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**Grand Lodge Archives Collection**

**General Finding Aid**

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## Organizational History

The Grand Lodge F. & A. M., State of New York traces its roots back to the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York (sometimes called the Atholl Grand Lodges) which was chartered in 1781 by the Ancient Grand Lodge of England and which first met in 1782. In February of 1784 this Provincial [Atholl] Grand Lodge was closed and re-opened as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. This Grand Lodge has continued work to the present day under authority of the Atholl Charter of 1781. There had been Masonic Lodges active in New York state prior to 1781, and one previous Provincial Grand Lodge (known as the First Provincial Grand Lodge), but it was dissolved and its warrant removed from the state by its last Grand Master before the end of the Revolutionary War.

Most of the papers in the Grand Lodge Archives Collection pertain to the official Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., State of New York. There was, however, some dissension in the Grand Lodge during the early nineteenth century. The resulting schismatic grand lodges are also represented in the Grand Lodge Archives Collection. They are:

1822-1827. City Grand Lodge. (The official Grand Lodge during this period is often referred to as the "Country Grand Lodge")

1837-1850. St. John's Grand Lodge.

1849-1858. Phillips Grand Lodge.

1853-1859. St. John's Grand Lodge (revived).

The complete organizational history of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., State of New York has been published in varying forms, most recently in the work *New York Freemasonry: A Bicentennial History* by Herbert Singer and Ossian Lang (New York: The Grand Lodge, 1976). The information used in the above chronological notes is taken from this work.

## General Description of the Collection

The Grand Lodge Archives includes papers created or received in the course of business by the Grand Lodges F. & A. M. of the States of New York and its subordinate lodges. Today, such documents most often originate from the offices of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. During the period 1784-1854, the Grand Stewards' Lodge grew to have considerable influence in the day-to-day operations of Grand Lodge<sup>1</sup> and papers from the entity appear in Series 1.

The Grand Lodge Archives Collection is currently divided into 3 primary series with a fourth series in the preliminary stages of development.

### Series 1-2

*General Grand Lodge Papers. Individual Lodge Papers.* These papers were first collected and arranged in 1935-8 under the supervision of then Grand Secretary Charles H. Johnson. The Grand Secretary's Report in the Grand Lodge *Proceedings* for 1936 describes the scope of the collection as follows:

The older papers upon which we have concentrated our attention in this period include the General Papers of the Grand Lodge and of the old Grand Steward's Lodge which was abolished in 1854; the papers and the returns of some 500 extinct Lodges, most of which went down in the Morgan anti-Masonic movement of a century ago; and the papers of older living Lodges, including their returns to 1839, which the present numbering of the Lodges was adopted. [p.34]

The *Proceedings* for 1938 report a broadening of the scope of the individual lodge collection, the chief addition being returns from 1839 to "the present time." [p. 60] Material was also added to the Grand Lodge papers which now include documents dating up to 1874.

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<sup>1</sup> For a good synopsis of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, see *Bicentennial Commemorative Volume of Holland Lodge, No. 8* (New York: The Lodge, 1988) p. 27-8

These papers were informally divided into two series, the General Grand Lodge Papers in a sequence of 34 unnumbered volumes, followed by the Individual Lodge Papers (extinct and living lodges interfiled alphabetically) in 127 numbered volumes.

New acquisitions will be added to these series if they predate the established cut-off dates (1874 for series 1 and 1937 for series 2). Fragile or otherwise valuable materials postdating 1937 may also be added to series 2 (rather than the current Lodge Historical Files) at the Librarian's discretion. Materials dated between 1900 and 1937 may be added to the Lodge Historical Files instead of to Series 2 at the Librarian's discretion if they are in good physical condition and of little historical or artifactual value.

**\*NOTE: SERIES 2: Publicity Lodge No. 1000 Returns 1922-1952 are located in Oversized Box**

### Series 3

*Lodge Consolidation File.* Materials received by the Grand Secretary's office since about 1954 were appended to the *Individual Lodge Papers* in numbered volumes 128-187. The original alphabetical arrangement was abandoned in favor of what appears to be a straight chronological arrangement. This still-active grouping has therefore been defined as Series 3, to reflect the change in intellectual approach on the part of its creators. The name "Lodge Consolidations File" is the name currently used by the originating office but may not accurately reflect the content of the series as a whole.

