organized in December of 1869. Its charter members were: E. J. Russell, Morgan Lyman, A. H. Heismeyer, F. L. Mintie, C. F. Watts, David Shy, H. M. Farmer, Wm. E. Combs, T. Y. Cox (No. 105), and G. F. Gaylord. They held their meetings in the second story of a brick building, still standing on the principal street of Smithton.

CEDAR TOWNSHIP

The first settlers:

Reuben E. Gentry, before 1821
John Anderson, cir. 1823
Capt. Oswald Kidd, before 1833
Amos Fristoe, before 1833

The first physicians were: Wilkins Watson (Tebo No. 68), Thos. Stephens, T. J. Montgomery, and Wm. J. Westerfield. The first lawyers were: John F. Phillips (No. 105), George G. Vest (No. 272), George Heard (No. 105), John Heard, Abijah Hughes.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown was laid out in 1837 and became the county seat. A brick court house was soon built and in 1860 the town was incorporated. But the coming of the railroad, two miles south, ruined business. In 1865 the county seat was moved again, this time to Sedalia, where it remained.

The *Pettis County Independent* was first published in Georgetown in Nov., 1857.

The first fair was held in Maj. Wm. Gentry's pasture in 1857. The officers of this fair were:

Col. Thos. F. Houston, President
Hon. Jno. F. Philips, Secretary
Maj. Wm. Gentry, Marshal
John Born, Fiddler

At the fair in 1858 Col. John F. Philips made the agricultural speech. The following records of bushels of corn raised per acre show:

Geo. S. Priest, 135 bushels
Maj. Wm. Gentry, 116 bushels
Andrew Haggard, 102 bushels

LONGWOOD TOWNSHIP

Longwood was settled at an early date:

1827 William Head	1830 James Scott
1828-9 Hiram Scott	1831 Thos. Kemp
1828 John Ellis	1838 W. H. Chaney
1829 Jesse Joplin (No. 105)	1840 P. T. Parsons

Potter Lodge No. 84 was instituted in 1854 and present at the first meeting were: A. A. Glasscock, WM; Thos. E. Staples, SW; N. T. Allison, JW; Sam B. Scott, Treas.; John F. Scott, Sec.; John S. Jones, SD; Chas. Jones, Tyler; Chas. Glasscock, John Nuble, E. Landon, Thos. L. Williams, J. M. Gentry, Daniel L. Griffiths, Clay Thompson, and Jas. Roberts.

The village of Longwood was organized in 1852.

The first term of court for Pettis County was held on July 8, 1833, at Pin Hook Mills (St. Helena) at the house of James Ramey, which is eight miles north and one mile east of what is now Sedalia. The officers of this court were: John F. Ryland, Judge; Aaron Jenkins, Sheriff; Amos Fristoe, Clerk. Judge Ryland was Grand Master of Missouri in 1849 and 1850. Longwood M.E. Church was

organized in 1857 and Longwood Presbyterian Church was organized in 1867.

BLACKWATER TOWNSHIP

Blackwater was one of the original five townships formed when Pettis County was organized in 1833. The first settlers were:

1829 Isaiah Prigmore
1832 Peter Fisher
1833 Benj. Snelling

An early historian writes "Thus one by one they pass away until now but one or two are left to tell the story of their hardships." This accounts for some of the variants found in this chapter. County Line Baptist Church was organized in 1844.

FLAT CREEK TOWNSHIP

Flat Creek Township was surveyed in 1832 by Mr. Shields, a government surveyor. The earliest settlers were:

1827 Geo. Cathy	1833 Geo. Marshall
1829 Joseph de Ford	1833 Jolly Parish
1830 Thos. Gibbs	1834 David Holmes
1830 John McFatrck	1835 Benj. Randall
1831 Jas. H. McCormick	1835 Jacob Yankee
1833 John Brown	1835 Michael Goodknight
1833 Wm. R. Anderson	1836 Geo. May
1833 Joseph Deusman	1838 Col. John E. Crawford
1833 Abram McCormick	1839 Eliah Hale
1833 Wm. Mosby	1840 Mathias Ray

ELK FORK TOWNSHIP

The early settlers who came between 1830 and 1835 were: Seth Bott, Arthus Patrick, Wm. Embry, Martellus Embry, Mason Pemberton, Jesse Pemberton, Geo. M. Pemberton, Capt. Geo. Glass, Reuben Harrel, Fielding Wolf, and Samuel Powell.

The first brick house to be built in Elk Fork Township was erected by Dr. T. B. Pemberton in 1862. The next house was built by A. E. Mentzer from brick made on his own farm.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

The early settlers:

1834 Wm. Brown
1835 John Elliott
1836 Isaac Elliott
1836 W. Anderson

LA MONTE TOWNSHIP

The first settlers were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Craighead and James Kemp in 1832.

In 1837 Walnut Branch Baptist Church was founded four miles south of the present site of La Monte. Two miles southeast the first school was established in 1842 and its first teacher was Thos. Hill.

In 1862, grading for the Missouri Pacific Railroad began and the first train passed through in 1864. The town of La Monte was laid out in 1866 and was incorporated Dec. 6, 1880. The first store was opened by Geo. H. Hardy in 1866.

GREEN RIDGE TOWNSHIP

Green Ridge Township was organized in 1873, but its earliest settlers were:

1832 Robert Means

1835 John L. Hawkins

1842 Daniel Ramey (from Georgetown. He was killed by Guerrillas near Rose Hill.)

1854 O. W. Withers (killed at Battle of Iron Mt. serving under Gen. Price.)

1855 W. H. Hammonds (from Cooper County. He died at Battle of Little Rock, 1862.)

In 1833 the first circuit rider, Rev. Whitsett, came to the area accompanied by a Rev. Morrow. They held their meetings in the houses of the neighbors.

In 1854 a severe drought struck the country and a year later, a damaging fire swept the prairie.

The town of Green Ridge was started in 1870 when the Katy Railroad came through the township.

HOUSTONIA TOWNSHIP

The early settlers in the area that was to become Houstonia Township were:

1834 Henry Guier

1837 J. L. Scott

1840 A. H. Wilkerson, Bartlett Williams, D. A. Gardner, John Beatty

Houstonia was laid out as a village by Col. Thos. F. Houston. In 1875 a tornado struck the town of Houstonia; Houston wrote to A. Y. Hull of Sedalia as follows: "A tornado has torn down the rail

road depot in town, and many residences and every store and business house—20 houses in all—and wounded many citizens, some mortally. Of the latter, W. H. Porter, and L. H. Williams; badly hurt, F. J. McClure, Jas. Sewell, and Geo. Scott." Damage was estimated to be over \$30,000.

HUGHESVILLE TOWNSHIP

The original settlers were the Hughes family. The village of Hughesville was platted by Reece Hughes.

DRESDEN TOWNSHIP

Dresden Township was organized in 1873 by subtraction from Blackwater Township. The town of Dresden was laid out in 1863 by Agee & Lester on an 80-acre plot, each taking one-half. Dresden was the western terminus of the Missouri Pacific Railroad for less than a year. The town was incorporated in 1866, but failed in about two years. Dresden Lodge No. 88, A.F. & A.M., was chartered in 1867, but failed in 1878. Early settlers were:

1832 Jeff DeJarnett
1839 Peter Courtney
1837 Saml. B. Hoss

1840 Benton Rees
1845 Jas. H. Combs
1846 Joel B. Gentry

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Prairie Township was named after the beautiful prairie land that lies within its environs. Among its earliest settlers were: Daniel N. Botts, A. G. Pemberton, J. C. Donnahue, J. H. Lewis, A. Shobe, Jackson Quisenberry, W. P. Hawley, Athel Wolf.

LAKE CREEK TOWNSHIP

The early settlers:

1819 Wm. A. Miller
1819 Jacob Seagraves
1827 Thos. Jack
1832 Scott Gilmore

1840 Peter Kahrs, Herman
Kahrs, Henry Waymerth
1843 John A. Clausan
1845 Judge William Boeker

Marshall Seagraves was perhaps the first white child born in this area in 1820. In 1832 John Hubbard taught the first school on John Kahr's land. Lake Creek M. E. Church was organized in 1843. St. John's Catholic Church was organized in 1846. St. Paul's Lutheran Church was organized in 1869. The township was organized in 1872.

SEDALIA TOWNSHIP

On Oct. 16, 1860, Gen. Geo. R. Smith and Col. D. W. Bouldin filed the plat of a town which they named Sedalia. A plat had been filed for a town previous to this in 1857, and the first deed was recorded in Sept. 1858. The plat was surveyed by Menton Thompson.

John Hodges opened the first store in Sedalia in 1860 and Jacob Skinner built the first house in the fall of 1860. The first passenger train arrived in Sedalia, Jan. 17, 1861.

From 1861-1865 Sedalia was a small town in a military district and it was under martial law. During the Civil War period life was in constant danger from bands of unprincipled men. Mrs. John Potter, 104 years young, wrote (*Sedalia Democrat*, 1957):

"I clearly recall when a neighbor came to tell my mother that the bushwhackers were coming through the neighborhood that night. My mother, my brother, and I, took a nice span of horses my mother owned and tied them in a dense forest."

On Feb. 15, 1864, Sedalia was chartered as a city by the Missouri State Legislature. Geo. R. Smith was elected as the first mayor in 1864. In June, 1865, the first flour mill was placed in operation.

On June 12, 1865, the first term of court was held in Sedalia for Pettis County. The officers of the court:

Judge, J. A. S. Tutt
Clerk, John W. Christian
Sheriff, Wm. H. Porter

After the Civil War a great influx of people came to Sedalia and settled down to agricultural and business and professional pursuits, and a rapid and steady growth marked the following years.

Sedalia population:

1870	4,560	1910	17,822
1880	9,561	1920	21,144
1890	14,068	1960	23,874
1900	15,231		

II

Freemasons Come to Pettis County

FROM THE MINUTES OF RELIEF LODGE NO. 105

Tuesday Evening, 29th Augst. 1848.

At a meeting of Relief Lodge U.D. held in their lodge room in Geo. Town (cq) Mo. on Tuesday Evening, 29th August A.D. 1848 A. L. 5848.

Present

R.W. — A. M. Tutt, D.D.G.M.

Wilkins Watson of Tebo Lodge No. 68 S.W. Protem.

F. S. Covington J.W.

J. K. McCabe Sec. & Treas.

Wm. McFatridge, S.D.

Milton Wood J.D.

Jno. Ricks Tyler

Lodge was duly opened in the 3rd degree.

The dispensation for Relief Lodge granted by R.W. A. M. Tutt D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 under seal of the Grand Lodge read.

On motion the Bye Laws of Jefferson City Lodge No. 43 (except as to the time of stated meetings and fees) be adopted for the government of this lodge until a code be framed and adopted.

The petitions of Saml. B. Hoss, Jno. S. Wells, Hampton P. Gray, Saml. H. Saunders, Jno. F. Feris, and J. L. English presented properly vouched for ordered to lie over.

Bros. J. K. McCabe, Wm. McFatridge, and M. A. Feris are appointed a committee of investigation to whom the foregoing petitions are referred.

Bros. Covington, McCabe, and Feris are appointed a committee to draft a code of Bye Laws and report same at the next meeting for adoption.

On motion the W.M. was added to the committee for drafting a code of Bye Laws.

Bros. Covington and McCabe are appointed a committee to procure the necessary furniture, implements, books, jewels and clothing for the use of the lodge.

On motion ordered that the next regular meeting of the Lodge be on Thursday, evening the 14th Sept. next.

Ordered that the absent members of the Lodge be notified to attend the next meeting for the transaction of the necessary business of the Lodge Balloting for Petitioners, adopting Bye Laws, etc.—

The Lodge was after Lecture duly closed in the 3rd degree.

Attest

A. M. Tutt D.D.G.M.

(Sec pro tem)

The by-laws adopted October 26, 1848 included the following:

Art. 2nd. Every person applying to be initiated in this Lodge shall possess the following requisites: 1st. He shall believe in the existence of one All Wise, Supreme, Eternal, Over-ruling God; 2nd. He shall be industrious; honest; of steady, moral habits; and of good standing among his neighbors; 3rd. Have some estate, trade, profession, or some honest visible means of obtaining a livelihood.

Art. 6th. The fee for conferring the first degree in this Lodge shall be Ten Dollars, and for the second and third degrees, five dollars each; as for membership, two dollars.

Art. 11th. Each member, except the Secretary (and minister of the Gospel) shall pay at each meeting preceding the anniversary of Saint Johns, the sum of one dollar.

May 14, 1849. The Charter granted to us as Relief Lodge No. 105 by the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri was presented and read. (The Charter is dated May 10, 1849.)

The first Masonic election in Pettis County occurred Monday night, June 11, 1849, with the following results:

George R. Smith, W.M.
Wilkins Watson, S.W.
Clifton Wood, J.W.

James L. English, Secty.
H. A. Thurman, Treas.
John S. Wells, Tyler.

Monday June 10, 1850. On a motion it was resolved that the By Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mo. be placed in the hands of the Secty to be kept by him & brought into the Lodge at each regular meeting.

The first Masonic funeral to be held in Pettis County was that of Francis S. Covington. Relief Lodge No. 105 attended the funeral on March 24, 1849 and the minutes show the lodge later secured grave markers for Covington and his wife.

Dec. 27, 1851. 8 o'clock PM. Lodge called from refreshment to labor on 3rd degree. And after receiving a lecture on the 1st and 2nd degrees of Masonry and Lodge was duly closed on the 3rd degree.

July 20, 1852. On motion the sum of \$10 allowed to Bro. D. L. Griffith expenses as a delegate to the G. L.

July 21, 1852. The committee on arrangements made their report with the following programme of the procession, to wit: Bro. S. H. Saunders, Marshal. Procession to form at the Court House at 12 o'clock. 1st, Sons of Temperance. 2nd I.O.O.F. 3rd Music—then the fraternity of Masons according to grade, which being done the procession started from the South Door of the Court House and then proceeded through the principal streets of George Town to the site of the Church and Lodge, where with the appropriate ceremonies the Corner Stone was laid according to the ancient forms. The procession then marched to the Court House and were addressed by Bros. A. M. Tutt and G. R. Smith with appropriate addresses. And from thence, the Procession accompanied by the ladies,

members of the families of the Sons of Temperance—I.O.O.F. and Masons, repaired to Bro. Kidd's Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous dinner prepared for the occasion. The Craft then repaired to the Lodge Room.

After an auspicious beginning, Relief Lodge No. 105, withered and died because of the divided sympathies of its members over the issues that split our nation in Civil War. Excerpts from Grand Lodge proceedings, however, record the "death" without explanation: "Relief Lodge No. 105 went down in 1860."

Later proceedings turned up these pithy notes: "Relief Lodge No. 105 was robbed, the members dispersed, and no account of the charter. . . . Jan. 24, 1864. Received record-book and ledger of Relief Lodge Georgetown, Pettis County. No account of charter; jewels loaned to Sedalia Lodge U.D."

Nevertheless, the register of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 disclose that members of the fraternity, allegedly from No. 105, visited meetings as late as 1867. The charter of Relief Lodge apparently was discovered at a later date. It now is in the files of the Grand Secretary's office in St. Louis.

Some of the leading residents of Georgetown who were Masons and who were influential in the development of Pettis County:

GEORGE R. SMITH

George R. Smith was born Aug. 17, 1804, in Powhatan County, Virginia. He married Melita Ann Thompson in 1827, a daughter of Gen. David Thompson.

He and his brother-in-law came to Pettis County in the early 1800s and he was elected justice of the peace in 1836.

Smith was appointed brigadier-general during the Mormon War in 1838 and was placed in command of troops from Benton, Cooper, Pettis, and Saline Counties. The Mormons surrendered and later withdrew from the state.

We do not know when Smith was made a Mason—he was probably raised in Kentucky. Nevertheless, he was a member of the Committee on Dispensation for Relief Lodge and ranks third on the secretary's list of membership in 1853. His first recorded appearance was Monday, Oct. 23, 1848, when he held the office of senior deacon. That same evening Saml. H. Saunders and James L. English "were then severally introduced and duly initiated into the first degree of Masonry." Dec. 11, 1848, we find him master of the lodge, and he continued as such until the first Masonic election was

held in Pettis County when he was elected master, June 11, 1849. He was again elected in 1858. The minutes show that Smith was a regular attendant at lodge meetings and held all of the offices listed.

In 1854 he was elected to the state Legislature.

Smith's crowning achievement was getting the Missouri Pacific Railroad to leave the Missouri River and pass through Pettis County. This proved to be a boon for Pettis County.

Then, Smith bought two farms and on them laid out a new town, which he named Sedalia. The first deed is recorded as Sept. 4, 1858, when the town was laid out. The first sale of public lots was held in October of 1860. Smith then secured a contract in which the railroad agreed to build a permanent depot. This new town was two miles south of Georgetown and Smith told the citizens of Georgetown that "the bats and owls would make their home in the Court House."

In 1864 Smith was elected Mayor of Sedalia and the same year he was elected to the Missouri State Senate. He died July 11, 1879.

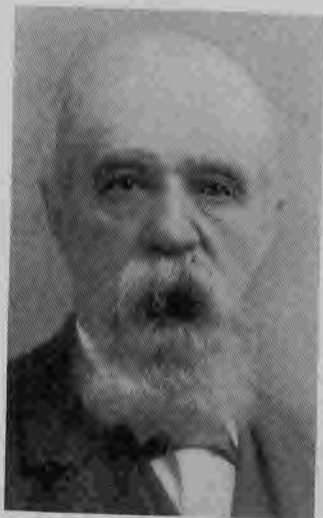
SAMUEL H. SAUNDERS

Most Wor. Bro. Samuel H. Saunders was born Aug. 1, 1813 near Richmond, Virginia. On attaining manhood he went to Georgetown, Kentucky, where he studied civil engineering in Bacon College.

In 1838 he went to Texas, but removed to Missouri settling on a farm in Pettis County. In 1845 he took up the study of medicine and was a practicing physician until 1887.

Saunders was "initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry" Oct. 23, 1848, having been one of the first petitioners of Relief Lodge, U.D. On Oct. 24, 1848, he was "introduced and duly passed to the 2nd degree." On Oct. 25, 1848, he was "introduced and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason."

He was elected Master of Relief Lodge No. 105 on June 10, 1850. On July 7, 1851, and on June 7, 1852, he installed the officers of Relief Lodge, then holding the title of District



S. H. Saunders

Deputy Grand Master. He was a regular attendant of his lodge. Saunders was elected grand master of Masons of Missouri in May, 1857, and reelected in 1858.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Boonville Chapter No. 5 in 1851 (suspended in 1860).

In 1854 he dimitted to Pleasant Grove Lodge U.D., which he helped to organize. This lodge was numbered 142 and Saunders served as its master for several years.

He was married to Sarah Ann Otey and they had one son, V. O. Saunders. He died in 1897 at his home in Otterville, Cooper County, Missouri, and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery near the town.

As a doctor, as a Mason, and as a public citizen Saunders was highly esteemed and well-respected by the people of Pettis and Cooper Counties.

Although Brother Saunders had moved to Cooper County at the time of his election as Grand Master, his conduct while in that office is evidence of the character and integrity that marked his formative Masonic years in Pettis County. The following comments taken from his annual addresses to Grand Lodge record some unusually significant and historical actions:

1858

My official acts have been confined to a very narrow limit, from the fact, that at no period in the history of this Grand Lodge have the craft had a better right to be proud of our honored Order than the present. From the reports of the D.D. Gr. Masters it will be seen that peace, harmony and prosperity, with a very few exceptions, pervade our entire jurisdiction; that not only moral but intellectual qualifications are now required to gain admission into our mystic temple; that the moral influence inculcated by our Order is seen and felt by all. Let these principles be the guide of our Subordinate Lodges in the future, and the combined prejudices of church and state cannot mar our harmony or circumscribe our usefulness. . . .

The most important measure that will claim your calm and deliberate attention, at this communication, will be the Masonic College; for it is a question of vital importance to the future action of this Grand Lodge. I cannot see this question in any other light than a contract between this Grand Lodge and the citizens of Lafayette County. Let us take a brief retrospective view of this question, and see if in each and every phase it does not stand in bold relief as a contract. We are told that there is no WRITTEN contract. Are Masons' obligations written? Yes, but only on the tablets of the brain—honor their base, truth their attribute, and plain-dealing their practice.

When the Grand Lodge, in 1846 determined to change the location of the College from Marion County, it issued a circular requesting proposals

from any part of the State to make donations for the erection of the necessary buildings for the College, and agreed to move it to the point that made the most liberal offer. Was this not a proposition for a contract? And when, in the communication of March, 1847, the propositions from Lafayette County were ACCEPTED by the Grand Lodge, and the College permanently located there, did not that act seal it as a contract? And every act of this Grand Lodge, from that time to the present, has been in strict accordance with that construction; and if the Grand Lodge carries into effect the resolution offered at its last communication to sell the College, without consent of the other contracting parties, it would lay itself liable to damages from each and every one of the citizens of Lafayette County who have contributed in paying for the College property at Lexington, besides putting a blot upon our fair escutcheon that time would not efface.

The friends of this resolution assert that the Grand Lodge cannot stand this great burden, that some of the Subordinate Lodges will surrender their charters rather than to be taxed any longer to support the College. If this opinion was founded on facts, that they were taxed to support the College, then there would be some grounds for complaint; but when the facts are otherwise, then their complaints are not valid; for not one brother in the State is taxed to support the College. So far from this, his contributions to the Grand Lodge have been reduced in the last five years from one dollar to half that amount, and the support of the College, in a great measure, has been from the candidates for Masonry, and not from the Masons, as the one dollar donated by the candidates has constituted one-half of the amount donated by the Grand Lodge to the College in the last ten years.

But my brethren, let us look at this question in another light—not of dollars and cents, but of honest pride; for I will venture the assertion, there is not a Mason in Missouri but who, at the mention of this Masonic temple of learning, has not felt proud that he constituted one of that brotherhood who have built up and sustained thus far this, the noblest monument that Masonry could erect for its mission in the diffusion of light—the light of science, radiating from the centre to the circumference, sending forth its votaries to diffuse knowledge, the chief corner-stone of our civil and political rights. Can we sustain it? Can we not foster it for a short time, till its roots take a firm hold and draw their sustenance from their legitimate source? Shall it be said that Masonry, that time-honored institution, will not do what nearly every church in this State is now doing, sustaining their respective institutions of learning? I hope the day is far distant when this shall be the decision of the Grand body. We can sustain it: Its liabilities are \$5,671.85. To meet these liabilities we have now available \$1,419.85, leaving a balance of \$4,252.52 to relieve it of every cent of indebtedness. We have also lands unsold worth \$400.00; and, with the amount of \$1,000, reported by Brother Carnegie, when available, will leave the balance due by the College \$2,852.02; and for the liquidation of which we have the revenues of this communication, besides the pledge aid of some of the Subordinates of one dollar from each member to liquidate its debts and add to its endowment. . . .

The recommendation of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, at our last communication, in regard to publishing in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge the names of the members of Lodges, I trust will receive the sanction of the Grand Lodge, as its practical utility none will deny, and the increased cost of printing will not exceed \$150.00. I would also recommend that a sufficient number of copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be printed to furnish every brother of every lodge with a copy, that all may see what is done, that hereafter, when any action of this Grand Body may have to go before the Subordinates, every brother may obtain the desired information from the record, as the action of this Grand Lodge is a perfect blank to a large majority of the fraternity. It is true that our By-Laws require the proceedings sent to the Subordinates to be read to the Lodges. But is this ever done? So far as my knowledge extends, it is a dead letter in our statute. But give to each member a copy, and at his leisure moments he will examine it, and know what the action of this Grand Lodge has been. It is his right to have this information, and as an act of justice I hope the Grand Lodge will extend it to him.

Some of our Lodges have been imposed upon, for the want of information as to who are suspended or expelled Masons. If a sheet accompanying the proceedings, giving the names of every suspended or expelled Mason in every state of the Union, was prepared, this difficulty would no longer remain.

The reiterated complaints of the lack of uniformity of work, as reported by the D.D.G. Masters, requires the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge. To remedy this difficulty many plans have been proposed and tried, and we are yet far from its accomplishment. Under our present system, with the industry, zeal and acknowledged qualifications of our Grand Lecturer, can this be accomplished? But to look at the number of Lodges (176), and the question is answered; it is an impossibility! I would suggest that the Grand Lecturer exemplify the work before the Grand Lodge, and that every brother, when the work differs from that taught by him, shall state the difference, and the Grand Lodge shall by vote determine which is the work. Then divide the state into six Masonic Districts, appoint a D. Grand Lecturer to each, and let the Grand Lecturer see that they are fully qualified to perform their duty; let them immediately meet every Lodge in their respective jurisdictions, and instruct them in the work, and allow a fair compensation to the D.G. Lecturers for their labor. . . .

(Editor's note: M.W. Brother Saunders' recommendations for a list of the members of the subordinate lodges to be printed in the proceedings along with the annual returns, and to list those members suspended or expelled, were adopted and complied with until it became infeasible because of the fraternity's growth and the cost of printing. His recommendation also marked the beginning of the D.D.G. Lecture system.)

MAY, 1859

"... The College question will again claim your serious and calm attention as the Resolution of the last communication donating the Col-

lege to the Lexington Lodges have been by those lodges unanimously refused, and the question for you to decide will be whether the Grand Lodge will in good faith carry out its solemn and oft repeated obligations or repudiate them? I cannot see this question in any other light than a legal and equitable contract not entered into hastily but upon calm and mature reflection, and leaves the Grand Lodge no alternative but to carry out its contracts fully not only in letter but in spirit.

Upon receiving information that the Lodges at Lexington would not accede to the proposition made by the Grand Lodge, I in September last issued the following Circular, believing it to be the best plan I could devise to uphold the plighted faith of this Grand Lodge and at the same time permanently endow the College by the voluntary contributions of the fraternity.

Office of the Grand Master
Grand Lodge, A.F.A.M., Mo.
Otterville, Cooper Co., 1858

Dear Sir and Brother:

Believing that the honor, reputation and welfare of the fraternity, of this jurisdiction, depend upon the fulfilment of its obligations to sustain the Masonic College, I have addressed you, my brother, to ask your assistance and influence in accomplishing this desirable object, feeling confident that it is only necessary for the craft to see this question in its true light for their action to be in strict accordance with the tenets of our beloved Order.

Believing that the greater portion of the opposition to the College is based upon the scholarships, from the fact that a majority of the Lodges that have taken scholarships, receiving no immediate benefit from them, and having to pay the interest annually, and the principle when demanded by the Grand Lodge, is the first and great cause which had and is now operating to sever the connection now existing between the Grand Lodge and the College.

Cannot this difficulty be removed and the endowment, and consequent prosperity of the College, established by a FREE and VOLUNTARY donation on the part of the craft? I think it can and will be done by every true Mason in the State, and I request it as a favor that you will, at your earliest convenience, lay this subject before every Lodge in your district, and ask their immediate action upon the following proposition, viz:

Will not every member (or at least a large proportion of the fraternity), contribute one dollar annually for ten years, to constitute a fund for the endowment of the Masonic College? If so, then the Grand Lodge could cancel every scholarship.

If 5,000 out of the 6,000 affiliated Masons will make this small donation, then will the College have an endowment, ample and sufficient, to sustain and perpetuate its usefulness through all time; for \$5,000 annually put upon interest will in ten years, constitute a fund of upwards of \$87,000, which would be sufficient to educate the sons of every Mason in the State gratuitously.

If the brethren, who are able, will pay one half of the whole amount of this contribution at once, then will the endowment be sooner attained, and its utility felt and acknowledged by all.

To sustain the College until this endowment can be attained will not add one cent to the amount now paid by the subordinates to the Grand Lodge, as the 50 cents for each member now paid, makes our Grand Lodge fund \$3,000, one-half of which will pay the expenses of the Grand Lodge, leaving the other half to be appropriated to the College; add to that \$1,500 more, which the tuition will amount to, and also the one dollar paid by candidates upon the degrees which was \$2,100 last year, but put it down \$1,500, and we have the sum of \$4,500 annually, which will amply pay the Professors, and the rent of the boarding house will pay contingencies.

My brother, if there is any other better plan to accomplish the end we have in view, let us adopt it, as it is a question of vital interest to Masonry in this State, and one that requires immediate action.

I should be pleased to hear your views upon this subject at your earliest convenience, and I will receive it as a personal favor, if the Secretaries would notify me, immediately after your action is taken by their respective Lodges upon the Proposition.

Very Respectfully and Fraternally,
SAM'L H. SAUNDERS, G.M.
Grand Lodge, Mo.

To this Circular I have received many responses from different parts of this State and but six Lodges have refused to sustain the College by donating the small sum of one dollar annually for ten years to permanently endow the College and bid it fulfill its mission of diffusing the light of education throughout this jurisdiction.

In the Lodges that have refused to make the small donation I do not believe that they look at this question in its proper light—they view it as a question of UTILITY when it is a question of CONTRACT, for I cannot and will not believe there is a Mason in this State, however limited his means, that could not give one dollar annually for ten years to promote the great cause of education—if so, why does he refuse to make this donation to endow the College? for this reason and for this alone that the College question has to a great extent controlled the action of the Grand Lodge. This is in a great measure true, but are we to repudiate a solemn obligation because the carrying out of that obligation exerts a controlling influence over the action of the Grand Body? Rather let us fulfill our obligations by endowing it, and it will then be self-sustaining and no longer requiring at our hands that care and attention which it has received in years past. This question of sustaining or repudiating the College does not effect our standing alone in this jurisdiction, but also in that of our sister Grand Lodges, and I cannot better exemplify this opinion than by quoting from the Committee of F.C. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Page 44 Proceedings Illinois. Referring to the College it says; "Our brethren of Missouri." "Will the fraternity of Missouri for the paltry sum

of one dollar annually for ten years, forfeit the good opinion of the craft of other jurisdictions? will they erase from their proud escutcheon, Justice, and inscribe in its place, repudiation?"

Never!—never, can this be the decree of a fraternity that boasts as much intelligence as ours. Let us then in that true conservative spirit of Masonry, place the College where it would be self-sustaining—needing only the fraternal care of the Grand Lodge to achieve its high destiny.

"Our brethren in Missouri are entitled to great praise for 'seeing this matter through,' not because we have any faith in Masonic schools AS SUCH, but because our brethren there had staked their character for nerve and enterprise upon the scheme.

"They have fully justified and sustained their character as Western men and Masons."

From this forth the world will understand that when a Missouri Mason says a thing it must be done, they mean just what they say. Every business man knows what you mean, when it is said that a man's word is as good as his bond. Such a man, though poor, has a credit which some men more fortunate might envy. And this is the enviable condition of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

(Editor's note: The College enrolled its first students on May 12, 1844, in Marion County. It was moved to Lexington where the first students were received in October of 1848. Henry C. Chiles in an address before the Masonic Research Society of Missouri, Sept. 23, 1934, attributed its failure to the uncertain conditions of the pre-Civil War period and noted a lack of harmony even in the fraternity. The college was being conducted at a loss and Grand Lodge records disclose the deficit mounted higher year by year. The matter came to a head at the communication in May of 1859 and after much heated debate, on a roll call of lodges, a minority committee report, to close the college at the end of the session then in progress, was sustained. A replica of the main building of the college stands today near the original cornerstone on the battlefield at Lexington.)

WILKINS WATSON

Dr. Wilkins Watson was born in Virginia in 1809. He became a physician and settled in Georgetown in 1838. He was a register of lands at Clinton, Missouri. In 1845 he was county representative. In 1863 he went to Salem, Oregon, and returned to Sedalia in 1867 where he died in 1872.

Dr. Watson was raised in Tebo Lodge No. 68, Clinton, Missouri, in 1847. He was senior warden at the first meeting of Freemasons held in Pettis County on Aug. 29, 1948. He was admitted to Relief Lodge No. 105 in 1850 and served as its master for the term 1852-53. He was admitted to Sedalia Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, in 1867. In 1868 he became a charter member of Granite Lodge No. 272. He was a member of Sedalia Council No. 5.

CLIFTON WOOD

Clifton Wood was the first merchant at Georgetown. He was raised in Tebo Lodge No. 68. In 1849 he was admitted to Relief Lodge No. 105. In the first Masonic election held in Pettis County he was elected junior warden. He served as master two terms 1851-52 and 1853-54. He was admitted to Sedalia Chapter No. 18 as a charter member and was a member of Sedalia Council No. 5. His tombstone states he was born in Albermarle County, Virginia, in 1805 and died in 1877 at San Antonio, Texas. His wife's name was America.

B. F. HUGHES

Dr. Benjamin F. Hughes was born in Cooper County in 1830. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College and in 1855 came to Pettis County and settled in Georgetown.

During the Civil War he was a surgeon in the Federal Army. At the close of the war he returned to Sedalia. He was a delegate to the Drake Constitutional Convention, 1864-65. He died in 1879 at the youthful age of 48.

Dr. Hughes was raised in Relief Lodge No. 105 in 1856 and in 1857-58 served as master. In 1864 he became a charter member of Sedalia Lodge No. 236, having signed the application for dispensation.

III

Sedalia Lodge No. 236

APPLICATION FOR a dispensation to open a lodge of Freemasons in Sedalia was made on Dec. 29, 1863, to Grand Master John H. Turner. Signing the dispensation were Bros. Jas. Blakemore, O. A. Crandall, J. Hancock, T. A. Hopkins, B. F. Hughes, Geo. R. Keil, Wm. H. Lightfoot, Thos. J. Montgomery, A. A. Neal, J. F. Philips, C. W. C. Walker, and Geo. C. Yost.

The dispensation to form a new lodge in Sedalia was granted on Jan. 1, 1864. Sedalia Lodge U.D. was opened by Most Wor. Bro. Samuel H. Saunders, P.G.M. on Jan. 25, 1864:

At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall in Sedalia, Missouri, Pettis County, Jan. 25, A.D. 1864, were present M.W. Samuel H. Saunders, P.G.M.

Bro. George C. Yost, W.M. elect

Bro. George R. Keil, S.W. elect

Bro. O. A. Crandall, J.W. elect

Bro. Wm. H. Lightfoot, Treasurer

Bro. Logan Clark, Secretary

Bro. Thos. J. Montgomery, S.D.

Bro. A. A. Neal, J.D.

Bro. John Hancock, Tyler

C. W. C. Walker, James Blakemore, and R. G. Barnhart, and 15 visiting brethren including Edward Powell and Clifton Wood late of Relief Lodge No. 105.

The meeting was called to order by Most Worshipful Samuel H. Saunders, P.G.M., who presented a commission from Most Wor. John H. Tunner, G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to organize Sedalia Lodge U.D. A lodge of Master Masons was then duly opened by Most Wor. Samuel H. Saunders, W.M. protem.

A dispensation granted by Most Wor. John H. Turner, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri to sundry brethren to open a lodge at Sedalia to be known as Sedalia Lodge U.D. was then presented and accepted by the brethren named. The Most Wor. Samuel H. Saunders by the authority invested in him by the Most Wor. John H. Turner, G.M., then declared the Lodge duly organized and ready to preceed to business.

On motion of Bro. Crandall the stated monthly communications of this lodge shall be held on the Thursday on or before the full moon.

By order of the W.M. the Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices duly opened. The E.A. degree having been exemplified, the Lodge was called off and a Lodge of Fellowcrafts opened. The F.C. degree having been exemplified, the



Old Temple

Lodge was called off, and the Lodge of Master Masons called on. There being no further business the Lodge was then duly closed on the 3rd degree.

Sect. Of Sedalia Lodge U.D.
Logan Clark, Secty.

G. C. Yost, W.M.

Sedalia Lodge No. 236 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, May 26, 1864, and was duly constituted on June 8, 1864 by D.D.G.M. Sam H. Owens of California, Mo. The following brethren were named charter members:

George C. Yost

George R. Keil

O. A. Crandall

Wm. H. Lightfoot

Logan Clark

Thos. J. Montgomery

A. A. Neal

John Hancock

James A. Blakemore

Robert C. Barnhart

B. F. Hughes

James C. Hopkins Jr.

John F. Phillips

C. W. C. Walker

Sept. 4, 1867, Past Grand Masters formed a Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying a corner stone (of the school building now being erected in this city) which Grand Lodge was composed of the following Brothers: Samuel H. Saunders, W.G.M., etc. . . . The lodge being duly formed, Bro. H. Suess, Chief Marshall, then formed the lines for procession which was conducted in good order to the building where the ceremonies were conducted by P.G.M. Saunders, assisted by the grand officers of laying the cornerstone in which was deposited the names of the officers of the G.L. of Mo., the names of all the grand officers present at these ceremonies, together with the names of all the officers and brothers of Sedalia

Lodge No. 236 and the names of the officers and companions of Sedalia Royal Arch Chapter. After the ceremonies, Bro. Jno. F. Phillips delivered an address appropriate to the occasion.

J. O. W. Lindsey, Secty.

Nov. 9, 1867. Bros. J. M. Fox, D. H. Smith, and Chas. L. Martin, appeared as Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens, with a petition of several Master Masons asking to be recommended to the G.L. of Mo. for a Warrant of Dispensation to form a new lodge in the city of Sedalia to be called Granite. After examination by the lodge, on motion of Bro. Montgomery, was granted.

Nov. 7, 1867. The Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri was convened:

M.W. W. E. Dunscomb, G.M., presiding

R.W. Samuel H. Saunders, Depty

R.W. Sam H. Owens, W.S.G.W.

R.W. Benton H. Ingram, W.J.G.W.

R.W. A. D. Janes, W.G.L.

R.W. O. A. Crandall, W.G.S.

R.W. Allison, G.S.D.

R.W. George Faulhaber, G.J.D.

Lodge opened on the 1st degree, and the new Masonic Hall was dedicated in due and ancient form. Dedicated to Free Masonry, Virtue, and Benevolence.

Geo. R. Keil, Grand Marshal.

From Grand Lodge Proceedings, Oct. 16, 1867:

Whereas, This Grand L. did adopt a resolution, in 1865, ordering the G.M. to make a quit-claim deed to Sedalia L. No. 236 for the brick building formerly belonging to Relief L. No. 105, and as the ground or lot upon which said building now stands was not included in the resolution adopted by this grand lodge ordering said deed; therefore, Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to include lots Nos. 5 and 7 in Ramsey's and Wasson's addition to Georgetown, Pettis County, Mo., in the deed when he executes the same; provided, however, that Sedalia L. shall pay all expenses attached thereto.

Sedalia, Jan. 31st, 1866

Bro. G. F. Couley

Secretary Grand Lodge

I have been instructed by our lodge to give you the names of trustees appointed to deed house and lot in Georgetown, Mo., formally occupied by Relief Lodge No. 105 in trust for our lodge.

Trustees

J. F. Philips

Clifton Wood

Thos. J. Montgomery

I am fraternally

yours

Al — Meyer

secretary

Sedalia Lodge No. 236

The Civil War produced a number of Military Lodges by various jurisdictions, but Missouri refrained from granting any traveling charters as the result of earlier experience. However, Sedalia Lodge No. 236 was involved in a decision involving a former member of the military who had received his degrees in an Army Lodge.