The material in this series has not been surveyed, but appears to be primarily composed of documents relative to the creation, merging (consolidation) and dissolution of individual lodges. Beginning in August 1965, transactions filed in this series have been assigned a sequential transaction number and are recorded in the "Consolidations Index." Specific volume numbers are more or less systematically recorded in this index beginning with vol. 153 (January 1978). Notations have also been made for vols. 140 (May 1973) and 143 (May 1974). Copies of this index (which also includes occasional warrantings, issuing of charters and forfeitures) are on file at the Reference Desk and in the office of the Assistant Grand Secretary. Material is added to this file periodically by the Office of the Assistant Grand Secretary.

### Series 4

*Grand Secretary's Papers:* This number has been assigned for use with papers generated by the Office of the Grand Secretary. At present, only materials dated after 1853 are being accessioned into this series; earlier materials are incorporated into Series 1. Subseries have been reserved for Grand Secretaries prior to 1853., however, to allow for the possibility of revision of this policy. These unused subseries are identified by the use of italics and square brackets in the following list of subseries. Dates used in this subseries listing follow the standard Grand Lodge format and represent the years in which an officer was elected. Since terms of Grand Lodge do not follow the calendar year, actual papers in a series may continue into the year following the "terminal" date.

*NOTE: Materials from Series 4.3-4.8 are filed in 1 flat box*

*Materials from Series 4.9-4.14, 4.16-4.22 are filed with Series 5.1-5.4 in one flat box*

#### Subseries

- [4.1a: *James Giles, 1784-1785*
- [4.1b: *John Lawrence, 1784-1785*
- [4.2: *James Scott, 1786-1787*
- [4.3: *Jacob Morton, 1788-1791*
- [4.4: *John Abrams, 1792-1799*
- [4.5: *R.J. van den Broeck, 1800*
- [4.6: *Daniel D. Tompkins, 1801-1804*
- [4.7: *John Wells, 1805-1816*
- [4.8: *Elias Hicks, 1817-1822*
- [4.9: *Charles G. Haines, 1823*
- [4.10: *John W. Oakley, 1824*
- [4.11: *Ebenezer Wadsworth, 1825-1826*
- [4.12: *Oliver M. Lounds, 1827-1828*
- [4.13: *James Herring, 1829-1845*
- [4.14: *Robert R. Boyd, 1846-1849*
- [4.15: *James W. Powell, 1850-1852*

- 4.16: James M. Austin, 1853-1881
- 4.17: Edward M.L. Ehlers, 1881-1917 [4 Masonic scrapbooks, located in scrapbook collection-MO6.1Eh5]
- 4.18: R. Judson Kenworthy, 1917-1931
- 4.19: Frederick J. Milligan, 1931
- 4.20: Charles H. Johnson, 1932-1946
- 4.21: George R. Irving, 1947-1951
- 4.22: Edward R. Carman, 1952-1962
- 4.23: Wendell K. Walker, 1963-1990
- 4.24: Robert C. Singer, 1991-1994
- 4.25: Gary A. Henningsen, 1995-

## Series 5

*Grand Master's Papers:* This number has been assigned for use with papers generated by the Office of the Grand Master. At present, only materials dated after the union of the Regular and St. John's Grand Lodges in 1850 are being accessioned into this series; earlier materials are incorporated into Series 1. Subseries have been reserved for Grand Masters prior to 1850, however to allow for the possibility of revision of this policy. These unused subseries are identified by the use of italics and square brackets in the following list of subseries. Provincial Grand Masters have not been included in this listing. Should any papers for Provincial Grand Masters be added to the collection a new (separate) series should be defined. Dates used in this subseries listing follow the standard Grand Lodge format and represent the years in which an officer was elected. Since terms of Grand Lodge officers do not follow the calendar year, actual papers in a series may continue into the year following the "terminal" date.