The decision was reported by Grand Master John W. Vincil in his address to Grand Lodge in 1869:

M. J. Learning came to Missouri from Illinois, located at Sedalia, and visited the lodge. Said he was made a Mason in an army lodge, and had never affiliated with any other lodge. He has a certificate from the grand secretary of Illinois showing that he had been made a Mason in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but said lodge is now extinct.

The question was submitted for decision as to the status of M. J. L. I at once issued an order to Sedalia Lodge No. 236 forbidding his visits, and any recognition of him as a Mason, unless he complies with the laws of our Grand Lodge. In 1865 this Grand Lodge declared all Army-made Masons as "illegal and clandestine." After twelve months residence in Missouri, such can petition for initiation, as other profanes.

The settled principle in our state, then, has been this; that a person hailing from an Army lodge, must take the same course as a profane, and be subject to the same conditions. But any one made in an Army lodge who has been affiliated with a regular lodge before coming to us, may be received as though the making had been regular. Because we do not go behind the limit of a regular lodge to inquire where he was made.

But in the case of M. J. L. the certificate was not from a regular lodge, nor from any lodge. The papers only prove what he says is true, that he hailed direct from an Army lodge, and had never been affiliated with any regular lodge. The Grand Secretary says the lodge is extinct, and that the party is in good standing, for aught that appears in his office to the contrary. That is all that is known on the subject; and the party himself vitiates his papers by declaring that he is direct to us from an Army lodge. He cannot be recognized.

Some of the many Masons of 236 who helped in its formation and development, include:

IRA T. BRONSON

Dr. Ira T. Bronson was born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1840. During the Civil War he served in Co. I, 5th New Hampshire Vol. Inf., in the McClellan and Grant campaigns, and was thrice wounded.

Bronson came to Sedalia in 1863 and later returned to study medicine at Dartmouth where he graduated in 1869. In 1880, with R. F. Pierce, he purchased the Palace Drug Store. He was a Methodist and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years.

In 1892 and again in 1893 he served as Master of Sedalia Lodge

No. 236. In 1904 he served as commander of St. Omer No. 11, K.T. He and Mrs. Bronson were charter members of Sedalia Chapter No. 57, O.E.S.

O. A. CRANDALL

O. A. Crandall was a native of Syracuse, N. Y. His family moved to McHenry County, Illinois, in 1835. In 1853 Crandall went to California, walking the last 500 miles, and spent eight years there in mining. He returned to Missouri in 1861, and settled in Sedalia in 1863. Judge J. A. S. Tutt granted him a license to practice law in 1864.

During the war Crandall aided in the raising of two regiments of Union soldiers in Illinois. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates at the capture of Sedalia on Oct. 15, 1864.

In 1875 he organized the Pettis County Bank and served as its president. He was a Democrat, and a member of the State Examining Commission, 1868-1872.

Crandall served as secretary of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 in 1865, its master in 1862, and D.D.G.M. in 1890. He was high priest of Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1874, and served as commander of St. Omer No. 11 in 1887.

GEORGE FAULHABER

George L. Faulhaber was born in Germany in 1838 and came to America in 1851 and thence to Sedalia in 1864.

Faulhaber was express agent for the U. S. Express Co., 1857-1864. In 1881 he became agent for the Pacific Express Co. at Sedalia. In 1878-1879 he was Republican Mayor of Sedalia and served as city treasurer in 1888-90.

He was a vestryman of Cavalry Episcopal Church in Sedalia and master of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 from 1875 to 1879, and secretary from 1881-1885. He was secretary of Sedalia Chapter No. 18 from 1877-1891. In 1895 he served as commander of St. Omer No. 11, K.T. In 1885 he was a member of the Masonic Board of Relief and was worthy patron of Fern Leaf Chapter No. 104, O.E.S. in 1877.

He died in 1925 at St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN B. GALLIE

John B. Gallie was born in Scotland and came to America with his father and settled in Ohio. In 1862 Gallie married Julia Schaff-

ter and a short time later moved to Sedalia. In 1866 Gallie was city marshal and collector. From 1877 he operated a lumber yard.

Gallie was master of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 in 1871 and high priest of Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1877. He was greeted in Sedalia Council No. 5 and served as commander of St. Omer No. 11, K.T. in 1884. A Mason for more than sixty years, Gallie died in 1925.

J. WEST GOODWIN

J. West Goodwin, printer and newspaper man, was born at Brownville, N. Y., in 1836. He came to Sedalia in 1867 and on June 1, 1869, issued the first number of the *Sedalia Bazaar*. The paper today is recognized as a fine source of accurate historical information on the early life of this community.

Goodwin served as master of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 in 1908, at the age of 72. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1889, and knighted in St. Omer No. 11 in 1890.

Goodwin died October 4, 1927, one day after celebrating his 91st birthday.

BENTON H. INGRAM

Most Worshipful Brother Benton H. Ingram entered the Grand Lodge at the annual communication of 1866 at which time he was Senior Warden of Sedalia Lodge No. 236. He was regular in his attendance at Grand Lodge until shortly before his death.

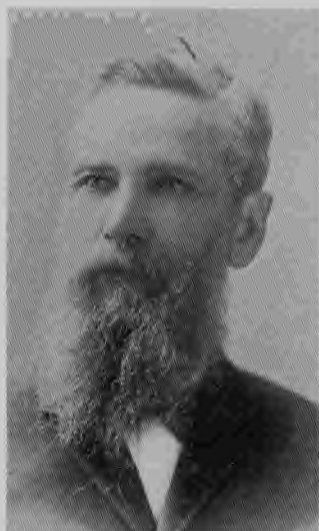
Brother Ingram served as Master of 236 in 1868 and again in 1870, 1886-88. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1871 and served in this office until he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1888. At the annual communication in October of 1891 in Kansas City, he was elected to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Missouri.

A native of Greene County, Brother Ingram was born Nov. 24, 1838 and spent his early life on a farm. He was educated in the public schools and upon reaching manhood entered the mercantile business in Springfield for several years before moving to Sedalia.

Benton H. Ingram's Masonic life began at Sedalia where he was raised in 1864. He became an excellent ritualist and in addition to serving Grand Lodge as D.D.G.M., also was a District Deputy Grand Lecturer for several years. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons in 1867 and served as High Priest in 1872. He also was a member of St. Omer Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar of Sedalia.

Brother Ingram was appointed Collector of Pettis County in 1872 and later served for several years as Circuit Clerk of the county.

A short time before his death, Brother Ingram moved to Kansas



Benton H. Ingram

City. He was stricken while on a business trip to Maryville, Mo., and died Nov. 10, 1900. He was buried at Sedalia Nov. 13, 1900, under auspices of the Grand Lodge with M. W. Brother Campbell Wells, officiating.

In his address to Grand Lodge, Oct. 11, 1892, M. W. Bro. Ingram included these comments:

Before entering, actively, upon the discharge of our labor, let us pause for a moment and indulge a few reflections concerning the social and moral work in which, as an Institution, we are engaged. I say social and moral, for the social features of Masonry should on no account be neglected. . . .

If the Brethren, especially the officers, of our lodges would give more attention to the social features of Masonry, I have no doubt it would result in bring-

ing us into closer and stronger bonds of fraternal love and friendship.

As an Order we are dealing largely with the young men of our state and country, and herein we have spread out before us a great and grand field for moral improvement. Brethren, shall we occupy and cultivate it? We claim to be pre-eminently a moral Institution, and while we are all proud of our great achievements in the past, let us press forward along this line of our work to yet grander and more glorious victories.

In the moral nature of man are found the strongest evidences of his immortality, of the ever-increasing beatitudes of glory which its capacities fit him to attain, and which are revealed in the sacred Scriptures as the destiny designed by God for his earthly children. . . .

NEW LODGES

I have granted dispensations for the formation of the following new lodges, all of which were duly instituted by the proper officers, and, so far as I have been able to learn, all are prosperous and harmonious:

Powell, at Powell, McDonald County.

Wilderness, at Wilderness, Oregon County.

Revere, at Revere, Clark County.

Raymore, at Raymore, Cass County.

Fairfield, at Fairfield, Benton County.
Ravenwood, at Ravenwood, Nodaway County.
Prairie, at Bancroft, Daviess County.
Blairstown, at Blairstown, Henry County.
Moscow, at Moscow Mills, Lincoln County.

CORNER-STONES

On invitation of the Honorable County Court of Henry County, extended to me through Clinton Lodge, No. 548, I convened a Special Session of the Grand Lodge at Clinton on the 24th of June, and laid the corner-stone of the new Henry County Court House, in the presence of a very large concourse of citizens. Special trains were run on all the railroads, in order to accommodate the great number of people from abroad who desired to be present.

About one thousand Masons were in line, including a splendid Knight Templar escort under the command of Emminent Sir Knight D. W. Wallace of Independence, Emminent Grand Commander of Missouri. The Grand Wardens and several of the other Grand Officers were present and took part in the ceremonies. M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Walker of St. Louis, Past Grand Master, was also present, and rendered me able and valuable assistance in performing the ceremonies, for which I hereby tender him my personal thanks. The officers and members of Clinton Lodge and all the good people of Clinton were untiring in their efforts to extend courtesies and show their hospitality to all visitors. It was a memorable occasion and will long be remembered by the people of Clinton as well as their visitors, whom they so royally entertained. . . .

UNAUTHORIZED LECTURERS

Complaints having reached me from the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Districts that Brother John H. Bunger, a former District Lecturer, was visiting lodges in those districts for the purpose of instructing them in the ritualistic work, and that some of the lodges so visited had paid him for his services out of lodge funds, I caused to be issued and mailed to each lodge in the above named districts the following circular:

Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Missouri
Office of Grand Master

Sedalia, May 12, 1892

To the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of . . . Lodge, No. . . . A.F. & A.M.
. . . , Mo.:

Brethren:—Reliable information having reached me that Brother John H. Bunger, of Maryville Lodge, No. 165, located at Maryville, Mo., has been visiting lodges and instructing them in the work and lectures, receiving compensation therefor; this, therefore, is to notify you that the said Brother Bunger is not authorized, by law, to either hold Lodges of Instruction or to visit Lodges for the purpose of giving instruction. The Grand Lecturer and the District Lecturers of the several Masonic Districts are the proper and legal authorities for teaching and promulgating

the work and lectures in this Grand Jurisdiction. You are therefore forbidden to employ said Brother Bungler, or any other unauthorized Lecturer to instruct your Lodge, or to receive instruction, as a Lodge, from Such.

Faternally yours,
B. H. INGRAM,
Grand Master.

WEAK LODGES

We have in the state, as shown by last year's returns to the Grand Secretary, more than seventy-five Chartered Lodges, with a membership of twenty-five or less to the Lodge, some of them as low as fourteen to eighteen. We have also about fifty Lodges with memberships ranging between twenty-five and thirty-five. Most of them are outlying Lodges, located in small villages, or in the country away from railway lines; many of them are made up almost entirely of the better class of citizens residing in their respective vicinities.

They are, as a rule, good, earnest, zealous Masons, but, as Lodges, they are poor and are having a hard struggle to maintain an existence. Many of them have never seen a Grand Officer since they were instituted. Some of them have never been visited by the Grand or a District Lecturer. This is not the fault of the Grand Lecturer, for it is a physical impossibility for him to personally visit and instruct all of the 555 Lodges in the state. Nor is it the fault of the District Lecturers; they receive no compensation for their services and cannot be expected to give their time to this work and pay their own expenses. The most of these Lodges are too poor to pay it, or to bear the expense of sending delegates away to State or District Lodges of Instruction. These Lodges pay their pro rata part to the support and maintenance of the Grand Lodge, and are entitled to, and must receive its encouragement and fostering care, or else they die.

I recommend, if the financial condition of the Grand Lodge will admit of it, that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to appoint an Assistant Grand Lecturer, whose special duty it shall be to visit as many as possible of these outlying Lodges, ascertain their real condition, teach them the work and lectures in their own Halls, read and expound to them the law, and give them, generally, such good and wholesome advice and instructions as may be deemed necessary.

STATE LODGES OF INSTRUCTION

At our last session, the Grand Lecturer was authorized to call and hold a School of Instruction for the benefit of District Lecturers, and an appropriation of \$500 was made to pay their actual and necessary expenses. The Grand Lecturer called the meeting at Sedalia in the month of November. All the District Lecturers in the state, with two or three exceptions, were present. The meeting being called at my home, I, of course, attended, as did also the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and both the Grand Wardens, all of whom rendered valuable assistance.

Great interest was manifested by all present, and I have no doubt

much good has and will result to the Craft throughout the state, in thus sending out among the Lodges a thoroughly posted and trained corps of teachers. . . .

MASONIC HOME

At the last annual session, on the recommendation of my predecessor, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens were made ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home, and it was made their duty to attend at least one meeting, annually, of said Board. Not having been advised of the time or place of any of the meetings of said Board, I have attended none.

Having been unable to attend any of the meetings, I am unable, from personal knowledge, to lay before you any information touching the management, condition or needs of this noble institution. I doubt not the able and efficient President, M.W. Bro. Noah M. Givan, in his annual report, will give you a full and detailed statement of its condition and needs, and make such recommendations for your consideration as may be deemed proper and necessary. Up to date, this Grand Lodge has contributed \$25,500 toward the establishment and maintenance of the "Home." It has from year to year selected and named its Board of Directors, and at the last session, made provision for its permanent support. If this provision is to continue, I recommend that the Trustees be requested to transfer the legal title to the "Home" to the Grand Lodge.

SUMMIT LODGE, No. 263

Some time in August, charges were filed with me against Robert A. B. Donaldson, W.M. of Summit Lodge, No. 263, charging him with gross unmasonic conduct. The principal specification was as follows: "Brother A. B. Donaldson at various times and continuously since September, 1891, has claimed to be a Past Junior Warden, though he has never been elected or installed into such office." The evidence submitted seemed to conclusively prove and sustain the charge.

The Brother, never having been elected and installed Warden of a Lodge, was clearly ineligible to the office of Worshipful Master, I therefore held that his election and installation as Worshipful Master was null and void, and made an order directing that he retire from the office, and that the Worshipful Master, whom he succeeded, again assume his duties as Worshipful Master, no eligible successor having been elected and installed. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and at the request of the Worshipful Master and a large number of the Brethren, I granted the Lodge a dispensation to elect a Worshipful Master to serve until the date fixed by their By-Laws for the annual election of officers.

The Secretary informed me that the election was had at the stated meeting, September 17th, and that peace and harmony now prevail. If my ruling in the case is sustained by the Grand Lodge, the matter of a trial for unmasonic conduct will rest with the lodge.

TOLTEC LODGE, No. 520

Some years ago this Grand Lodge granted a Charter for the establish-

ment, in the city of Mexico, of Toltec Lodge, No. 520. It is now the only remaining Lodge, located in a foreign country, or beyond the borders of Missouri, over which we exercise jurisdiction. We have never been able, on account of its great distance from us, to exercise any supervision over it.

We know nothing concerning its work or the character of the material being admitted into it.

Some two or three years ago an organization was effected in that country under the name and title of the "Grand Symbolic Diet," with the President of the Republic of Mexico at its head as Grand Master.

I understand that all the Lodges of Mexico, except Toltec, have come under obedience to it.

Our Grand Lodge has not recognized this "Grand Body," nor am I sufficiently advised as to its origin and character to now recommend it to do so. The Grand Lodge of Texas, and, I believe, some other American Grand Lodges, have recognized it and are now in fraternal correspondence with it.

I think the time has come when we ought to withdraw from that country and permit the people of Mexico to work out their own Masonic salvation without any interference on our part.

On or about the 3rd of September, I addressed a communication to Toltec Lodge, advising them to either accept a Charter from the "Grand Symbolic Diet" of Mexico, and come under obedience to it, or else surrender its Charter. My communication has not been answered. I now recommend that the Grand Lodge order the Charter to be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

. . . I am now about to surrender the gavel, which, one year ago, you intrusted to my keeping, to abler and more experienced hands, and to again, with a heart overflowing with gratitude to my Brethren for the high honor which they conferred upon me, take my place in the ranks, where it will ever be my pleasure, as it is my duty, to labor earnestly and zealously for the promotion and advancement of the great moral principles of our grand old Institution. . . .

A. D. JAYNES

A. D. Jaynes was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, in 1829. In 1858 he was married to Mary Jane Brown and they had five children: William, John B., Hattie, Flora, and Jennie, the latter donating a stadium to Sedalia. From his youth Jaynes was trained in business.

During the Civil War he served as colonel of the 141st Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. In 1864 he came to Sedalia.

In 1866, with Cyrus Newkirk, he organized the First National Bank. He also helped organize the Lexington and Saint Louis Rail Road, and the "Katy" which he brought to Pettis County.

President Grant made a tour of Indian Territory accompanied by Col. Jaynes. On Sept. 24, 1879, President R. B. Hayes and Gen. Sherman came to Sedalia and breakfasted with Colonel and Lady Jaynes. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Jaynes was admitted to Sedalia Lodge No. 236 in 1866, and in 1869 served as master. In 1867 he was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18, and served as high priest in 1873. In 1868 he was greeted in Sedalia Council No. 5. He was knighted in St. Omer No. 11 and served as commander in 1874, 1879, 1880, and is listed as a charter member. He died on Oct. 13, 1886.

JOHN F. PHILIPS

John F. Philips, an attorney, soldier, statesman, and prominent Mason, was born in Boone County in 1834. In 1855 he was graduated from Centre College, Kentucky. He came to Georgetown in 1856-7, and 1857 he was married to Fleecie Ballerton. They had two children, Emmett, and Hortense.

In 1861 he raised the 7th Missouri Regiment, Cavalry, for the Union. Later he was placed in command of a brigade and in 1864 was made brigadier-general. At the close of the war he formed a law partnership with George G. Vest.

Philips was a Democrat. He opposed the Drake Constitution in 1865. In 1866 he served as Mayor of Sedalia. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Democrat National Convention. In 1874 he was elected to the 44th Congress, and reelected two years later. In later years he was appointed a Federal judge.

In 1877 Philips was a delegate from the U. S. to the Pan Presbyterian Convention in Scotland.

Philips served as secretary of Relief Lodge No. 105 for the 1858-59 term. He signed the application for dispensation and became a charter member of Sedalia Lodge No. 236, but in 1883 dimited. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1867, and was greeted in Sedalia Council No. 5 in 1868. In 1871 he served as commander of Saint Omer No. 11, K.T.

THOS. J. MONTGOMERY

Thos. J. Montgomery was born in Danville, Kentucky, in 1812. By profession he was a physician. In 1858 he was granted a life honor by Saint Louis Medical College.

In 1858 he came to Pettis County and settled near Longwood.

During the Civil War he was a surgeon in the 7th Cavalry M.S.M. Following the war he settled in Sedalia, in 1865, and in 1871 he served as Mayor of Sedalia. Dr. Montgomery signed the application for a dispensation and became a charter member of Sedalia Lodge No. 236. In 1866 he was admitted to Sedalia Chapter No. 18 as a charter member.

He died in 1877, and was interred with Masonic honors.

JOHN MONTGOMERY JR.

John Montgomery Jr. was born in Springfield, Kentucky, in 1844, and came to Pettis County with his father in 1857. In 1868 he was married to Maggie Sneed. In 1868 he was admitted to the bar. In 1873-1881 he was attorney for the "Katy" Railroad. In 1880, with Jas. C. Thompson, he purchased the Sedalia Gas and Light Co. Montgomery had a large library.

He was a member of Sedalia Lodge No. 236, and was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1869.