*NOTE: Series 5.1-5.4 are filed with Series 4.9-4.14, 4.16-4.22 in one flat box*

### Subseries

- [5.1: Robert R. Livingston, 1784-1800*
- [5.2: Jacob Morton, 1801-1805*
- [5.3: De Witt Clinton, 1806-1819*
- [5.4: Daniel D. Tompkins, 1820-1821*
- [5.5: Joseph Enos, 1822-1824*
- [5.6: Stephen Van Rensselaer, 1825-1829*
- [5.7: Morgan Lewis, 1830-1843*
- [5.8: Alexander H. Robertson, 1844-1845*
- [5.9: John D. Willard, 1846-1849*
- [5.10: William H. Milnor, 1850*
- 5.11: Oscar Coles, 1851
- 5.12: Nelson Randall, 1852
- 5.13: Reuben H. Walworth, 1853
- 5.14: Joseph D. Evans, 1854-1855
- 5.15: John L. Lewis, Jr., 1856-1859
- 5.16: John W. Simons, 1860
- 5.17: Finlay M. King, 1861
- 5.18: John J. Crane, 1862
- 5.19: Clinton F. Paige, 1863-1864
- 5.20: Robert D. Holmes, 1865-1866
- 5.21: Stephen H. Johnson, 1867
- 5.22: James Gibson, 1868-1869
- 5.23: John H. Anthon, 1870-1871
- 5.24: Christopher G. Fox, 1872-1873
- 5.25: Ellwood E. Thorne, 1874-1875
- 5.26: James W. Husted, 1876
- 5.27: Joseph J. Couch, 1877
- 5.28: Edmund L. Judson, 1878
- 5.29: Charles Roome, 1879
- 5.30: Jesse B. Anthony, 1880
- 5.31: Horace S. Taylor, 1881

5.32: Benjamin Flager, 1882  
5.33: J. Edward Simmons, 1883  
5.34: William A. Brodie, 1884  
5.35: Frank R. Lawrence, 1885-1888  
5.36: John W. Vrooman, 1889-1890  
5.37: William Sherer, 1891  
5.38: James Ten Eyck, 1892  
5.39: Frederick A. Burnham, 1893  
5.40: John Hodge, 1894  
5.41: John Steward, 1895-1896  
5.42: William A. Sutherland, 1897-1898  
5.43: Wright D. Pownall, 1899  
5.44: Charles W. Mead, 1900-1901  
5.45: Elbert Crandall, 1902-1903  
5.46: Frank H. Robinson, 1904-1905  
5.47: Townsend Scudder, 1906-1907  
5.48: S. Nelson Sawyer, 1908-1909  
5.49: R. Judson Kenworthy, 1910-1911  
5.50: Charles Smith, 1912-1913  
5.51: George Freifeld, 1914-1915  
5.52: Thomas Penney, 1916-1917  
5.53: William S. Farmer, 1918-1919  
5.54: Robert H. Robinson, 190-1921  
5.55: Arthur S. Tompkins, 1922-1923  
5.56: William A. Rowan, 1924-1925  
5.57: Harold J. Richardson, 1926-19  
5.58: John A. Dutton, 1928-1929  
5.59: Charles H. Johnson, 1930-1931  
5.60: Christopher C. Mollenhauer, 1932-1933  
5.61: Robert Elliot Owens, 1934-1935  
5.62: Jacob Charles Klinck, 1936-1937  
5.63: Dana B. Hellings, 1938-1939  
5.64: Henry C. Turner, 1940-1941  
5.65: William Frederick Strang, 1942-1943  
5.66: Charles W. Froessel, 1944-1945  
5.67: Gay H. Brown, 1946-1947  
5.68: Frank M. Totton, 1948-1949  
5.69: Richard A. Rowlands, 1950-1951  
5.70: Ward B. Arbury, 1952-1953  
5.71: Raymond C. Ellis, 1954-1955  
5.72: Nathan Turk, 1956-1957  
5.73: H. Llyod Jones, 1958-1959  
5.74: Carl W. Peterson, 1960-1961  
5.75: Harry Ostrov, 1962-1963  
5.76: Clarence J. Henry, 1964-1965  
5.77: Frank C. Staples, 1966-1967  
5.78: Charles F. Gosnell, 1968-1969  
5.79: William R. Knapp, 1970-1971  
5.80: Llyod S. Cochran, 1972-1973  
5.81: Arthur Markewich, 1974-1975  
5.82: Albert W. Schneider, 1976-1977  
5.83: William R. Punt, 1978-1979  
5.84: Bruce Widger, 1980-1981  
5.85: Ernest Leonardi, 1982-1983  
5.86: Calvin G. Bond, 1984-1985  
5.87: Robert C. Singer, 1986-1987  
5.88: Roswell T. Swits, 1988-1989  
5.89: Richard P. Thomas, 1990-1991  
5.90: Sheldon K. Blank, 1992