PETER LATSCH

Peter "Hunchback" Latsch, a clerk in the express office, was a master of Masonic ritual, a born dramatist. He was raised in Sedalia Lodge No. 236, junior warden in 1867, and tyler in 1868. In 1867 he was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18, and served as tyler from 1867 until 1905. He served as sentinel of Sedalia Council No. 5. He was knighted in Saint Omer No. 11, and was a charter member, also serving as sentinel. He may have belonged to Fern Leaf Chapter No. 105, O.E.S.; he was a charter member of Sedalia Chapter No. 57, O.E.S. The "Hunchback" served as tyler of all the Masonic bodies for a period of 38 years, until his death in 1905. He was buried with Masonic honors, 100 Masons attending his funeral. He was loved, admired, and respected by all.

IV

Granite Lodge No. 272

IN OCTOBER OF 1867, a meeting of Freemasons was held for the purpose of organizing another lodge in Sedalia. L. S. Florsheim was chosen chairman and H. C. Sinnett, secretary. The committee appointed chose the name "Granite" for the new lodge. The petition for a dispensation to open a new lodge was signed by: Ira E. Barnes, Abraham R. Ellis, L. S. Florsheim, J. M. Fox, M. M. Lampton, Chas. L. Martin, James O. Perry, H. C. Sinnett, H. C. Smith, E. R. Stevens, David H. Smith, G. A. Sturges, A. H. Thompson, Geo. G. Vest, Wilkins Watson, Burwell G. Wilkerson, and six others. The petition for forming another lodge was approved by Sedalia Lodge No. 236 and forwarded to Grand Master Dunscomb who, on Jan. 4, 1868, issued a Letter of Dispensation. John F. Philips was appointed to open the new lodge, which was done on Jan. 15, 1868.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri granted a charter bearing the date October 15, 1868. In November Dr. J. M. Fox was elected the first Master, and at the annual communication in December David H. Smith was elected Master for the ensuing year. The 22 charter members were: J. M. Fox, Charles L. Martin, M. M. Lampton, H. C. Smith, A. H. Thompson, Wilkins Watson, H. C. Sinnett, Ira E. Barnes, Geo. G. Vest, J. M. Offield, M. Henoeh, David H. Smith, G. A. Sturges, B. G. Wilkerson, E. R. Stevens, A. R. Ellis, Jas. O. Perry, L. S. Florsheim, J. H. Rice, Geo. W. Ready, Henry Merrigold, E. S. Barrett.

From the minutes of Granite Lodge:

Aug. 30, 1869. The new Hall was duly dedicated in the beautiful and solemn ritual of the Order in due and ancient form, after which appropriate and excellent addresses were made by Rt. Wor. Bros. B. H. Ingram and J. J. Wilkins.

Dec. 27, 1889. P.G.M. Wm. M. Williams and Rev. Bro. J. J. Wilkins installed officers.

Dec., 1897. P.G.M. Benton H. Ingram installed officers of both lodges. (Also, the following year.)

May 18, 1903. M.W.G.M. Wm. F. Kuhn was present and was pre-

sented to the lodge and received with the grand honors, after which he took his seat in the East . . . conferred the E. A. degree. Lectures were given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer.

April 7, 1905. Peter Latsch was buried with Masonic honors. 100 brethren present. Bro. Conner was bearer of the great lights.

April 20, 1906. That said brother, on or about the 22nd day of November, 1904, told his wife that he was a Mason, and, no matter what he did, nothing would be done to him—all of which was published in the daily press, to the scandal and disgrace of the fraternity. Did become and was intoxicated, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and while in that condition, did repeatedly stab and strike his wife. (This brother so charged was suspended for one year.)

July 20, 1906. The W.M. announced that the Masonic bodies had decided to purchase the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at \$5,000.

July 17, 1908. A heavy storm was brewing and no quorum was present. So there was no meeting.

Sept. 7, 1908. M.W.G.M. John T. Short was present and opened the lodge. The M.W.G.M. conferred the third degree and delivered all the lectures. 125 bros. present.

Dec. 30, 1915. M.W. Bro. Corona H. Briggs installed the officers of both lodges. (Also again on the following year.)

Nov. 21, 1921. M.W.G.M. Olaf A. Lucas . . . partook of a sumptuous dinner . . . received with grand honors . . . and was presented with a box of beautiful flowers . . . for Mrs. Lucas.

Oct. 20, 1922. An invitation was read from the ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant, meeting at that time in the blue room, to attend their social session, immediately following closing of the lodge. The invitation was accepted by a large number of members and visitors.

Jan. 15, 1924. M.W.G.M. Joseph S. McIntyre: At the conclusion of the degree work M.W.G.M. McIntyre delivered an inspiring address, in the course of which he highly commended the efficiency of the brethren who had participated with him in conferring the degree; also expressing his appreciation of the splendid manner in which he had been formally received by the lodges and entertained during the afternoon and evening. At the conclusion of his address, the Grand Master resumed the gavel and called upon several of the numerous visiting brethren for short talks. The hour growing late, the Grand Master closed the lodge without form.

March 25, 1924. Dr. Harold L. Reader, of Webster Groves, Missouri, was introduced and for one hour and thirty minutes his splendid address was given the closest and most profound attention.

July 17, 1925. Wor. Master Stark expressed his deep regret at the very small attendance at the funeral and warmly admonished the lodge on their duty to pay respect to the memory of departed brethren and at the same time on the occasion of public funerals to maintain the dignity of the lodge.

VARIOUS MINUTES

By order of the W.M. the lodge was reduced to the second degree. One seven-passenger car was sufficient to transport the entire lodge

at the funeral. After the burial service the entire lodge was entertained at the home of a sister of our departed brother.

Trustees ordered to pay no more rent on hall until same shall have been repaired.

Past Masters of Granite Lodge No. 272:

1868 J. M. Fox	1921 Arthur W. Rennicks
1869-70 David H. Smith	1922 Forrest P. Norris
1871 Geo. W. Ready	1923 W. F. McElroy
1872 J. C. Thompson	1924 Walter E. Staley
1873 B. G. Wilkerson	1925 Herbert W. Stark
1874 Geo. W. Ready	1926 C. B. Walston
1875 M. L. Jacobs	1927 Frank E. Brown
1876 Geo. W. Ready	1928 Sam Shirley
1877 J. C. Thompson	1929 W. R. Sterling
1878 Isaac Wright	1930 J. Ben Hancock
1879 J. C. Thompson	1931 Geo. L. Rissler
1880 David H. Smith	1932 Thos. W. Aulgur
1881 P. H. Sangree	1933 Robert Ramsey
1882 J. T. Montgomery	1934 Lawrence R. Butcher
1883 N. L. Brown	1935 Kenneth Corbett
1884-85 S. D. Trumbo	1936 Joseph R. Smetana
1886-87 P. H. Sangree	1937 Harry W. Pasley
1888-89 Arch Campbell	1938 Chas. T. Plumlee
1890-91 John D. Russell	1939 Hans J. Staubli
1892 R. C. Woods	1940 Leo Noland
1893-95 George Lord	1941 Charles W. Farley
1896 Arch Campbell	1942 Harry C. O'Neil
1897 Charles H. Zoll	1943 Everett H. White
1898-99 W. S. Epperson	1944 Rollin M. McNeil
1900 Arch Campbell	1945 J. Max Holland
1901 J. C. Parmerlee	1946 Laurie C. Judd
1902 Jas. H. Johnson	1947 Adolph Scott
1903 Geo. E. McNeil	1948 A. I. Walz
1904 Thos. W. Bast	1949 Henry E. Richardson
1905 W. H. Holcroft	1950 Lon V. Morris
1906 Geo. E. McNeil	1951 Lloyd C. Kennon
1907 Mark A. McGruder	1952 N. B. Patton
1908 E. A. Strong	1953 S. F. Swearngen
1909 Chas. F. Ernst	1954 James Waterfield
1910 F. S. Milligan	1955 Edwin W. Sands
1911 Chas. F. Ernst	1956 Harold N. Painter
1912 A. W. Bunyan	1957 Eugene G. Waterfield
1913-14 Sid B. Kennon	1958 Elmer Maune
1915 J. Garnett Jolly	1959 Handy Handley
1916 Chas. L. Marin	1960 Walter W. Jessee
1917 W. A. Wheal	1961 John R. DeWitt
1918 C. A. Gilbert	1962 Clarence H. Coffelt
1919 W. A. Harman	1963 Morris K. Roseboom
1920 Jolly P. Hurtt	1964 Don Walz

GEORGE W. READY

Professor Geo. W. Ready was born in 1836. He was married to Addie Dixon. He was graduated from Allegany College in 1858, and in 1865 from the Michigan University School of Law.

The Professor came to Sedalia in 1867. Sedalia schools were organized in 1867 and in 1868 Broadway School was completed. Geo. O. Brown was the first superintendent in 1868, but in 1869 Ready became superintendent. He organized the Sedalia Seminary and was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ready was a charter member of Granite Lodge and served as Master in 1871, 1874, and 1876. He was admitted to Sedalia Chapter No. 18 and served as high priest in 1869 and 1870. He was Illustrious Master of Sedalia Council No. 5 in 1872, 1873, and 1874. He served as commander of St. Omer No. 11 in 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1885.

Ready served as Secretary of Granite Lodge from 1879 through 1882 and is remembered as one of Pettis County's outstanding citizens.

DAVID H. SMITH

David H. Smith was born in Clark County, Ohio, in 1835. In 1862 he was in the service of the Federal Army, and in 1866 he came to Sedalia. He was a business man.

Smith served as master of Granite Lodge in 1869, 1870, and 1880. He was a charter member of Sedalia Chapter No. 18 and St. Omer Commandery No. 11. He was the first recorder of Sedalia Council No. 5 and served as commander of St. Omer in 1875-77, 1886-87. He died in 1914.

ARTHUR H. THOMPSON

Arthur Thompson was born in Warrenton, Virginia, in 1822. Previous to the Civil War he was at Boonville in 1836. He served at one time as Pettis County Recorder. During the war he was a captain in the Union Forces. He was captured by General Price but released.

Thompson was admitted to Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1867, and in 1870 he was admitted to the order of high priesthood; in 1871 and 1872 he served as secretary, and in 1878 he served as high priest. He was the first illustrious master of Sedalia Council No. 5.

"JIMMY" THOMPSON

James C. Thompson was born at Boonville, Mo., in 1847. In 1866 he came to Sedalia. His occupation was that of cashier of the bank,

and a business man. In 1876 he was treasurer of Pettis County. He was a vestryman of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Thompson was master of Granite Lodge in 1872, 1877, 1879. In 1875 he served as high priest of Sedalia Chapter No. 18. He was greeted in Sedalia Council No. 5 in 1869. In 1873 and again in 1890 he was commander of St. Omer, having previously served as its first recorder. Thompson was a master of Masonic ritual.

Thompson had invested many people's money in a California Orange Company. All was well until the panic of 1893. The company fell. Thompson filled his satchel with cash and fled to old Mexico. A friend visited him there, but he would not return. Thompson was expelled from all Masonic bodies in Sedalia. A picture of his residence appears in the History of Pettis County, 1882.

GEORGE G. VEST

George G. Vest was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, in 1830. He graduated from Centre College and came to Georgetown in 1853 and was enrolled in the Pettis County Bar in November of that year. In 1856 he opened a law office in Boonville, and in 1860 he was elected to the state legislature. In 1861 he attended the "rebel" legislature held at Neosho, Missouri.

After the Civil War he opened a law office in Sedalia in partnership with Col. John F. Philips. From 1880 to 1903 he served as United States Senator from Missouri. He died in 1904.

Vest was raised at Danville, Kentucky, Oct. 5, 1867. In 1868 he became a charter member of Granite Lodge. In 1879 he dimitted from Granite. In 1868 he was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18. In 1868 he was greeted in Sedalia Council.

Vest was the author of the oration "Tribute to a Dog," an address to a jury in 1870 in which he praised the dog in such language that their emotions caused them to hand down a verdict in favor of Vest's client. The supreme court upheld the decision of the jury, stating "a dog is man's best friend."

A TRIBUTE TO THE DOG

The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us, may

be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings, and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the Sun in its journey through the heavens.

If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard him against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes and death takes his master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death.

B. G. WILKERSON

Burwell G. Wilkerson was born in Warren County, Ohio, in 1836. In 1860 he graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and in 1867 he enrolled in the Pettis County Bar. From 1867 to 1870 and in 1874 he served as city attorney; in 1868 he was county attorney.

Wilkerson served as master of Granite Lodge in 1873, secretary for 1876 and 1877, and D.D.G.M. in 1873. He was high priest of Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1871, having previously served as secretary in 1869. He was greeted in Sedalia Council No. 5 in 1868 and served as illustrious master in 1871. He was commander of St. Omer in 1872 and in 1874, 1875, and 1876 was Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri. He was an active member of Fern Leaf Chapter No. 104, O.E.S. Wilkerson died in 1914.

MASONIC DIRECTORY (DEC. 18, 1871)

Saint Omer Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, hold their regular assemblies on the first Tuesday Evening of each month. B. G. Wilkerson, E.C.; M. M. Pritchard, Rec.

Sedalia Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, hold their

regular convocations on the first Thursday of each month. Geo. W. Ready, T.I.G.M.; D. Levy, Rec.

Sedalia Royal Arch Chapter No. 18, hold their regular convocations on the second Thursdays of each month. Benton H. Ingram, H.P.; A. H. Thompson, Secy.

Sedalia Lodge No. 236, A.F. & A.M., meets the Saturday evening on or before the full of the Moon. John Gallie, W.M.; C. G. Taylor, Secy.

Granite Lodge No. 272, A.F. & A.M., meets the third Friday evening of each month. J. C. Thompson, W.M.; W. J. Jennings, Secy.

All the above bodies meet in the Hall, second story of the First National Bank Building, corner of Ohio and Lyon Streets.

V

Green Ridge Lodge No. 425

GREEN RIDGE LODGE, U.D., was organized April 30, 1904, by request of the following brethren, members of Windsor Lodge No. 29, Cold Spring Lodge No. 274, and Knob Noster Lodge No. 245, but residing in or near Green Ridge, Missouri:

L. L. Brannon	H. T. Simpson
J. A. Calvert	Wm. Trail
Robert M. Dunham	J. W. Rodgers
Ennis N. McGary	T. J. Pace
A. L. Manis	J. D. Helman
S. D. Haight	C. W. Denny
G. B. Sturgis	Andrew Habecker
Harold Tomlin	James M. Wood

E. E. Coddling, D.D.G.M., presented the dispensation from the Grand Lodge and the following officers were appointed:

W.M. L. L. Brannon	S.D. E. N. McGary
S.W. J. A. Calvert	J.D. S. D. Height
J.W. Robert M. Dunham	S.S. T. J. Pace
Trs. Andrew Habecker	J.S. J. D. Helman
Sec. James M. Wood	Tylr. J. W. Rodgers
Chp. A. L. Manis	

The charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri Nov. 18, 1904, and the 29 charter members were: L. L. Brannon, J. E. Bagby, J. A. Calvert, W. H. Crisman, R. M. Dunham, C. W. Denny, E. E. Durand, J. D. Helman, S. D. Height, F. E. Helman, Andrew Habecker, C. I. Keegan, E. N. McGary, A. L. Manis, N. J. Manker, L. E. Nicholson, E. E. Newton, T. J. Pace, W. I. Pace, J. W. Rodgers, C. D. Rayburn, A. J. Raines, J. F. Renfrow, W. A. Sanders, G. B. Sturgis, H. T. Simpson, Harold Tomlin, William Trail, and James M. Wood.

James M. Wood, the first secretary, was afterwards President of Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri, for a number of years.

Fifty-year buttons have been presented to Bro. T. J. Pace, 1954, a charter member, and Bro. F. E. Helman, 1955.

One district deputy grand master has been appointed from

425: Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Crisman, D.D.G.M. 1914-1917. Crisman was a charter member of Green Ridge.

Past Masters of Green Ridge Lodge No. 425:

1904-05 L. L. Brannon	1938 F. W. Smithpeter
1906 E. E. Durand	1939 Wilfred Acker
1907-12 W. H. Crisman	1940 Geo. T. Murphy
1913 W. I. Pace	1941 M. C. Swinney
1914 W. H. Crisman	1942 F. E. Helman
1915 E. A. Bennett	1943 S. M. Dowdy
1916 Ira Lot Lee	1944 Glen Heck
1917 E. E. Bagby	1945 Keith Davis
1918 L. H. Wadleigh	1946 R. B. Calvird
1919 J. A. Calvert	1947 Carl Ragar
1920 G. W. Bucher	1948 Roy Ragar
1921 G. D. Rayburn	1949 Royal Ragar
1922 A. N. Baker	1950 Harold Johnson
1923 E. C. Vogelbaugh	1951 Orland Hampton
1924 L. E. Nicholson	1952 J. E. Stark
1925 F. W. Smithpeter	1953 Horace Stark
1926 L. B. Beach	1954 Russell Miller
1927 E. C. Vogelbaugh	1955 Asa Gordon
1928 C. H. Ewart	1956 Price Ruffin
1929 Geo. Bucher	1957 LeRoy Ryan
1930 Wilfred Acker	1958 Russell Lewis
1931 Geo. Bucher	1959 Glen Heck
1932 A. N. Baker	1960 Melvin Ream
1933-34 L. H. Wadleigh	1961 Jack Stevens
1935 F. E. Helman	1962 Sam A. Sloan Jr.
1936 G. D. Rayburn	1963 Raymond Lemke
1937 L. B. Beach	1964 Morris E. Hinken

LA MONTE LODGE NO. 574, A.F. & A.M.

The dispensation to form a lodge of Freemasons at La Monte was granted by Grand Master Leroy B. Valliant on May 30, 1905 and La Monte Lodge No. 574 was chartered September 28, 1905. The charter members were: Dr. Wm. E. Walker, A. B. Gardner, A. C. Alexander, V. E. Keller, Ira Mahin, G. C. Black, George W. Painter (father of the author of this book), W. H. Oglesby, S. E. Oglesby, William Pace, M. D. Scott, and H. E. Woodward.

50-year buttons have been presented to Dr. Wm. E. Walker, 1956, and William Allison, 1956.

The records of La Monte have been destroyed by fire for the years prior to 1921. Today the lodge has a lecturer for each degree and can confer the degrees in an excellent manner. The lodge is entirely free of debt and owns the building in which it meets.

J. A. FLEMING

James Albert Fleming, a prominent banker and farmer at La Monte, was born in 1868. On April 5, 1907, he was raised in La Monte Lodge No. 574. For ten years he served as its treasurer, one year as its secretary, and was a master of Masonic ritual. In 1908 he was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18. He was greeted in Centralia Council No. 34, and dimitted to Sedalia Council No. 42. He was knighted in St. Omer No. 11. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He died in 1948.

DR. W. E. WALKER

Dr. W. E. Walker was a prominent physician in La Monte for half a century. He was raised in No. 574 on Sept. 4, 1905. In 1909 he served as master. In 1955 a special program was held at the Christian Church at which time a 50-year pin was presented to him and tribute given him for his great and lasting services to his community and humanity.

Masters of La Monte Lodge No. 574:

1905 J. F. Caskey	1933 Fred L. Schenk
1906 J. R. Clark	1934-35 R. B. Burke
1907 J. R. Wade	1936-42 R. L. Tucker
1908 J. R. Clark	1943-45 C. A. DeHaven
1909 Wm. E. Walker	1946-48 Norman Hall
1910-11 J. R. Clark	1949-50 R. B. Burke
1912 Ira C. Mahin	1951 L. R. Mahin
1913-14 J. R. Clark	1952 Guy Ballew
1915-16 G. D. Reavis	1953 R. E. De Frain
1917 V. E. Keller	1954 O. G. Agee
1918 J. R. Clark	1955 Everett Wing
1919 J. G. Welborn	1956 W. T. Summerskill
1920-21 L. F. Wade	1957 A. R. Glidewell
1922 Ed D. Guthrie	1958 A. E. Perkins
1923 G. A. Nieweg	1959 Egbert Means
1924-25 C. L. Clingan	1960 Eilbur L. Hayden
1926-27 N. R. Swope	1961 Elmer L. Patterson
1928-29 James M. Baldwin	1962 William Patterson
1930 A. J. Hintz	1963 Tobe M. Hardin
1931-32 G. M. Wellman	1964 Ray Uhlig

THE 36TH MASONIC DISTRICT

A Masonic District is an administrative unit of the Grand Lodge. The D.D.G.M. performs such "chores" as the grand master may direct him to do. The D.D.G.L. inspects the work of all sub-

ordinate lodges, holds schools of instruction, and seeks to improve the craft in their ritualistic work. The 36th district is composed of the following lodges:

Cole Camp No. 595, Cole Camp, Benton County
 Shawnee No. 653, Warsaw, Benton County
 Knob Noster No. 245, Knob Noster, Johnson County
 Holden No. 262, Holden, Johnson County
 Corinthian No. 265, Warrensburg, Johnson County
 Cold Spring No. 274, Leeton, Johnson County
 Chilhowee No. 487, Chilhowee, Johnson County
 Sedalia No. 236, Sedalia, Pettis County
 Granite No. 272, Sedalia, Pettis County
 Green Ridge No. 425, Green Ridge, Pettis County
 La Monte No. 574, La Monte, Pettis County

Masonic population of Pettis County, Missouri:

(First Period)

Year	No. 105	No. 84	Total	Year	No. 105	No. 84	Total
1848	15	..	15	1857	58	29	87
1849	29	..	29	1858	51	39	50
1850	44	..	44	1859	51	43	94
1851	44	..	44	1860	..	53	53
1852	65	..	65	1861	..	55	55
1853	56	..	56	1862	..	53	53
1854	68	..	68	1863	..	53	53
1855	42	18	60	1864	..	41	41
1856	42	29	71				

(Second Period)

Year	No. 84	No. 88	No. 203	No. 236	No. 272	No. 340	No. 436	No. 485	Total
1865	46	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	87
1866	35	..	..	65	..	..	..	..	100
1867	43	24	..	96	..	..	..	..	163
1868	49	31	22	116	34	..	..	..	252
1869	54	35	29	121	44	..	..	..	283
1870	57	38	31	119	58	23	..	..	326
1871	57	33	34	116	67	28	..	..	334
1872	53	27	34	112	68	29	15	..	338
1873	55	26	36	113	66	30	21	..	347
1874	53	24	23	101	75	27	21	23	347
1875	44	21	21	99	66	22	19	23	315
1876	45	22	..	101	71	22	..	22	283
1877	49	20	..	96	67	18	..	23	273
1878	44	..	..	103	76	18	..	23	264
1879	44	..	..	105	67	18	..	..	234

Year	No. 236	No. 272	No. 425	No. 574	Total	Year	No. 236	No. 272	No. 425	No. 574	Total
1880	41	..	..	..	110	70	11	..	..	..	232
1881	41	..	..	..	107	72	11	..	..	..	231
1882	41	..	..	..	107	74	12	..	..	..	234
1883	41	..	..	..	102	78	10	..	..	..	231

(Third Period)

<i>Year</i>	<i>No.</i> 236	<i>No.</i> 272	<i>No.</i> 84	<i>Total</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>No.</i> 236	<i>No.</i> 272	<i>No.</i> 84	<i>Total</i>
1884 ..	111	68	38	217	1895 ..	127	101	16	244
1885 ..	118	69	30	217	1896 ..	127	112	15	254
1886 ..	116	70	28	214	1897 ..	134	113	..	247
1887 ..	127	86	27	240	1898 ..	132	115	..	247
1888 ..	135	90	24	249	1899 ..	126	126	..	252
1889 ..	129	80	23	232	1900 ..	126	142	..	268
1890 ..	131	83	23	237	1901 ..	121	143	..	264
1891 ..	132	89	22	243	1902 ..	140	162	..	302
1892 ..	129	92	17	238	1903 ..	142	180	..	322
1893 ..	131	96	15	242	1904 ..	155	196	..	351
1894 ..	140	102	16	258					

Year	No. 236	No. 272	No. 425	No. 574	Total	Year	No. 236	No. 272	No. 425	No. 574	Total
1905	159	205	30	22	416	1935	412	330	41	44	827
1906	166	197	32	35	430	1936	413	328	41	43	825
1907	173	200	32	40	445	1937	417	334	39	41	831
1908	181	203	33	45	462	1938	411	323	41	40	815
1909	172	171	33	45	421	1939	403	328	37	35	803
1910	183	195	34	45	457	1940	413	316	39	31	799
1911	186	193	39	46	464	1941	421	305	38	28	792
1912	197	179	43	46	465	1942	383	299	38	28	748
1913	196	157	44	47	444	1943	396	318	35	30	779
1914	204	164	47	53	468	1944	398	343	39	30	810
1915	216	177	48	57	498	1945	420	346	44	29	839
1916	228	200	52	53	533	1946	437	373	48	30	888
1917	254	225	57	54	590	1947	451	393	48	31	922
1918	270	243	60	58	631	1948	485	421	52	34	992
1919	296	278	56	62	694	1949	495	430	58	41	1,024
1920	356	352	52	71	731	1950	500	433	58	55	1,036
1921	391	415	59	79	934	1951	521	423	61	50	1,055
1922	416	433	59	73	981	1952	521	432	59	59	1,081
1923	432	442	63	73	1,010	1953	532	430	58	59	1,089
1924	444	451	71	16	1,042	1954	546	432	60	62	1,100
1925	470	473	72	78	1,093	1955	549	433	56	69	1,107
1926	474	466	67	77	1,084	1956	544	451	55	72	1,122
1927	475	479	65	66	1,085	1957	542	467	55	75	1,139
1928	475	443	63	64	1,045	1958	541	460	58	78	1,137
1929	485	460	61	64	1,070	1959	552	481	60	86	1,179

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. 84</i>	<i>No. 88</i>	<i>No. 203</i>	<i>No. 236</i>	<i>No. 272</i>	<i>No. 340</i>	<i>No. 436</i>	<i>No. 485</i>	<i>Total</i>
1930	477	457	61	58	1,053	1960	522	487	57 91 1,187
1931	456	442	60	59	1,017	1961	546	486	55 101 1,188
1932	453	443	59	56	1,011	1962	529	464	56 113 1,162
1933	441	384	59	45	929	1963	519	462	58 119 1,158
1934	418	351	41	45	855				

Ratio of members to population in Pettis County:

<i>Census</i>	<i>Mem- bership</i>	<i>Popu- lation</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>	<i>Census</i>	<i>Mem- bership</i>	<i>Popu- lation</i>	<i>Per Cent</i>
1850	44	5,150	0.85	1910	457	33,913	1.35
1860	100s	9,393	1.06	1920	794a	35,813	2.21
1870	295	18,706	1.57	1930	1,040a	34,664	3.00
1880	232	27,271	0.85	1940	799	33,336	2.39
1890	237	31,151	0.76	1950	1,036	31,577	3.28
1900	268	32,438	0.82	1960	1,187		

s—estimated; a—average

VI

The Defunct Lodges

POTTER LODGE NO. 84

THE DISPENSATION to form a lodge at Longwood, then called Oak Grove, Missouri, was given April 6, 1854, by O. F. Potter, D.D.G.M. Potter Lodge No. 84 was chartered May 25, 1854. The 1856 report is interesting: "The lodge at this time is in the most prosperous condition and the work of the lodge is done in due form." Forty years later the 1896 report states: "All dues remitted to July 1, 1896, with a view toward surrendering our charter." The charter was surrendered on Oct. 17, 1896.

1854—Application for dispensation for Potter Lodge, Dispensation issued by order of D.D.G.M. Potter.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri:

We the undersigned being Master Masons of good standing and having the prosperity of the craft at heart are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Free Masonry and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons we are desirous of forming a new lodge, to be named Potter Lodge. We, therefore, with the approbation of the D.D.G.M. and the lodge nearest our residence respectfully pray for a dispensation, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at Oak Grove, Pettis County, Mo., on the second Saturday of every month and there to discharge the duties of Ancient York Masonry, in a constitutional manner according to the form of the order and the law of the Grand Lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend Brother A. A. Glascock to be the first Master, Bro. T. E. Staples to be the Senior Warden, and Bro. J. W. Roberts to be the first junior Warden of the said lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted we promise strict obedience to the command of the Grand Master and the laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Oak Grove, March 9, 1854: S. B. Scott, T. E. Staples, Jno. F. Feris, J. P. Newbill, Joseph Powell, James Roberts, C. B. Glascock, A. A. Glascock.

1865:

Our Senior Warden will, I presume, represent this lodge in grand

lodge. We need very much to be visited by some lecturer. There is some bad feeling existing among members, and at times some of us are disposed to surrender our charter. But most of us would cling to our charter.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>
1854-55	A. A. Glasscock	1872-73	J. C. Hemphill
1856	J. S. Jones	1874	D. S. Wilcox
1857	T. E. Staples	1875	H. T. Allison
1858	N. T. Allison	1876	Henry B. Walje
1859	J. S. Jones	1877	R. W. Nichols
1860-61	C. Q. Shouse	1878-79	D. H. O'Rear
1862-63	J. R. Davis	1880-81	D. S. Wilcox
1864	N. T. Allison	1882	S. P. Hunt
1865	J. C. Hemphill	1883	R. W. Nichols
1866	M. L. Hodges	1884-85	S. G. Hanley
1867-68	C. Q. Shouse	1886	D. S. Wilcox
1869	J. B. Davis	1887	Virgil E. Keller
1870	D. W. Burford	1888	S. G. Barley
1871	J. B. Davis	1889-90	Virgil E. Keller
		1891-96	S. G. Barley

DRESDEN LODGE NO. 88

The dispensation to form a lodge of Freemasons at Dresden was granted on June 4, 1866, by Grand Master John D. Vincil. Dresden Lodge No. 88 was chartered Oct. 19, 1867. At that time Dresden was a flourishing village on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. The reports to Grand Lodge show the following:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1867	Lawson H. Williams	P. D. Vandyke
1868-71	T. P. McCluney	P. D. Vandyke
1872	Peter Courtney	James H. Cook
1873	T. P. McCluney	Peter Courtney
1874-77	T. P. McCluney	A. G. Hoss

No returns were made in 1874 or 1875 although reports are in the dead file in the Grand Secretary's office, and in July, 1878, Grand Master Ready arrested the charter. The following dimitts are on file: D. M. Payne, 84; Dr. T. P. McCluney, 236; Lawson H. Williams, 105; Reece Hughes, 105; Clay Thompson, 40 (Kentucky); M. P. Thompson, 83 (Michigan); B. F. Wade, 84; B. F. Pitt, 455 (Illinois); H. P. Gray, 105; Clay Thompson, 105; V. V. Thompson, 105; J. M. Clodfellow, 84; others on dispensation but dimitts not files: P. D. Vandyke, J. C. Donohue, W. E. Middleton, William Agee, and Samuel B. Hoss, 105.

Dresden, Mo., Jan. 5th, 1876.

Sec. Frank Couley, Esq.,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir & Bro.—

I have just been ordered by the W.M. of our lodge (Dresden No. 88) to drop a few lines to you and ask what steps we will have to take in order for us to make a surrender of our charter.

Our members, many of them at least, cannot pay their dues on account of *hard times*, again. We have not half as many members now as we had two years ago, they have dimitted to other lodges, and some have gone to other states having their dues unpaid for several years; our lodge has not been reported to you for two years, simply because we did not have the money to accompany the report—and now we think it best for us to surrender our Charter. We did not have members enough present at our last meeting to form a quorum, consequently had no election.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally and C., Albert B. Holl, Sec. Dresden Lodge No. 88, Dresden, Mo.

Feb. 8, 1876: Payment of dues was made and charter was not surrendered.

T. P. McCLUNEY

Dr. Thompson P. McCluney was born in Brook County, West Virginia, in 1836. He came to Missouri in 1843 with his parents. In 1860 he graduated from the Saint Louis Medical College and settled at Dresden in Pettis County. During the civil war he was a surgeon in the U. S. Army at Jefferson Barracks.

In 1866 he was raised in Sedalia Lodge No. 236, but dimitted to become a charter member and to serve for many years as W.M. of Dresden Lodge No. 88. Dr. McCluney was an active member of the Dresden M. E. Church, being superintendent of the Sunday School. He died at Sacramento, California, in 1923.

GREEN RIDGE LODGE NO. 203

A dispensation for the formation of a lodge in Green Ridge, Missouri, was issued by Grand Master John D. Vincil April 3, 1867. On Oct. 19, 1867, Green Ridge Lodge No. 203 was chartered. No returns were made in 1876, and the lodge surrendered its charter. In 1877 the number was assigned to Brumley.

Year	Master	Secretary
1867-68	Josiah McCarey	H. C. Churchill
1869	Josiah McCarey	W. T. Shivel
1870	John R. Gray	J. Frank Tomlin

1871	R. M. Funk	J. Frank Tomlin
1872-73	C. T. Caldwell	J. Frank Tomlin
1874	C. T. Caldwell	J. B. Wells
1875	John R. Gray	J. B. Wells

PARAGON LODGE NO. 485

The dispensation to form a lodge at a place west of Green Ridge was granted on Oct. 17, 1873, by Grand Master Owens. Paragon Lodge No. 485 was chartered Oct. 15, 1874. It met in the school house west of Green Ridge until the building burned; then it met in one of the members' home.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1874-75	Sylvester Sawdy	James Story
1876	Sylvester Sawdy	C. W. Denny
1877	J. C. Stephens	J. B. Wells
1878	J. C. Stephens	John R. Thomas

AMITY LODGE NO. 340

The dispensation to form a lodge at Smithton was granted Oct. 12, 1869, by Grand Master Wm. D. Muir. Amity Lodge No. 340, was chartered on Oct. 13, 1870. This lodge surrendered its charter in January, 1884.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1870	Elmore J. Russell	F. L. Mintle
1871	M. Layman	C. Ringen
1872	Elmore J. Russell	N. H. Haire
1873	M. Layman	N. H. Haire
1874	F. L. Mintie	N. H. Haire
1875	T. Y. Cox	R. W. Overstreet
1876	J. V. Harris	R. W. Overstreet
1877	N. H. Haire	R. W. Overstreet
1878	J. V. Harris	N. H. Haire
1879	T. Y. Cox	J. V. Harris
1880	no returns	
1881-82	D. Smith	J. V. Harris
1883	D. Smith	W. C. Overstreet

LA MONTE LODGE NO. 436

The dispensation to form a lodge in La Monte was granted by grand master Thos. E. Garrett on Feb. 3, 1872. La Monte Lodge No. 436 was chartered on Oct. 16, 1872 and was surrendered in 1878 to Grand Master Ready.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Master</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1872	J. D. Sherman	W. M. Rutan
1873	J. D. Sherman	John B. Harris
1874	T. J. Mason	R. F. Yantis
1875-76	T. J. Mason	B. B. Taylor
1877	W. M. Rutan	S. Conway

WHY SO MANY DEFUNCT LODGES?

The reader may wonder how so many lodges were formed and why so many of them went down. Grand Master Vincil said in 1867:

The condition of the country has been peculiarly favorable to the building up of new lodges all over the State. The rapid development and improvements of many portions of our commonwealth have caused quite a looking up in this respect among good and trusty Craftsmen. Along our public thoroughfares new and rapidly growing towns have sprung up into being, and older points have started up from the war-caused apathy. In many of these places brethren, with commendable enterprise and zeal, had erected excellent halls, furnished them handsomely, and then applied for authority to meet and work as lodges. The truth is, to have refused them would have been to act arbitrarily and without cause. Dispensations have been granted to organize lodges at various points where our order had flourished in other years. But during the war brethren had been scattered and sorely impeded, their lodges broken up, their halls destroyed, and their property in many instances carried off. With blessings of returning peace these scattered brethren, with others settling among them from abroad, have felt the reviving fires kindled on the altars of their masonic hearts, and prayed for "a habitation and a name."

VII

The York Rite

Masonic Hall, December 16, 1866. Sedalia Royal Arch Chapter, U.D. At a meeting of Royal Arch Masons, called for the Purpose of forming a Royal Arch Chapter to be known as Sedalia Chapter to be held in Sedalia, Missouri, the following persons were on examination found to be Royal Arch Masons duly dimitted from their respective chapters as follows: Clifton Wood, George R. Keil, Thos. J. Montgomery, M. M. Lampton, H. C. Smith, D. H. Smith, John B. Gallie, Thos. W. Cloney, J. C. W. Lindsey. The following companions were then elected: George R. Keil, H.P.; Thos. J. Montgomery, King; M. M. Lampton, Scribe; The high priest then suggested the following: H. C. Smith, C.H.; John B. Gallie, P.S.; Thos. W. Cloney, R. A. C.; Clifton Wood, Treasurer; J. C. W. Lindsey, Secretary.

There were 16 charter members: George R. Keil, Thos. J. Montgomery, M. M. Lampton, Clifton Wood, J. C. W. Lindsey, H. C. Smith, D. H. Smith, John B. Gallie, Thos. W. Cloney, Edward Powell, John A. Pigg, M. Layman, W. C. Overstreet, Josiah McCarrey, George Anderson, W. H. Findlay, George Stucker and W. W. Wharton.

They were admitted to membership as of Dec. 31, 1866 and the first class of nine candidates was elected on Dec. 31, 1866.

Masonic Hall, Dec. 31st, 1866. A chapter was opened in the Royal Arch Degree by order of Companion S. W. Mitchell, P. H. P. of Jefferson City Chapter. After being opened in due form P.H.P. Mitchell ordered the dispensation to be read aloud, authorizing Sedalia Chapter to meet and work.

Nov. 7th, 1867: Date of charter, Oct. 24, 1867.

Sedalia Royal Arch Chapter No. 18 was duly constituted by W. E. Dunscomb, G.H.P., who installed the following officers: George R. Keil, H.P.; T. J. Montgomery, King; M. M. Lampton, Scribe; Clifton Wood, Treasurer; J. C. W. Lindsey, Secretary. Received \$1,365.30. Paid out \$1,201.39. Balance on hand \$163.91.

The February, 1868, property items include:

1 doz. spittoons	\$ 4.90
1 iron mortar	1.25
1 sofa	31.25

The by-laws of the chapter were adopted on Jan. 24, 1867; revised on April 14, 1870; revised on April 8, 1897; revised on April 9, 1925; and revised on Sept. 9, 1954.

Benton H. Ingram, who served as high priest in 1872, was Grand Master of Masons of the State of Missouri, 1891.

A note from the 1912 minutes:

January 11, 1912, January Blissard.

February 8, 1912, A beautiful evening.

(In both instances the secretary noted "no quorum.")

On the 16th day of December, 1916, the 50th anniversary of the founding of Sedalia Chapter was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies at which time honors were conferred upon Companion John B. Gallie, the only living charter member at that time.

The Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Missouri, held their annual convocations in Sedalia in 1921, 1938, and 1953.

Nov. 10, 1927. Ex. Comp. George C. Marquis, G.L., visited the chapter, acted as king, and assisted in the work and made many valuable suggestions in relation to the progress of capitular masonry.

DR. JOSEPH M. FOX

Dr. Joseph M. Fox was born in Kentucky in 1832. He graduated from Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, in medicine.