- 5.91: Gary A. Henningsen, 1993-1995
- 5.92: Earle J. Hino, Jr., 1995-1998
- 5.93: Stewart McCloud, 998-1999
- 5.94: Carl J. Smith, 2000-2001
- 5.95: Carl J. Fitje, 2002-2003
- 5.96: Edward R. Trosin, 2004-2005
- 5.97: Neal Bidnik
- 5.98: Edward G. Gilbert
- 5.99: Vincent Libone
- 5.100: James E. Sullivan
- 5.101: William J. Thomas
- 5.102: Jeffrey M. Williamson

## Series 6

*Papers of Grand Lodge Committees and Special Offices:* This series is made up of papers related to specific special committees and offices of the Grand Lodge. Because of the large number of such entities which have existed over the years, no exhaustive listing of potential subseries will be attempted before the fact, rather subseries for individual committees will be assigned as material is acquired. Current subseries are:

### Subseries

- 6.1: Committee [on] George Washington Masonic National Memorial
- 6.2: War Relief Administration
- 6.3: 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
- 6.4: Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund
  - 6.4.1: *Status and Powers of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Opinion and Appendix Abel Crook* [1 packet, and 4 loose sheets]
- 6.5: Grand Lodge Committee on Special Awards
- 6.6: Grand Lodge Committee on Service and Rehabilitation
- 6.7: Edward M.L. Ehlers Memorial
- 6.8: Grand Lodge Special Committee on Masonic History
- 6.9: Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution and By-Laws
- 6.10: Grand Lodge Committee on Finances
- 6.11: Grand Lodge Committee on Warrants
- 6.12: Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence and Condition of Masonry
- 6.13: Grand Lodge Committee on Condition of Masonry
- 6.14: Grand Lodge Committee on the Death of M ∴ W ∴ John D. Willard
- 6.15: Grand Lodge Committee on Grand Master's Address
- 6.16: Grand Lodge Committee on Grievances
- 6.17: Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals
- 6.18: Grand Lodge Committee on Conference
- 6.19: Grand Lodge Committee on the Ladies Mount Vernon Association
- 6.20: Grand Lodge Committee of Seven to Superintend the Settlement of Counsel Fees and Expenses of the Lawsuit...Carrying Out the Provisions of Union...
- 6.21: District Deputy Grand Master
- 6.22: Grand Treasurer
- 6.23: Masonic World's Fair Commission (3 boxes)
- 6.24: Special Committee on Lowering the Minimum Age
- 6.25: Statue of Liberty Committee
- 6.26: Mission to Freemasons in US Forces Overseas; 1919 France (3 folders)
- 6.27: Tappan Washington Memorial Corporation
- 6.28: Masonic Victory Chest Executive Committee
- 6.29: Grand Lodge Committee on Related Organizations
- 6.30: Board of Grand Masters
- 6.31: Committee for Collecting Dues from County Lodges
- 6.32: Committee for the Masonic Library of the City of New York (AR1996.1)
- 6.33: The Masonic Hall Association of Albany/ Albany Masonic Temple Building Fund Campaign (AR 1997.16 [2 folders])

- 6.34: Committee on Transportation
- 6.35: Committee on Youth
  - 6.35.1: Committee on Youth: General Notices and Correspondences
  - 6.35.2: Douglas MacArthur Award for Exemplary Service to Youth (Sample Form/ Award, Cumulative Lists of Winners, 2004-current)
  - 6.35.3: Frank M. Totton Essay Contest (Sample Form)
  - 6.35.4: The Eagle Scout Award (Sample Form, 2004-2015)
  - 6.35.5: The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award (Sample Form, 2002-2003)
  - 6.35.6: Service to Youth Award (Sample Form)
  - 6.35.7: DeWitt Clinton Award (2007)
  - 6.35.8: Girl Scout "Gold" Recognition
  - 6.35.9: Ian Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award
  - 6.35.10: Youth Activities Award
- 6.36: Grand Lodge Committee on Communications
- 6.37: Board of General Activities
- 6.38: Committee for the George Washington Masonic Historic Site at Tappan
- 6.39: Committee on History
- 6.40: Masonic Hall Association of the City of Buffalo
- 6.41: Masonic Home and Asylum Fund [Utica-related]
  - 6.41.1: *Report of Trustees \*\*\* Masonic Home and Asylum Fund\*\*\* Proposed Infirmary Addition and New Administration Building Prepared for the Trustees by Dr. William T. Clark Superintendent of Home and Trevor W. Rogers of Rogers & Smith Architects* [1 cover letter and 1 packet; rings in binder that held said packet together was removed]
- 6.42: Committee on Survey
  - 2 packets entitled: *Report to the Committee on Survey by Division on Improvement of Lodges June 12, 1947*; 3<sup>rd</sup> packet, which was the copy for MW Charles H. Johnson, will be with his file in Series 4.20