Fox was raised in June, 1856, in Relief Lodge No. 105, at Georgetown. Relief Lodge was controlled by Union men, and Fox was an ardent southerner for he organized the first confederate company at Sedalia. From accounts available he helped the southern cause in other ways (may I say as a spy?). Relief Lodge went down in 1860, but Fox would not or could not become admitted to Sedalia Lodge, which lodge he nevertheless visited often, according to the register of visitors; his last visit being June 21, 1866. Grand Lodge granted him a dimit on July 8, 1866, and he became a leader of the group of Masons who formed Granite Lodge No. 272, of which he was first Master, having signed the dispensation.



Joseph M. Fox

The esteem in which Dr. Fox was held by his brethren was also evident in his York Rite activities. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter, U. D. (now No. 18), July 11, 1867 and was its first high priest under charter in 1868. He passed the circle in Sedalia Council, No. 5, Feb. 11, 1868 and became Thrice Illustrious Master in 1869. He received the Orders of Christian Knighthood on Feb. 2, 1869, assisted in the formation of St. Omer Commandery, No. 11, and was its first Eminent Commander under charter in 1870.

The qualities of leadership that distinguished him within his home community also quickly brought him

positions of state-wide responsibility. In 1869 he was elevated to the office of Grand Thrice Illustrious, the third highest office in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters at that time. A year later, Dr. Fox was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery at its assembly in St. Louis on Oct. 4, 1870.

Only two days after his election as Deputy Grand Commander, Dr. Fox received one of the most unique honors ever bestowed upon a Royal Arch Mason in Missouri. His Companions emphasized their approval of his Masonic career by electing him from the floor to the highest office within their gift, that of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He had never previously held any office in the Grand Chapter. He was re-elected in 1871 and again in 1872 by unanimous vote.

Dr. Fox died at Victor, Colo., November 28, 1908 at the age of 75.

Grand High Priest Fox delivered the following address at the 25th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1871:

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:

Profoundly grateful to the Giver of all Good for His mercies and favors, I am here to-day to render you a report of my acts, as briefly as possible, as the High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction, for the year just closed.

The Chapters chartered by this Grand body at its last annual convoca-

tion have all been organized under their charters and regularly set to work by proper and competent officers.

Palestine Chapter, U.D., at Miami, in Saline county, was instituted and set to work by the lamented Houston, who had my authority to exalt three candidates at the time of its institution. This I believe was the last work performed by our deeply-regretted Brother and Companion in his Masonic character.

A dispensation for a Chapter at Stockton, in Cedar county, to be called Golden Ark Royal Arch Chapter, was also granted at our last annual meeting, and Comp. Allan McDowell delegated to set it to work. I need scarcely say that upon this occasion, as upon all others, Comp. McDowell did his work well.

My time during the past year has been so completely occupied in the conduct of my private business that I have been able to visit but few of the many Chapters in this jurisdiction.

I have found time, however, and it has afforded me no little pleasure, to visit the following: Zerubbabel, No. 59; St. Joseph, No. 14; Lone Star, No. 30; Kansas City, No. 28; Sedalia, No. 18; Jefferson City, No. 34; Boonville, No. 60; Nevada, No. 56; Signet, No. 68; Orion, No. 49; St. Louis, No. 8; Rolla, No. 32; Springfield, No. 15; and Meridian Sun, No. 61. In several of these Chapters I witnessed the conferring of the Capitular degrees, and I here make record of the fact that in nearly every instance the beautiful and imposing ceremonies of the degrees were conducted in a becoming spirit, and the work performed in a manner alike creditable to the Chapter and to the Lecturer who had given the ritualistic lessons. In some localities a little more vitality and energy, and a more prompt and full attendance at stated meetings, is desirable; and in other localities a more cautious and judicious use of the ballot is respectfully, but earnestly, suggested.

Upon application from Weston Chapter, I granted a dispensation for that Chapter to elect officers in January last, a sufficient number of members not being present at the meeting at which the regular elections should have been had.

In February last I received a petition signed by nearly all the members of Boonville Chapter, stating that the High Priest of that Chapter had moved out of its jurisdiction, and asking for a special dispensation to elect another in his stead. Dispensation granted. I also granted a dispensation to Hannibal Chapter to elect a Treasurer, the office having become vacant by the death of the Companion who had been elected to fill it.

I have also granted dispensations for the formation of the following new Chapters.

Midian Chapter, Ironton, Iron county, April 4, 1871.

Versailles Chapter, Versailles, Morgan county, June 2, 1871.

St. Charles Chapter, St. Charles, St. Charles county, June 12, 1871.

Qualified Companions were appointed to set these Chapters to work, and they were duly instituted.

In the case of Adoniram Chapter, referred by the Grand Chapter, at its last session, to the Grand High Priest for his action, I make the following report:

Finding that my business engagements would utterly preclude the possibility of my going to Shelbina, I commissioned Comp. McDowell to visit Adoniram Chapter, and instructed him to examine into and investigate closely all the circumstances surrounding that body, and report thereon. That officer reported that the High Priest first selected and named in the dispensation had changed his residence and was living some distance from Shelbina, at which point the Chapter was located. That the Companions were desirous of perfecting their organization and gave evidence of a disposition and intention—if permitted to do so—of working earnestly, zealously and intelligently as Royal Arch Masons.

Reviewing all the circumstances of the case, and believing that the Royal Art would not suffer at the hands of the Companions of Adoniram Chapter, and wishing to give them an opportunity to prove their skill by the exhibition of "good work and true work," I deemed it best to recall the original dispensation and issue another, naming Comp. J. C. Hale as High Priest. The dispensation bears date June 6th, 1871. The Chapter was instituted under the supervision of Comp. McDowell. The customary fee of ninety dollars was paid when the original dispensation was granted. I recommend that this payment be made to apply to the dispensation last issued, . . .

I attended the late triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, and in accordance with the instructions of our last Grand Chapter, cast the vote of Missouri for the amendment proposing to eliminate the Past Master's from the Capitular degrees. I regret to say, however, that the amendment failed in its passage, and the Past Master's degree remains in the Capitular rite. The position taken by the Grand Chapter of Missouri upon this question was well sustained in an able and exhaustive argument made by Comp. Gouley before the General Grand Chapter.

Other legislation of vital interest to State Grand Chapters, and to the Royal craft generally, was had by the General Grand Chapter, of which you will be specifically and officially advised.

Companions: Fully impressed with the belief that you, the representatives of the subordinate Chapters of this Grand jurisdiction, thoroughly understand and appreciate the governing principles of our noble institution; that you are familiar with the landmarks of our order; that you recognize the importance and solemnity of your duties and obligations as Royal Arch Masons, and that you need no reminder of the responsibilities attaching to you as members of the great Brotherhood, I deem it neither well nor proper, upon this occasion, to deliver you a lengthy, or even a brief, discourse upon the subject of Masonry, its origin, its mission, its purposes, or its lessons. I have contented myself, therefore, with laying before you, as succinctly as possible, my official acts, and express the hope that you may be satisfied with them.

Appreciating in the highest sense the honor you did me twelve months ago by giving me the office I now vacate, I beg you to accept my most grateful acknowledgements.

The fervent prayer of my heart is, that always, as now, throughout this entire jurisdiction, there may be found prevailing, peace and harmony.

J. M. FOX,
Grand High Priest.

1872

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:

A custom, honored alike by expediency and age, invests my office with the pleasing duty of extending to you, as I most gladly do, on this, your twenty-sixth annual convocation, a cordial and fraternal welcome.

Admonished as we are, Companions, in all our ways, to acknowledge God, we will not forget to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Omnipotent Grand High Priest of the Universe, for the privilege again renewed to us of assembling beneath this glorious Arch, to scan our work, renew our pledges of love and devotion to each other, of continued fealty to our cause, and of faith, full and fervid, in the noble and exalted mission of our order.

The record of my official acts, which is herewith presented, is brief.

At the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, several subordinate Chapters were chartered, all of which have been legally and properly set to work by competent and well-informed Companions, and from them come the most gratifying reports of their gradual increase in good material and membership, and general prosperity.

During the year I have issued the following dispensations:

January 13, to Fayette Chapter, No. 5, to elect officers.

January 17, to Tyrian Chapter, No. 52, to elect officers.

April 17, to Gentryville Chapter, No. 44, to elect officers.

March 18, I issued a dispensation to certain Companions at Cape Girardeau, for the formation of a new Chapter to be called Wilson Royal Arch Chapter, with W. B. Wilson as High Priest, J. Henry Rider, King, and Robert T. Henderson, Scribe. Comp. H. M. Rhodus, Past High Priest of Bellefontaine Chapter, was commissioned to set the new Chapter to work, a duty which he performed to the entire satisfaction of the petitioners.

On April 15th a dispensation was granted to constitute a Chapter at Marshall, in Saline County, to be called Saline Royal Arch Chapter. Comp. Adair Wilson was named as the first High Priest, Comp. M. T. Chastain as King, and Comp. H. D. Dook as Scribe. This Chapter was set to work by the District Deputy Lecturer, M. E. X. Ryland, who, in the performance of the task, instructed the officers in their duties respectively, as well as in the work and lectures in the several degrees.

A petition from the proper number of Companions residing in and near Butler, Bates county, asking for authority to establish a Chapter at that point, was received and the authority given. Comp. W. W. Ross was

selected as High Priest, Comp. C. M. Peck as King, and Comp. I. E. Holcomb as Scribe. The Companions were set to work by M. E. R. O. Bog-gess, Past High Priest of Harrisonville Chapter, and subsequently were thoroughly and efficiently instructed in the ritual of Capitular Masonry, by M. E. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer.

I unhesitatingly recommend that charters be granted these three Chap-ters.

It is incumbent upon me, Companions, to call your attention to the following resolution, adopted by the General Grand Chapter, at its ses-sion held in the city of Baltimore, in September of last year.

Resolved, That the State Grand Chapters throughout the jurisdiction be requested to cause to be paid annually to the General Grand Secretary of this General Grand Chapter, the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their an-nual reports; the fund so created to be used to defray the necessary ex-penses of the General Grand Chapter. And the General Grand Secretary be, and hereby is instructed to pay to the General Grand Treasurer the amount so collected, and make report thereof at each Triennial Convoca-tion.

From this, Companions, you will perceive that it becomes necessary for this Grand Body to take such action and make such provision as will meet the views of the General Grand Chapter, as embodied in the resolution just read. I therefore make the following suggestion, for your considera-tion and action: That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to remit to the General Grand Secretary the said "sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls" of chartered Chapters making returns to this Grand Chapter; this action to be applicable to the present as well as the future convocations of this body.

On the third day of the present month, St. Charles Chapter, No. 74, formally surrendered its Charter. The reasons impelling the Chapter to this course, are fully set forth in a letter signed by nearly all, if not all, of the members of said Chapter, which letter is presented herewith.

Accompanying this paper is the report of the Grand Lecturer. A care-ful reading of its contents will convince you that he has done his whole duty. Being himself careful in the study of the ritual and lessons of Royal Arch Masonry, he has been no less careful when called upon to impart information or give instruction to others.

You will also find herewith a report from the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, J. E. Carter, touching some matters referred to him during my re-cent absence from the State.

And in this connection, Companions, I wish to say that, owing to my frequent and unavoidable absence from the State, I have been able to visit but few of the subordinate Chapters. It was my wish and my pur-pose, during the term of my office, to have made visitations to many of the Chapters, that I might witness the work, take part in the beautiful and instructive ceremonies of our rites, and that I might contribute the little that I could to the general good of the order.

During the past two years, my Companions, no question has been submitted for my action, the proper solution of which could not be found in the plain written law. And you will notice that, in this, as well as in the first report I had the honor to make to this Grand Body, there is no special mention of any decisions. This is, in my opinion, a most gratifying, and, I may say, so far as the Chapters are interested, a most complimentary showing. For, as in the case of nations, whose prosperity is best attested by the absence, rather than the presence, of great statutory bulk, so in this instance it is with ourselves.

When men are well informed and act intelligently on their information, the necessity for specific direction becomes reduced to a minimum. The absence, therefore, of official decisions in the records of the past two years, is a fact upon which I must congratulate the real friends of Capital Masonry. It is the best evidence that can be adduced to show the zeal, industry and knowledge of the brethren, and to display the admirably harmonious working of the multifarious interests that attach themselves to our order. And this is the more gratifying, as indicative of a high degree of information in the knowledge of Lodge work, Lodge laws and Symbolic Masonry generally. For so beautifully accurate and progressive are the blendings of the Lodge with the Chapter, that when the Master Mason thoroughly understands and appreciates his Lodge, he cannot fail to become an efficient and intelligent worker in his Chapter. The industry and erudition of my predecessors in office, have also contributed no slight share to the result of which I speak. Nearly every emergency likely to arise in the operations of the order, has been already so clearly adjudicated by earnest, learned and discreet men, occupying positions either as makers or exponents of the law, that the cases in which the decision and authority of your executive officer can properly be invoked, must decrease, as they have been decreasing, with the efflux of time and the increase of light.

Gathered together again, Companions, within the ample measure of our Royal Arch, and surveying with the Craftsman's eye the noble structure of our Lord, we find its masonry still compact and workmanlike, its beauty unimpaired, its span as wide and its height as illimitably grand and lofty as of old. We find the sublime principles and teachings of our order still enlightening the minds and brightening the hearts of our brethren, conveying lessons of beauty, harmony and wisdom, which, as maxims of immutable truth, will continue to be admired and loved, while Heaven's glorious firmament endures.

The sacred mission of our order continues to make its impress upon our civilization, cheering the afflicted with its aid and its sympathy and its counsel, and ennobling the strong with its brilliant and exalted philosophy. So may it continue to prosper and advance with time, dispensing its beneficence and blessings, until its noble goal shall have been reached and earth itself, its duty all performed, shall halt upon the confines of eternity.

J. M. FOX,
Grand High Priest.

JOLLY P. HURTT

Jolly P. Hurtt was born in Pettis County May 11, 1879, on a farm near Sedalia. He was educated in the public schools and Central Business College. In 1898 he married Effie Harris, and they had one son, Charles W. Hurtt, now a drug store proprietor in Sedalia.



Jolly P. Hurtt

Jolly became a Master Mason in Granite Lodge No. 272 in 1916, and in 1920 served as master. He gave the second degree lecture before he was raised in the Sublime Degree. He was exalted in Sedalia Chapter No. 18 in 1917, and in 1922 served as high priest. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1922 and in 1947 was Excellent President of the Order in Missouri. He was made a Grand Representative in 1935. In 1944-45 and again in 1946 he served as Grand High Priest of Missouri.

He was greeted in Centralia Council No. 34 in 1917 and in 1922 became a charter member of Sedalia Council No. 42, and in 1926 he served as illustrious master. He was made a Grand Representative in 1947. In 1950 he received the Order of the Silver Trowel. He was knighted in St. Omer Commandery No. 11 in 1919, and in 1925 he served as commander.

Hurtt was secretary of Granite Lodge, and the chapter, council, and commandery from 1938 through 1946. Member of the Masonic Temple Board. Member Missouri Lodge of Research. Advisor of Sedalia Chapter No. 29, Order of DeMolay. Member of Red Cross of Constantine. He was made a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in 1942. In 1921 he served as patron of Sedalia Chapter No. 57, O.E.S. He was a member of the Scottish Rite bodies in Kansas City, and a member of Ararat Temple in Kansas City. He died on Nov. 20, 1950.

Most Excellent Companion Hurtt remained at the helm of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons through three years as a result of war time conditions. His final year in office was observed as the Chapter's centennial year and despite the necessary restraints

imposed in the interests of the war effort, there was a large attendance of distinguished visitors:

Illinois: M.E. Comp. Stanley N. Wilson, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Everett R. Turnbull, Past Grand High Priest; Comp. H. Roy Ellison, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council; Ex. Comp. Robert E. McCloud, Grand Royal Arch Captain; R.E. Comp. E. M. Campbell, Grand King; Ex. Comp. Lloyd E. Stickel, Grand Master Second Veil; M.E. Comp. Edward E. Core, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary; R.E. Comp. Louis H. Schneider, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Iowa: M.E. Comp. Walter Gillette, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. George E. Sanders, Grand Scribe; Comp. Vernon R. McKay, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery.

Kansas: M.E. Comp. V. Royal Vergades, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Holmes W. Haviland, Past Grand High Priest.

Louisiana: M.E. Comp. C. M. Leland, Grand High Priest.

Minnesota: M.E. Comp. Ernest Malmberg, Grand High Priest.

Nebraska: Ex. Comp. Harold H. Thom, Grand Master Second Veil.

Ohio: M.E. Comp. Frank DeLay, Grand High Priest.

Oklahoma: M.E. Comp. R. E. Newhouse, Grand High Priest; Ex. Comp. G. B. Young, Grand Master, Grand Council.

Tennessee: M.E. Comp. T. E. Doss, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary; Ex. Comp. J. Robert English, Grand Master, Grand Council; M.E. Comp. J. I. Walker, Past Grand High Priest.

Wisconsin: M.E. Comp. Gilbert R. Gehrke, Grand High Priest.

Canada: M.E. Comp. Frank E. Simmons, Past Grand First Principal.

Mexico: Ex. Comp. Marcus A. Loevy, Past High Priest.

Missouri: Ex. Comp. Walter H. Niestrath, Grand Master, Grand Council; Ex. Comp. J. Fred Park, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery; M.E. Comp. Willis J. Bray, Grand Master, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Grand Encampment, K.T., U.S.A.: Ex. Comp. William C. Gordon, Grand Senior Warden; Comp. Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Standard Bearer.

General Grand Council, R. & S.M., U.S.A.: M.E. Comp. W. Frank Wells, General Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of Georgia; M.E. Comp. Bert S. Lee, Past General Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of Missouri.

General Grand Chapter: M.E. Companions Ray V. Denslow, General Grand High Priest (Mo.); Roscoe R. Walcutt, General Grand Secretary (Ohio); Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand Captain of the Host (Iowa); Edmund E. Morris, General Grand Treasurer (Mo.); Robert F. Janes, General Grand Principal Sojourner (N.Y.); William E. Pool, General Grand Custodian (Minn.); J. Luther Jordan, General Grand Sentinel (La.); Ward A. Rowbottom, G. G. Master First Veil (Wis.).

FROM THE ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri:

COMPANIONS: For the third consecutive year I find myself presiding over the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. Not

through any personal desire on my part, but because of events which have occurred making such a situation necessary.

This is our Centennial Year. It reminds us that for over a century representatives such as you and I have met in annual convocation to consider and carry out plans for the promulgation of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. No member of the original convention which formed this Grand Chapter is now living; so far as I know, none are living who knew any of those present on that occasion, for the memory of man does not run back more than half a century in considering Masonic acquaintances. We are meeting in the very city (St. Louis) in which the first convention of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held; it was presided over by a very distinguished Freemason in the early days, J. W. S. Mitchell, whose fame as a wise and accomplished Freemason went far beyond the confines of this jurisdiction. He was the author of a two volume history of Freemasonry, which, in view of the information then available, was regarded as an outstanding work of its kind. Study and recent discoveries have made obsolete the Mitchell history, but it marked the beginning of Masonic education in Missouri.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri has been distinguished throughout this one hundred years by its capable and energetic leadership. Most of the leaders in Freemasonry have served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and it is due to their wisdom and advice that our branch of the fraternity has prospered amidst both prosperity and adversity. The list has included men who have made their mark in the civic, fraternal, political, and religious world, and we today are part of the heritage they have left us.