## **Series 7**

*Grand Lodge Publications:* This file contains published (printed) materials generated by the Grand Lodges. These items have been gathered into a separate series because of storage considerations.

### Subseries

#### 7.1: Proceedings

- 7.1.1: bounded copies (currently shelved in supply room)
- 7.1.2: Unbounded copies (currently stored with Archival collection)

#### 7.2: Calendars

#### 7.3: Circulars/Broadsides

- 7.3.1: Loose material (in AR collection)
- 7.3.2: Bounded volumes (in scrapbooks)

#### 7.4: Grand Lodge Booklets (Other copies cataloged and located in Book Collection)

- 7.4.1: Forty Interesting Facts About Masonry (7 copies)
  - No date: 2 copies
  - 1930: 4 copies
  - 1929: 1 copy
- 7.4.2: One Hundred Words in Freemasonry (7 copies)
  - No date: 3 copies
  - 1930: 2 copies
  - 1929: 2 copies
- 7.4.3: Washington the Man (4 copies)
  - No date: 2 copies
  - 1931: 2 copies
- 7.4.4: Masonic Etiquette (1 copy)
  - 1965 reprint: 1 copy

- 7.4.5: The Working Tools (2 copies)
  - 1930: 2 copies
- 7.4.6: Foot-Notes to the History of Masonry in the State of New York (1 copy)
  - 1929: 1 copy
- 7.4.7.: Presidents Who Have Been Masons (2 copies)
  - No date: 1 copy
  - 1930: 1 copy
- 7.4.8: Sources of Masonic Information (7 copies)
  - No date: 2 copies
  - 1930: 4 copies
  - 1929: 1 copy
- 7.4.9: The Entered Apprentice Degree (26 copies)
  - No date: 4 copies
  - 1961: 1 copy
  - 1959: 1 copy
  - 1958: 11 copies (1 copy is 1958, 7 copies are 1965 reprints, 3 copies are 1976 reprints)
  - 1955: 2 copies
  - 1952: 2 copies
  - 1950: 1 copy
  - 1943: 4 copies
- 7.4.10: The Fellow Craft Degree (22 copies)
  - 1962: 1 copy
  - 1959: 1 copy
  - 1958: 6 copies (2 copies are 1963 reprints, 4 copies are 1965 reprints)
  - 1955: 4 copies
  - 1952: 2 copies
  - 1951: 1 copy
  - 1949: 1 copy
  - 1943: 3 copies
  - 1931: 3 copies
- 7.4.11: What is Freemasonry: An Explanation for members of the Masonic Fraternity (2 copies)
  - 1966: 2 copies
- 7.4.12: Important Facts about Masonry (1 copy)
  - 1930: 1 copy
- 7.4.13: What An Entered Apprentice Mason Ought To Know (1 copy)
  - 1925: 1 copy
- 7.4.14: The Master Mason Degree (3 copies)
  - 1943: 1 copy
  - 1958: 2 copies (2 copies are 1965 reprints)

#### 7.5: Pamphlets

#### 7.6: Notebooks

- 7.6.1: *Black Book* [nd]- empty  
[located in bay beneath archives]

### Series 8

*Historical Figures:* This series consists of papers and collections related to people worthy of note both generally and in the history of the Grand Lodge of New York. Papers include individual correspondence and collections. Subseries will be created based on the historical figure's name. Call numbers in the format of "AR \_\_\_\_\_" that are written on papers are in reference to the *AR Collection Finding Aid*.