Any institution which can survive over a period of one hundred years must of necessity have something to it which justifies its existence. We are proud of the fact that in the early days of the Masonic Home of Missouri, it was the contributions of the Knights Templar and the Royal Arch Masons which made the Home a possibility and a success. The time has passed when our contributions are necessary to the support of this magnificent institution, but there are other places and things to which our charity may be given, as is shown by the proceedings of the past several years. Every Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction should be proud of the contributions made by this Grand Chapter to worthy and commendable purposes. Nor have our contributions been limited to the narrow field of our own jurisdiction, but their effects are felt in far-flung countries where the need for succor and relief is greater than within our own confines.

As we gather here today let us firmly resolve that the next one hundred years of Capitular Masonry may demonstrate that Royal Arch Masonry is adjustable to any age or condition, that it has a definite purpose in our community other than mere entertainment and sociability. Only as we exercise care in the selection of our leaders and those who are destined to lead our organization in local communities can we insure proper guidance in the years to come.

Owing to governmental orders issued by the O.D.T., it was impossible to hold our regular annual convocation in 1945 as planned. Believing

that it was the wish of the membership throughout Missouri to hold some sort of a convocation, I called together in streamlined convocation the Grand Officers and committee members on Tuesday, April 24, 1945, at the Hotel President in Kansas City, Mo. On that occasion I attempted to carry out, so far as possible, the routine work of the Grand Chapter. Nothing of a controversial nature was brought up or passed upon. The proceedings of the convocation are in print and have been distributed to all concerned.

I ask the approval of the Grand Chapter of my action in this matter. . . .

Shortly after the conclusion of the annual convocation last year several important matters developed which have resulted in the resignation of Grand Lecturer George C. Marquis and the appointment of his successor. Most of our members are fully aware of the fact that Companion Marquis, because of physical incapacity, was unable to render his usual service to the Grand Chapter for a period of more than a year. His condition was such that he felt he could not carry on the activities of the Grand Lecturer in a manner which would satisfy the Royal Arch membership in Missouri. Consequently, after considerable correspondence, he presented his resignation effective December 31, 1945.

In the meantime the question of his successor was being carefully investigated, resulting in the appointment of Bruce H. Hunt, Kirksville, Mo., as Grand Lecturer. Companion Hunt's appointment had the approval of all his companions in Kirksville, including Grand Master Willis J. Bray. He is a past presiding officer of lodge, chapter, council, and commandery, and at the present time is serving as District Deputy Grand Master of his Masonic District. He is a young man, full of enthusiasm and zeal for the Masonic cause, and his work the past three months fully assures me that no mistake has been made in his appointment. . . .

A LETTER

Sedalia Chapter No. 18, R.A.M.

Sedalia Council No. 42, R. & S.M.

Dear Friends:

During the darkest hours between my husband's sudden death and the moment he was laid to rest one of the most comforting things to me was the consideration and kindness shown me by members of Abigail Lodge No. 544 of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Through his membership in the Sedalia Lodges and the Illmo Mo. Lodge everything that could be done for my comfort was done—my wishes followed to the letter. The service was beautiful and exactly as Frank had wished it to be.

Your flowers were lovely and certainly were a source of comfort to me.

For all these things I want to express my thanks.

Sincerely,
Ruth C. Filkins

Moundsville, West Virginia
December 30, 1955

Past High Priests, Sedalia Chapter No. 18:

1867 George R. Keil	1921 Sam Shirley
1868 J. M. Fox	1922 Jolly P. Hurtt
1869-70 George W. Ready	1923 Ernest W. Dugan
1871 B. G. Wilkerson	1924 H. G. McDaniel
1872 B. H. Ingram	1925 Eugene Hansman
1873 A. D. Jaynes	1926 A. W. Rennicks
1874 O. A. Crandall	1927 Rollin M. McNeil
1875 J. C. Thompson	1928 E. P. Carl
1876 M. M. Pritchard	1929 Leo Harris
1877 John B. Gallie	1930 Byrd K. Higgins
1878 Arthur H. Thompson	1931 Robert Ramsey
1879-80 F. A. Sampson	1932 Thos. W. Aulgur
1881 A. G. Halland	1933 Walter E. Staley
1882-83 A. P. Morey	1934 Linden L. Jones
1884-86 F. A. Sampson	1935 W. T. Stephens
1887 John A. Lacy	1936 William Lewis
1888-89 J. L. Smith	1937 Kenneth Corbett
1890-91 Arch Campbell	1938 Elmer Fingland
1892 George Lord	1939 Chas. T. Plumlee
1893 H. G. Clark	1940 Glenn J. Kirkpatrick
1894 William Latour	1941 Henry F. Niemann
1895-97 Arch Campbell	1942 Joseph R. Smetana
1898 J. W. Mallery	1943 Hans J. Staubli
1899 W. S. Epperson	1944 Lawrence Barnett
1900-01 John P. Gass	1945 Bryan Howe
1902 Charles H. Zoll	1946 Everett H. White
1903 James H. Johnson	1947 William L. Reed
1904 George E. McNeil	1948 J. Max Holland
1905 J. C. Farmerlee	1949 Laurie C. Judd
1906 Charles E. Baker	1950 Everett C. Kemp
1907 E. A. Strong	1951 Lloyd C. Kennon
1908 E. A. Sisson	1952 Floyd G. Knerl
1909 John P. Gass	1953 Francis C. Rudd
1910 George E. McNeil	1954 Harold N. Painter
1911 Elroy E. Coddling	1955 Lloyd Kirkpatrick
1912 Charles E. Baker	1956 George E. Chamberlin
1913 George W. McVey	1957 Clarence H. Coffelt
1914 George F. Boothe	1958 Jesse H. Gwinn
1915 H. Bert Wright	1959 Homer H. Gwinn
1916 Wm. A. Davidson	1960 Roy F. Spears
1917 Joel E. Roark	1961 Marion L. Meyers
1918 Del C. Moore	1962 George W. Ray
1919 Sid B. Kennon	1963 Ralph I. Morgan
1920 A. M. Harlan	1964 Charlie F. Pahlow

Grand High Priests:

1870-72 J. M. Fox
1944-45 Jolly P. Hurtt

SEDALIA COUNCIL NO. 5

On Jan. 10, 1868, a dispensation was issued to the companions at Sedalia in order that they might form a council to be known as Sedalia Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters.

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council, Oct. 9, 1868, a charter was granted to the companions at Sedalia. This council did not do very well and on Oct. 6, 1876, the charter was arrested. The minutes show a frequent change of recorders and this may have been a factor in its lack of success. No council is listed in the Masonic Directory for 1875 in the Sedalia Bazaar.

Members of Sedalia Council No. 5:

A. W. Bugefeld
A. Campbell
J. E. Carter
A. A. Case
N. H. Comklin
D. Simon Florsheim
J. M. Fox
John B. Gallie
Rod Gallie
Arthur Green
M. Henoch
Henry P. Hull
Jno. M. Hustead
A. D. Jaynes
John F. Jenkins
Geo. R. Keil
A. Clay King
M. M. Lampton
Peter Latsch
R. E. Lemon
David Levy
H. Leup
J. C. W. Lindsey
Allan McDowell

A. A. Moore
John F. Philips
J. A. Pigg
Geo. W. Port
Luke A. Port
Geo. W. Prince
M. M. Pritchard
Geo. W. Ready
Wm. Rogherick
J. M. Shook
David H. Smith
William Sperling
John R. Stewart
Seth Stoughton
G. A. Sturges
Henry Suess
A. H. Thompson
J. C. Thompson
George G. Vest
Wilkins Watson
Burwell G. Wilkerson
Clifton Wood
J. M. Woolridge

GRAND MASTER 1872-ALLAN McDOWELL

R.W. Bro. McDowell, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge from 1870 until his death in 1906, petitioned Sedalia Council, No. 5, and received the Royal and Select Master degrees in 1870. Two years later he was elected Grand Master of the Council in Missouri.

During his lifetime he won the recognition as "Mr. Mason" in Missouri and was so beloved by his brethren there is little doubt that many, if not all of the subordinate Lodges, Chapters, Councils

and Commanderies regarded him as among their "very own." Sedalia and Pettis County shared in this high regard of Brother McDowell, more so for his having even temporarily been listed on the rolls of the ill-fated No. 5. Following its collapse, he placed his membership with Hiram Council, No. 1, at St. Louis.

The Grand Lodge proceedings of 1906 gives this account of his life:

R.W. Bro. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was born in Randolph County, Arkansas, March 9, 1833, and died in Kansas City, Mo. May 20, 1906, aged seventy-three years.

He was made a mason in Greenfield Lodge No. 87 at Greenfield, in 1855, and was Worshipful Master in 1859 and 1860. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District in 1860, 1867 and 1868. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant in 1867, and Grand Lecturer in 1870, which position he filled with distinguished ability until his death.

He was exalted in Springfield Royal Arch Chapter, No. 15, in 1859. Ten years later he was High Priest of Greenfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 58. He was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer in 1869, and Grand Lecturer in 1870, serving for twenty years. He was elected Grand King in 1891, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1892, and Grand High Priest in 1893.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Sedalia Council, No. 5, in 1870, and in 1872 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1870, and in 1872 was elected Vice-President, which office he filled thirty-four years.

He was Knighted in O'Sullivan Commandery, No. 15, at Nevada, Mo., in 1870 and assisted in organizing St. John's Commandery, No. 20, at Springfield in 1872, Constantine Commandery, No. 27, at Greenfield in 1875, and Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 29, at Jefferson City in 1877. The last he served as Eminent Commander.

He was Grand Commander in 1888, and at the time of his death was Representative near the Grand Bodies of Missouri of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, the Grand Council of Tennessee, and the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

His membership in his later years was in Jefferson Lodge No. 43, at Jefferson City; Greenfield Chapter, No. 38, Hiram Council No. 1, at St.



Allan McDowell

Louis, and Prince of Peace Commandery, No. 29, at Jefferson City.

He received his education in the common schools of Dade County, Missouri, or, rather, began it there, for he was a student all his life. At the age of seventeen he became a Deputy in the office of his father, Circuit and County Clerk of Dade County. During the years he worked as a Deputy he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1859. While he filled with marked ability every position to which he was chosen, yet his fame as a wise and distinguished Mason rests chiefly upon his work as a Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, from 1870 until his death, last May. Joined to his perfect acquaintance of our Ritual was a wealth of historic knowledge that made his schools of instruction educational in a general sense. A man of broad and varied culture and of undoubted devotion to Freemasonry, he drew men to him and commanded the confidence and esteem of those who knew him best. The high standing of Missouri masonry today and the proficiency of the Craft in all parts of this Grand Jurisdiction are owing, in large measure, to the patient and faithful work of Allan McDowell.

The enduring monument to the fame of Allan McDowell is the Masonic Fraternity of Missouri, to whose upbuilding he gave more than a third of a century of skilled service. His own interpretation of the principles of Freemasonry is best expressed in his own language:

HIGH TWELVE

A brave man struggling for the right,
Who death defies;
A good man overpowered by might,
And low he lies.
He dare not, can not, will not give
Truth's cause away.
Yea, he would rather cease to live
Than trust betray.
High Twelve.

LOW TWELVE

In darkness in the dead of night
They make his grave,
And might has triumphed over right,
With none to save.
The life which was the soul of duty,
Gone with a breath,
And he who was the type of beauty,
Pulseless in death.
Low Twelve.

HIGH TWELVE

Lo, Judah's lion stoops to save,
His strong right hand
Is reaching downward to the grave.

The dead shall stand.
A grip, a word, he springs upright,
The shadows fly,
He basks in heaven's eternal light,
No more to die.
High Twelve.

KING DAVID COUNCIL NO. 31

King David Council No. 31, R. & S.M., was chartered April 22, 1902. This council had a stormy life and the recorder moved to Arkansas. No returns were made and no per capita tax was paid to the Grand Council. The records were never recovered, and on July 18, 1911, the charter was arrested.

The Sedalia Directory for 1909-1910 contains the following entry: King David Council No. 31, R. & S.M., meets fourth Thurs. in each month in Masonic Temple, 7th & Osage. C. E. Baker, Ill. M., R. J. Dalby, Rec.

SEDALIA COUNCIL NO. 42

On November 21, 1921, a meeting of Council members living in Sedalia and vicinity desiring to organize a Council was held in the Masonic Temple. A petition was circulated to learn their wish and if they would affiliate.

On Dec. 28, 1921, "quite a large number were present and the committee reported to having the signatures of 82 council members."

On Jan. 14, 1922, a meeting was called by Ill.G.M. James Price for the purpose of instituting a Council. The letter of dispensation bore the date Jan. 7, 1922.

"At this time Grand Master Price presented to Sedalia Council U.D., R. & S.M., which had just been instituted a beautiful piece of work emblematic of the work presented by our workmen to our ancient grand master H.A. to be used in conferring the R.M. degree and which bore the following inscription: 'Presented to Sedalia Council R. & S.M. by James Price, Grand Master.'"

The charter was granted April 10, 1922, and there were 16 charter members:

Charles A. Greene, Albert C. Melton, Karl J. Boyer, Glenn E. Miller, Frank E. Brown, Arestas E. Smith, Paul C. Keyes, John A. Johnson, Robert L. Davidson Jr., Fred W. Brink, Jolly P. Hurtt, Arthur H. Bratten, Clinton B. Walston, Walter E. Staley, Geo. F. Boothe, Homer G. McDaniels.

On March 6, 1922, the recorder sent a letter to the grand recorder stating he had 16 charter members and 217 members received by affiliation from Centralia Council No. 34, and 24 new members, making a total of 257.

The Grand Council of Missouri held its annual assemblies in Sedalia in 1921, 1938, & 1953.

Past Illustrious Masters:

1922-23 George F. Boothe	1944 Everett H. White
1924 Charles A. Greene	1945 Bryan Howe
1925 Ralph F. Boies	1946 J. Max Holland
1926 Jolly P. Hurtt	1947 Glenn J. Kirkpatrick
1927 Homer G. McDaniel	1948 Hans J. Staubli
1928 Thos. R. Luckett	1949 Floyd G. Knerl
1929 Byrd K. Higgins	1950 Laurie C. Judd
1930 Leo S. Harris	1951 Richard B. Jenkins
1931 Sid B. Kennon	1952 Lloyd C. Kennon
1932 Linden L. Jones	1953 Lloyd Kirkpatrick
1933 Rollin M. McNeil	1954 Harold N. Painter
1934 Thos. W. Aulgur	1955 Royal Cowger
1935 Sam Shirley	1956 William L. Reed
1936 J. Ben Hancock	1957 Clarence H. Coffelt
1937 Kenneth Corbett	1958 George E. Chamberlin
1938 Chas. T. Plumlee	1959 Francis C. Rudd
1939 W. R. Sterling	1960 George W. Ray
1940 Adolph Glenn	1961 Charles F. Pahlow
1941 Henry F. Niemann	1962 Marion L. Meyers
1942 Joseph R. Smetana	1963 Harry L. Jerome
1943 Elmer Fingland	1964 Oliver Blankenship

CLAUDE L. FICHTHORN

Claude L. Fichthorn was greeted in Centralia Council No. 34, and in 1940 dimitted to Sedalia Council No. 42. In 1955 he was elected a life-member of Sedalia Council in recognition of his service to Freemasonry. For more than 37 years he has been Or-ganist of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. (A complete bi-ography appears in the 1936 Proceedings of the Grand Council.)

SAINT OMER COMMANDERY NO. 11, K.T.

Saint Omer Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, has had a long and successful career in the teaching of Christian virtues. Excerpts from the original minute book written by Jas. C. Thomp-son, first recorder, include:

Records of St. Omer Commandery Knights Templar and the appendant Orders opened and held at Sedalia under Dispensation from Sir James F. Aglar Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

On or about the 12th day of January, A.D. 1869 A.O. 751. the requisite number of Sir Knights signed a petition for a Dispensation to open at Sedalia, Missouri, a Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant orders. Said petition was forwarded to Sir James F. Aglar, R.E.G.C. of K.T. of the State of Missouri, who granted letters of Dispensation in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners."

On Tuesday morning February 2nd at 2 o'clock A.M. A.D. 1869 the following Knights Templar assembled in Masonic Hall, Sedalia, Missouri:

Sir William H. Stone, acting R.E.G.C. of the Commandery of the State of Missouri;

E. A. Smith, G.G. of Kansas

H. B. Lighthizer, E. C. of Ivanhoe No. 8

J. H. Gest, P.E.C. of Colorado Commandery No. 1, Colorado;

S. S. Premier, C. G. of Ivanhoe No. 8;

W. F. Tuttle, Sr. Warden, same commandery;

W. A. Prall, St. Louis Comdy. No. 1;

A. H. Bowmen, Coldwater No. 16, Michigan;

Seth Stoughton, Cypress No. 10, Ohio;

J. F. Tobias, Cousale Comdy. No. 8, Penn;

M. M. Lampton, James Monroe Comdy, Hopkinsville, Ky;

E. Bennett, DeMolay Comdy. No. 22, New York.

Saint Omer's Charter is dated Oct. 5, 1869, and there were 17 charter members:

Seth Stoughton, M. M. Lampton, David H. Smith, G. A. Sturges, J. M. Fox, B. G. Wilkerson, John F. Philips, J. C. Thompson, Alex Campbell, J. M. Shook, John B. Gallie, Peter Latsch, Rod Gallie, A. D. Jaynes, G. W. Pont, J. A. Wallace, and John T. Heard.

Sept. 2, 1873, St. Omer No. 11. Balance in hands of treasurer, \$16.04. A motion was made and carried that a warrant be drawn on treasurer for sixteen dollars in favor of Sir Knight Wilkerson to reimburse him for amount given a worthy Sir Knight.

St. Omer participated in the laying of the corner stone at Washington School in 1923, and the laying of a corner stone of the Clinton Masonic Temple in 1925, and the laying of the corner stone of a building on the State Fair Grounds in 1926.

The 46th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in Sedalia in 1901, the 80th in 1941 and the 102nd in 1963.

Past Commanders:

1869	Seth Stoughton	1921	Leo Harris
1870	J. M. Fox	1922	Sam Shirley
1871	John F. Philips	1923	Frank E. Brown
1872	Burwell G. Wilkerson	1924	Waller E. Pearl
1873	Jas. C. Thompson	1925	Jolly P. Hurtt
1874	A. D. Jaynes	1926	Weigand C. Gross
1875-77	David H. Smith	1927	Alamander M. Harlan
1878	M. M. Pritchard	1928	Sid B. Kennon
1879-80	A. D. Jaynes	1929	Walter E. Staley
1881-83	Geo. W. Ready	1930	Ed. P. Carl
1884	John B. Gallie	1931	Rollin M. McNeil
1885	Geo. W. Ready	1932	Geo. F. Boothe
1886	David H. Smith	1933	William Lewis
1887	O. A. Crandall	1934	Chas. T. Plumlee
1888	David H. Smith	1935	J. Max Holland
1889	S. P. Weller	1936	Henry F. Niemann
1890	Jas. C. Thompson	1937	Thos. W. Aulgur
1891	S. P. Weller	1938	J. Ben Hancock
1892	Horace G. Clark	1939	Joseph R. Smetana
1893	A. T. Fleischman	1940	Bryan Howe
1894	Arch Campbell	1941	Glenn J. Kirkpatrick
1895	Geo. L. Faulhaber	1942	W. R. Sterling
1896	William Latour	1943	Hans J. Staubli
1897	George Lord	1944	Roy J. Fender
1898	F. A. Sampson	1945	Martin Houk
1899	Jas. W. Mallery	1946	Everett H. White
1900	Charles Dexter	1947	Frank S. Coffman Sr.
1901	Chas. H. Zoll	1948	Floyd G. Knerl
1902	J. P. Catterlin	1949	Laurie C. Judd
1903	John P. Gass	1950	Wm. L. Reed
1904	Ira T. Bronson	1951	Ross W. Stephens
1905	Geo. E. McNeil	1952	Lloyd Kirkpatrick
1906-07	Chas. E. Baker	1953	Lloyd C. Kennon
1908	John Devine	1954	Linden L. Jones
1909	E. A. Sisson	1955	Lynn Russell
1910	Elroy E. Codding	1956	Harold N. Painter
1911-12	A. C. Miner	1957	Jesse H. Gwinn
1913	Joel E. Roark	1958	Roy F. Spears
1914	Geo. W. McKown	1959	Clarence H. Coffelt
1915-16	A. B. Ridgway	1960	Oliver Blankenship
1917	Sam Dameron	1961	George F. Chambers
1918	John G. Love	1962	Wm. Don McQueen
1919	Wm. B. Malone	1963	Chas. F. Pahlow
1920	George Suter	1964	Geo. W. Ray
		1965	Harold Painter

KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOR

Missouri Priory No. 17 of the Knights of The York Cross of Honor was established in 1942. A Freemason becomes eligible for membership in the priory after having served as presiding officer of his Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Commandery of Knights Templar.

Members from Pettis County:

Thos. W. Aulgur, 1947
Jolly P. Hurtt, 1942
Laurie C. Judd, 1950
Lloyd C. Kennon, 1953
Glenn J. Kirkpatrick, 1947
Lloyd Kirkpatrick, 1955
Clarence H. Coffelt, 1962

Rollin M. McNeil, 1947
Harold N. Painter, 1956
Chas. T. Plumlee, 1947
Hans J. Staubli, 1950
Everett H. White, 1947
Harry L. Jerome, 1964
Joseph R. Smetana, 1947

Harold N. Painter was elected and installed in 1962 as Eminent Prior of the state, serving his term with distinction.

VIII

Masonic Related

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

THE GRAND CHAPTER, Order of the Eastern Star, of Missouri, was organized in 1875. Four Chapters have since been formed in Pettis County. The first was Fern Leaf No. 104, which came into being July 3, 1875, at the home of B. G. Simonds.

Sedalia, Missouri, July 3rd, 1875. Fern Leaf Chapter No. 104, Order of the Eastern Star, dwelling of Brother Simonds. At a special meeting of Master Masons, their wives and daughters met for the purpose of organizing a Chapter of the Eastern Star in this city. Brother H. G. Reynolds, Deputy Grand Patron being present proceeded to organize and confer the degrees pertaining to the order. The Deputy Grand Patron made some appropriate remarks for the benefit of the Chapter and delivered possession of the Charter Star Ritual books. After which the sum of \$16 was collected from the present. No further business appearing, on motion Chapter closed in regular form and adjourned to meet next Friday, July 9th, at 8 p.m.

I. Wright, Secretary

The first Worthy Matron was Sister Melissice W. Andrews and the first Worthy Patron was Brother G. B. Simonds. The charter of Fern Leaf Chapter No. 104 was arrested in 1885.

One of the earliest Eastern Star notices to be published in Pettis County was the following:

"Sedalia Bazar, Masonic Directory, July 6, 1876.

Fern Leaf Chapter No. 104, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their regular meetings on the first Friday evening of each month in Masonic Hall. Mrs. R. V. C. Simonds, W.M., Mrs. I. Wright, Secy."

A newspaper clipping gives the officers for 1877:

Mr. G. L. Faulhaber, W. P.
Mrs. J. H. Gest, Matron
Mrs. H. W. Holcroft, A. M.
Mrs. I. Wright, Treas.
Mr. J. H. Gest, Secy.

Mrs. C. A. Smith, Conductress
 Mrs. M. L. Jacobs, A. C.
 Mrs. M. G. Smith, Warder
 Mr. M. G. Smith, Sent.

The cash book recorded 48 members at the close of 1878:

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Andrus	J. W. Parmerley
Mrs. T. K. Barley	Ada Ritchey
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Depp	Eliz Ritchey
Miss O. M. Depp	Mrs. J. M. Shook
Mr. & Mrs. James Farr	Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Simonds
Mr. & Mrs. G. L. Faulhaber	Miss Sarah Simonds
Mr. & Mrs. Hoshua Fenwick	M. Simonds (Mrs. Taylor)
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Gest	Mrs. Geo. Slade
Mr. & Mrs. M. Henoeh	Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Holcroft	Mrs. C. A. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Jacobs	Sarah Smith
Mr. & Mrs. L. B. Jackson	Mr. H. P. Townsley
Mr. & Mrs. M. Lampton	Mrs. & Mr. Isaac Wright
Miss A. R. Lampton	Josie M. Wright
Mrs. Simon Levy	Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Whitney
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Pusey	Mrs. L. J. Wright

SEDALIA CHAPTER NO. 57, O.E.S.

Sedalia Chapter No. 57, O.E.S., was instituted March 8, 1900, by Ella J. Flanders, W.G.M., and Wm. F. Kuhn, W.G.P. The chapter was chartered March 4, 1901, with 25 charter members as follows: Mrs. Maybell Coddling, Mrs. Orpha Bronson, Miss Columbia Johnston, Mrs. Rebecca C. Glenn, Mrs. Olive M. Ritchey, Mrs. Lydia A. Tucker, Mrs. Lillian Maupin, Mrs. Mary E. Black, Mrs. Mattie Tanner, Mrs. Pauline Lenhart, Mrs. Edith F. Porter, Mrs. Fannie Pirkey, Mrs. Melissa A. Campbell, Elroy E. Coddling, F. M. Bailey, Ira T. Bronson, Peter Latsch, D. L. Porter, J. E. Ritchey, Stephen Pirkey, J. W. Mallory, C. H. Zoll, J. F. Cotterlin, J. C. Parmerlee, and R. F. Titsworth.

The Service Circle of Sedalia Chapter No. 57 was organized in 1931 as a sewing circle to make something each year that was needed at the Masonic Home in St. Louis. The first president was Mrs. J. P. Hurtt and under her supervision 13 sunbonnets and appliqued quilts were made and quilted for one of the girl's rooms at the home.

ELROY E. CODDING

Elroy E. Coddling was W.G.P. of the Grand Chapter in 1904. During his year 18 new chapters were instituted. The chief aim

of the year was to further interest in the Masonic Home. There were at the close of the year 146 members in the Masonic Home family—79 children and 67 old people. The total cash gifts received were \$53.50 and such other gifts as a barrel of hickory nuts, apples, quilts, cookies, and linens. As grand patron he installed his wife May Belle Codding as Matron of his own chapter. Codding was a member of all the Masonic Bodies, D.D.G.M., and a master of Masonic ritual.

DR. ALBERT J. CAMPBELL

Dr. Albert J. Campbell was a member of all Masonic bodies, and the Red Cross of Constantine. In 1933 he was elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter. During his term of office a motion picture of the 148 children in the Masonic Home was made. A permanent scholarship fund to be used for the higher education of the Masonic home children was established. He was a conscientious physician, well-known and beloved by all who knew him. His son, Albert J. Campbell, Jr. is now a practicing physician in Sedalia.

VIOLA COFFMAN

Viola Coffman was elected grand matron in 1954 at St. Louis. In 1951 she was appointed to serve as Grand Esther by Miss Mary Jane Truman, the sister of President Harry Truman. During her year of leadership, Grand Chapter showed an increase of 4,364 members. The projects for the year were the Masonic Home, Estarl, and cancer research. The sum of \$31,100.91 was given for the new Masonic Hospital, and \$2,357.84 for cancer research. The sum of \$6,446.64 was given to Estarl—Eastern Star Awards for Religious Leadership—nearest to her heart. Mrs. Coffman is also a past president of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Sedalia Assembly No. 23. Her husband, Frank S. Coffman Sr., is a member of all the Masonic bodies, a past commander of St. Omer No. 11, and for many years was active in De Molay work, Sedalia Chapter No. 29.

HAZEL PALMER

Miss Hazel Palmer is one of Pettis County's prominent citizens. By profession she is an attorney. She is a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers, a past president of the Women's Bar Association of Missouri, a member of the Missouri Bar Association, and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court. She served several terms as Pettis County Collector. In

1958 she was nominated for the U. S. Senate on the Republican ticket, but lost in the November election to U. S. Senator Stuart Symington. In 1942 she served as worthy matron of Sedalia Chapter No. 57, O.E.S. In 1956 she became National President of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs. In 1957 she received the international honorary degree of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the highest honor the sorority can bestow upon a woman.

PETTIS CHAPTER NO. 279

Pettis Chapter No. 279, O.E.S., was instituted by Brother Homer L. Pruett, W.G.P., on July 29, 1921. The charter was granted October 13, 1921. The chapter was duly constituted by Sister Bessie Hassell Thayer, W.G.M., on November 4, 1921.

The charter members of Pettis Chapter No. 279: Adelene Shields, Dell A. Shields, Cora May Reece, John F. Reece, Grace Scott, Clarence Scott, Mayme Kinsey, Mabelle Spendiff, Forrest A. Spendiff, Minnie Meredith, Carson Meredith, Eula M. Wheal, Walter A. Wheal, Julia J. Kennedy, Walter J. Kennedy, Grace Almquist, Carl R. Almquist, Florence Cotton, Cleveland Cotton, Goldie Dickson, Loren Dickson, Mary Hume, A. L. Hume, Ada M. Parsons, and Bessie Turner Yowell.

Twenty members were initiated in the first class on Sept. 9, 1921, and a total of 58 new members were added by January, 1922.

The Pettis So-Mor Circle was organized early in the chapter's history and as a service circle has each year made a worthy contribution to the Masonic home and to the grand chapter.

GUIDING STAR CHAPTER NO. 306

Guiding Star Chapter U.D. located at Green Ridge, Missouri, was instituted on July 11, 1947, by Worthy Grand Matron Ruth D. Neighbors and Worthy Grand Patron A. Wendall Herod. The Charter was granted Oct. 21, 1947, and received by Guiding Star Chapter No. 306 on Dec. 11, 1947, Worthy Grand Matron Mayme Sampson and Worthy Grand Patron John Baugher being present.

There were 25 charter members: Mrs. Ora Mae Davis, Mrs. Alba Purchase, Mrs. Helen C. Brown, Mrs. Helen Ragar, Mrs. Maude A. Ward, Miss Rosilea Stark, Mrs. Amelia Ragar, Mrs. Wilma M. Eckhoff, Mrs. Ercil Ragar, Mrs. Clara B. Hampton, Mrs. Justine Ragar, Mrs. Nina Brown, Mr. Olin Ragar, Mr. Roy W. Ragar, Mr. Chas. H. Ward, Mr. Carl L. Ragar, Mr. Royal A. Ragar, Mr. Lawrence B. Beach, Mr. Keith C. Davis, Mrs. Nadine Baker,

Mrs. Nellie Ream, Mrs. Gertrude Helman, Mrs. Edna Beach, Mrs. Hazel Rayburn, Mr. Wilfred Acker.

SEDALIA ASSEMBLY NO. 23 SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

The Social Order of the Beauceant is composed of the wives and widows of Knights Templar. Sedalia Assembly No. 23, was instituted Dec. 19, 1921, by the Second Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Ada S. (John) McClure, of Denver, Colorado, assisted by Mrs. Emily Bennett and Mrs. Ralph Sayre of Assembly No. 4 of Kansas City, Missouri.

There were 40 charter members. Mrs. Wm. F. Brain, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. John S. Bush, Mrs. Edward P. Carl, Mrs. Samuel R. Dameron, Mrs. Wm. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. P. Downs, Mrs. John P. Dunn, Mrs. R. Flores, Mrs. R. Flores, Mrs. David H. Fries, Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. John F. Greutter, Mrs. Arthur R. Griffey, Mrs. Clyde Griffey, Mrs. Eugene Hansman, Mrs. J. W. Harman, Mrs. W. A. Harman, Mrs. Leo Harris, Mrs. F. W. Hausgen, Mrs. Jolly P. Hurtt, Mrs. W. C. Ingraham, Mrs. E. P. Ingram, Mrs. John A. Johnston, Mrs. Walter J. Kennedy, Mrs. Sid B. Kennon, Mrs. J. A. Koser, Mrs. H. G. McDaniel, Mrs. W. F. McElroy, Mrs. J. H. McQuiddy, Mrs. Ernest Melton, Mrs. Wm. L. Monegan, Mrs. W. E. Pearl, Mrs. Walter E. Staley, Mrs. Frank Staples, Mrs. H. W. Stark, Mrs. W. T. Stephens, Mrs. George Suter, Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mrs. S. G. Whiprecht, and Mrs. F. O. Withers.

SEDALIA BETHEL NO. 15 ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Delia Turner, a member of Sedalia Chapter, O.E.S., No. 57, sensed a need for an organization for teenage girls during her term as worthy matron (1926), an organization that would be a training ground in natural courtesies, and in which they would gain poise and leadership while serving as an officer, an organization that would bring social activity to young girls, and an organization that would assist the girls in giving thought to the needs of others and the service of the community.

On Nov. 11, 1926, with the assistance of grand officers and Bethel Daughters from Saint Louis, Sedalia Bethel U.D., Order of Job's Daughters, became a reality.

The charter members: Josaphine Luckett, Hazel Holst, Vesta Spencer, Jaunita Truitt, Margaret Ferguson, Waunita Kueck, May

Belle Pringle, Mary Frances Staley, Calusine Gorrell, Margueriete Melton, Frances Brown, Ruth Zander, Anne Weise, Ethel Johannes, Vera James, Margaret Love, Margaret Pringle, Virginia Gillespie, Kathryn Hurtt.

At the first meeting Jan. 8, 1927, after the institution of the bethel, 40 members were in attendance. The progress of this bethel was such that on June 11, 1927, Mrs. Grace Trail, Grand Guardian of Missouri, Mrs. Ella Falkenhainer, Deputy G.G., and other grand officers, presented the charter as Sedalia Bethel No. 15. Eleven new members were initiated that evening. Two of the charter members, serving as officers, later served the Bethel as Honored Queen and after reaching their majority served as Guardians: Mary Frances Staley and Margaret Love. These "daughters" are the only ones who have the distinction of serving as guardians.

Bethel No. 15 assisted in instituting Bethel No. 37, Barry, Missouri, Bethel No. 38, Grandview, Missouri, and Bethel No. 42, Belton, Missouri, and in chartering Bethel No. 40, Overland, St. Louis County, Missouri.

ANNE BROWN

Anne Brown has brought many honors to Bethel No. 15, to which she devotes most of her spare time. Her husband is a prominent business man in Sedalia. During the years Mrs. Brown served as Bethel Guardian Sedalia Bethel No. 15 became the largest in the State, and today has a membership over 200.

During 1954-55 Bethel No. 15 was honored by the election and installation of Anne Brown as Grand Guardian of Missouri, Order of Job's Daughters. In 1956-57 she was installed as Supreme Chaplain.

In 1952 Mrs. Brown served as Grand Guide of Missouri. Mrs. Brown is also active in the Eastern Star, served as W.M. in 1960, and is a member of Sedalia Assembly No. 23.

DeMOLAY

The Order of DeMolay was founded March 18, 1919, by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri. Sedalia Chapter No. 29, Order of DeMolay, was instituted Jan. 22, 1921, and was chartered by the Supreme Council Dec. 22, 1921.

The order is for boys between the ages of 14 and 21. During the depression the local organization "slipped," but in 1943 activities began anew. Since then, Frank S. Coffman Sr. (1943),

Ernest Holst (1948) and Howard Gwinn (1950) have served as chapter advisors. Charles W. Smith served as scribe for a few years, and he was succeeded by Wm. L. Mathews who has served as scribe for many years and has an outstanding record of service to the Order of DeMolay.

ADDALLA GROTTTO

Addalla Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, was instituted Dec. 5, 1921, by Judge Anthony F. Ittner, Grand Keeper of Archives, St. Louis, with a charter membership of 150. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Prophet Ittner was elected an honorary member by a rising vote.

The Grotto was poorly managed and in a few years it failed.

SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Scottish Rite Club in Sedalia was organized Sept. 6, 1945, by Masons who were interested in promoting and putting into practice the teachings, principles, and policies of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Membership is open to all members of the Scottish Rite, 14° through 32°, residing in or near Sedalia.

Past Presidents:

1945 Frank W. Stevens	1955 Oma R. Cox
1946 Frank O. Murphy	1956 Emmis D. Sutherlin
1947 Frank O. Murphy	1957 Bert E. Heacock
1948 Adolph F. Scott	1958 George L. Arnett
1949 William L. Matthews	1959 Gerald A. Ragland
1950 William L. Matthews	1960 Oliver C. Blankenship
1951 Curtis O. Schupbach	1961 Col. John W. Donnell
1952 Sydney M. Swope	1962 Clay Shelledy
1953 Wm. Don McQueen	1963 A. J. Gregory
1954 J. Morton Weakley	1964 Price Fowler

Honor Men:

Martin Gauldin, 50-year 1899-1949	Charles H. Bard, KCCH
E. W. Kettlesen, 33°	H. Rives Camp, 33°
Frank O. Murphy, KCCH	Bert E. Heacock, KCCH
William L. Matthews, KCCH	

SHRINE CLUB

The Sedalia Shrine Club was organized in 1945 with 26 members and by 1957 had enrolled 261.

The club has sponsored circuses and minstrel shows, the greater share of the proceeds going for crippled children's work. A large number of crippled children have been sent to the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis at no cost to the parents.

The Sedalia Shrine Club donated a wheel chair to the local Crippled Children's Association and an Ultra Sound Machine to the local Crippled Children's Center at the Bothwell Hospital.

The club has three wheel chairs for loan to crippled children in the community.

Past Presidents:

1945 Floyd G. Knerl	1955 William L. Reed
1946 Floyd G. Knerl	1956 Wm. Don McQueen
1947 J. Max Holland	1957 C. H. Coffelt
1948 Earl H. Lashley	1958 Paul Bidstrup
1949 J. R. Smetana	1959 Bert Heacock
1950 Laurie C. Judd	1960 Howard J. Gwinn
1951 Lee W. Deason	1961 Handy Handley
1952 Frank O. Murphy	1962 Everett H. White
1953 Nick H. Lewis	1963 Sherman Meyer
1954 Ray Williams	1964 John Snodgrass

SEDALIA BOARD OF RELIEF

The by-laws of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 and Granite Lodge No. 272 state:

The W.M. shall annually appoint three members from each lodge to membership on the Sedalia Board of Relief to whom all applicants for charity, not having claims on this lodge, shall be referred.

From among many reports of the board, we note the following:

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 31, 1903. The W.M., Wardens & Brethren of Sedalia Lodge No. 236 and Granite Lodge No. 272, A.F. & A.M.:— We, your board of relief, herewith submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903: The demands for assistance have been fewer than for several years and some have been refused after finding the applicant to be, in our judgment, not entitled to help, and some of those who have received assistance have been found unworthy after the assistance had been rendered. (Then follow the accounts and the signatures.)

The Sedalia Board of Relief was first organized on March 26, 1886, and its records are complete through 1965.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE

From 1864 the Freemasons in Sedalia met in a frame building on Main Street.

In November, 1867, the First National Bank Building was com-



Interior of Temple

pleted and the spacious second floor was fitted up as a meeting place.

-The next sojourn was on the fourth floor of the Missouri Trust Company Building located at Fourth and Ohio Streets in 1889.

In 1906 Sedalia Lodge No. 236, Granite Lodge No. 272, Sedalia Chapter No. 18, and St. Omer No. 11, formed the Masonic Temple Association. In 1906 they purchased from the Presbyterian Church property located at 7th & Osage Streets, and remodeled the building on the site.

The present Masonic Temple is controlled by a board of nine members elected annually by the various bodies.



Sedalia Temple