#### Subseries:

- 8.1: Jean Sibelius (AR1996.3) – "Masonic Ritual Music"  
1996.3.32.2 has been moved to book collection (JW 2016)



Materials in 1 flat box

- 8.2: Giuseppe Garibaldi
  - 8.2.1.: Holograph Letter from May 29, 1860 (AR1993.2.1)
  - 8.2.2: Envelope of 8.2.1 (AR1993.2.2)
- 8.3: Papers of Isaac H. Vrooman Jr. : TenEyck Family geneology 1875-1944 (bulk) (AR1993.13.1)
  - 8.3.0: Finding Aid and Archives Separation Sheets
  - 8.3.1: General Genealogy
  - 8.3.2: Individuals
  - 8.3.3: Pre-1860s Papers
  - 8.3.4: Newspaper Clippings
- 8.4 Papers of Isaac H. Vrooman Jr. Albany State Office Building / Franklin D. Roosevelt (AR1993.13.2)
  - Finding Aid in folder: 9 items total
- 8.5: Papers of Evelyn Briggs Baldwin 1896-1933 (AR 1993.17.1-.22)
  - Finding aid in 8.5.1
  - 8.5.1: Papers (24 items)
  - 8.5.2: Related research regarding Baldwin, this collection, and the archival organizational process
- 8.6: Theodore Roosevelt
  - 8.6.1: Correspondence from Theodore Roosevelt to Frank Zappulla (1898)
- 8.7: Robert Burns
  - 8.7.1. Inauguration of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate
- 8.8: Papers of Mrs. Abraham Lansing (sister-in-law to John Thomas Lansing, and sister to Henry S. Gansevoort)
  - 3 folders (finding aid in first folder); majority of material is related to John Thomas Lansing, and his involvement with York Rite and Scottish Rite in South America; most material is in Spanish.
  - AR1998.7.7 (dispensation) and AR 1998.7.8 (document) [filed with oversized]
- 8.9: Elisha Kent Kane (AR1997.7 ; L243)
  - 8.9.1: Program of Masonic Honors in Memory of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane 1857
- 8.10: Daniel D. Tompkins (4<sup>th</sup> governor of New York, 6<sup>th</sup> vice president [1774-1825])
  - 8.10.1: Programme Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund Reception 1906 (AR1999.18)
- 8.11: James Duane (Signer of the Continental Association and Articles of Confederation; lawyer, 44<sup>th</sup> mayor of New York, delegate of Continental Congress)
  - 8.11.1: Power of Attorney Executed by James Duane, 1785 (AR1999.22)
- 8.12: Correspondence Papers of Alexander M. Cohen (papers include documents associated with Robert J. Kenworthy, S. Nelson Sawyer, John G. Snyder) [finding aid included in first folder, 8.12.1]
  - NOTE: AR1995.2.1.58-AR1995.2.1.67 has been MOVED to Series 5.49
  - 8 folders in total
  - 8.12.1: General Correspondence (AR1995.2.1.1-AR1995.2.1.57)
  - 8.12.2: Grand Lodge Documents from the Committee of Transportation (AR1995.2.1.63-AR1995.2.1.67)
  - 8.12.3: Lodge Lists (AR1995.2.1.68-AR1995.2.1.78)
  - 8.12.4: New York State Supreme Court/Department of Commerce and Department of Labor (AR1995.2.1.79-1995.2.1.81)
  - 8.12.5: Marsh Lodge No. 188 Documents (AR1995.2.1.82-1995.2.1.84)
  - 8.12.6: Brooklyn Masonic Guild Benefit (AR1995.2.1.85-AR1995.2.1.87)
  - 8.12.7: Grand Lodge Correspondence/ General Information, by district (AR1995.2.88-1995.2.1.105)
  - 8.12.8: Miscellaneous (AR1995.2.1.106-AR1995.2.1.110)
- 8.13: Papers of John Raymond Smith (AR1998.5)

Note: 4 folders in total

All materials in this collection are photocopies of the finding aid and materials from the Southern Historical Collection at Wilson Library, in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (<http://finding-aids.lib.unc.edu/02889/>)

8.14: Henry Oltman (founder of Oltman Lodge 453, which consolidated with Otlaman Clinton 446 in 1959, which consolidated with Reliance 776 in 1978)

Note: Collection titled "Original Papers of Henry Oltman"; Donated by William P. Stris

1 item moved to Object Collection: **2016.41.1 C55inv-411 AIS1148**

*Henry Oltamn Certificate Civil War Brigade Chaplain; Non-Masonic; 1857*

8.14.1: Donation Letters Pertaining to Collection

8.14.2: Immigration Papers

8.14.3: Militia Related Paperwork (includes appointment as Quartermaster)

8.14.4: Census Marshal Paperwork

8.14.5: Miscellaneous Papers: Marriage Certificate, Baptism Card, Small paper printed with "706 | zeven hondred zes." , 2 letters of recommendation [unsure if Masonic related]

1 document (Certificate from *United Ancient Order of Druids*) has been moved to be [filed with oversized]

8.14.6: Masonic Related Paperwork

8.14.7: Non-English Papers: Inventory Packets

8.14.8: Non-English Papers: Miscellaneous Papers [no particular order was retained]

1 document moved to be [filed with oversized]

8.15: Louis Dembitzer [maintain order of papers]

[All papers were originally found in various binders, that were stored in a metal box that was 28 ¼ in x 15 ½ in x 10 ½ in. The original order has been maintained. Thus, each folder below is the equivalent of one binder of material, unless otherwise noted. Original title cards from binders have been cut off from binder and preserved in associated folder. Original binders, due to the material, were discarded for the safety of the rest of the material]

8.15.0: Finding aid and related storage material

*Folder 1:* Finding aid and photographs of original metal box that material was stored in [photos taken August 10, 2017 by Jo-Ann Wong]

8.15.1: Notes and Correspondence- Individuals

*Folder 1:* Charles Wageman, Grandmaster of Grand Lodge of Belgium

*Folder 2 [in French]:* Wittemaus, C. Mertens, Olimger, Georger Patto, Perseverance lodge, Frans M. Peeraerts, Leon Steinberg, Fraus Smit[s], David Siva, Tanghe, Themis Lodge, Paul Titz, Raphael Van Bever, Rene Van Deuren, Van Hamberg, P. Van Hentenryk, Hugo Van Kuyek, G. Van Uffelen, M. Van Nes, C. Van Rooy, David Van Vack, 1 misc. letter[signature unidentified]

*Folder 3:* Paul Alleman, Louis Andreisesse, Maurice Benedictus, Captain Blondeel, J. Broeders, Gust Calewaert, M. Cypres, G. Cornelisseu, A. de Groot, Yvonne Derieuiv, Fabry, Fontaine

*Folder 4:* Conrad Hahn- Masonic Services Association, Thomas S. Roy and Waldron Biggs- Grand Masters Conference and Recognition, Samuel McIntosh

*Folder 5:* Luther Smith, George E. Bushnell, Donald G. Kimball, Irving E. Patridge, Frederick W. Hummel, Claude Young, [ ] Bellknap, Frank S. Merrill, [ ] Vrooman, Ray W. Denslow

*Folder 6:* Rene Neirinckx, Adelin Closset, R. Brisson

8.15.2: Notes and Correspondence- [Date]

*Folder 1:* 1940-1946, 1958-1963; "Copies de lettres en double/ Souveniors" [as noted on binder cover]

*Folder 2:* 1960-1969; "Divers Mass" [as noted on binder cover]

Majority of material is 1960; Includes Programs for Conference of Grand Masters 1962 and 1968; Periodical Humanitalk, Clarte, Clarte-Licht; Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Israel that he is an Associate Member of Charity Fund for the Grand Lodge of Israel

Folder 3: 1961-1969

Mostly Scottish Rite and Supreme Court of Belgium

Folder 4: 1967-1969

Includes Past Masters Conference Booklets and Mostly French Documents

Folder 5: 1967-1969; Grand Lodges in United States [in English]

With the addition of 2 Supreme Council Letters, 2 Masonic Service Association Letters (Conrad Hahn), 1 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America Letter, 1 Letter Packet from Shoreham Hotel concerning Grand Masters of Belgium Dinner

Folder 6: 1970 [most documents in French]

Divided into Folder 6a and 6b, as material originated from the same 1 binder

Folder 7: 1973-1975

Includes his tag from the 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communications in New York in 1974, Program for Masonic Week 1975, Program from Conference of Grand Masters of Masons 1975

8.15.3: Miscellaneous Papers that were found in No binders or Folders

Folder 1: Includes *De La Sanctification Du Nom* by Joseph Schulsinger

8.16: Henry S. Borneman

This subcollection deals with the papers of Henry S. Borneman from 1929 through 1931. Its geographical coverage includes New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and England. It is comprised mostly of correspondence, primarily focusing on Mr. Borneman's research of early prominent Masonic figures and their Masonic activity relating to the earliest Freemasonry establishment in Pennsylvania. His correspondence and subsequent research papers are of immense value due to their ability to trace certain aspects relating to the origins of Freemasonry in America, such as information regarding the person of Daniel Coxe, America's first appointed Provincial Grand Master

8.16.1: Personal Research Notes on Freemasonry & Masons

8.16.2: Correspondence with Fellow Masons

8.16.3: Historical Research Correspondence with Outside Institutions

8.16.4: Correspondence with Non-Masonic Individuals

8.16.5: Masonic Paperwork

8.16.6: Miscellaneous Ephemera

8.16.6.1: Stephen D. Carmick business card

8.16.6.2: Letter from E. Carmick

8.16.6.3: Glossy photocopy of notes referencing Daniel Cox

8.16.6.4: Glossy photocopy of notes possibly referencing Daniel Cox

8.16.6.5: Handwritten paper with Arthur Carmick's address at Polar Star Lodge

8.16.6.6: Page 11/12 of Sept. 12, 1931 edition of The Evening Bulletin—Philadelphia

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8.17: Edward H. Cann

A member of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Virginia, and Grand Master in 1958-1959. Papers have been chronologically ordered in each folder. Please maintain order of said papers.

8.17.1: Correspondence from Robert W. Reid, Secretary of Washington Lodge No. 21 (NY)

Note: Mentions of Thomas Noonan [The Bishop of Chinatown], The Depression, Board of Health, [Frederick D.] Roosevelt

8.17.2: Correspondence from T.S. Clay

Note: Correspondence about the return of histories of [Fredericksburg Lodge] No. 4

8.17.3: Correspondence from William Thomas Morre

Note: Mentions of Installation Ceremonies of Washington Lodge No. 21, annual get-together between Washington Lodge No. 21, Alexandria- Washington Lodge No. 22, and Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4; notice of Masonic Burial in New York of a member from Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4

8.17.4: Lodge Notice for Washington Lodge No. 21, New York

8.18: Harry S. Truman

Filed in Flat Box. Originally taken from Bio Files, for preservation purposes. Please see related Bio File for more information.

8.18.1: Photographs [includes photos of Truman's swearing into Presidential Office, Winston Churchill, and the Potsdam Conference]

8.18.2: Newspapers: Commemorative [Memorial, Exhibit, Library, Memoir, Memorabilia]

8.18.3: Newspapers: Non-Masonic Related [Government/Politics]

8.18.4: Masonic Related

8.18.5: Obituary/Obituaries

8.19: David Goldsmith, Master of Zealous Lodge No. 1115 in the year 1962, Commander of Temple Post No. 19 of Masonic War Veterans in 1986, a trustee of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Manhattan District Association in 1985. Complete Finding Aid is in Folder 8.19.1

8.19.1: Correspondence with Fellow Officers

8.19.2: Lodge Pamphlets & Programs

8.19.3: Personal Notes

8.19.4: Zealous Lodge Papers & Correspondence

8.19.5: Eighth Masonic District Association Papers

8.19.6: Temple Post No. 19 Papers & Pamphlets

8.19.7: Miscellaneous

8.20: Winston Churchill

8.20.1: Photos -- Portraits

8.20.2: Photos -- Trips to North America (United States/Canada)

8.20.3: Photos – In England

8.20.4: Newspapers

8.20.5: Oversized Magazines

## **Series 9**

*Historical Events:* This series consists of papers and collections related to major events in the history of the Grand Lodge of New York and Masonic history. Subseries will be named after each historical event. Call numbers in the format of "AR\_\_\_\_\_" that are written on papers are in reference to the *AR Collection Finding Aid*.

Subseries:

9.1: The Morgan Affair

9.1.1: Papers of Victory Birdseye 1824-1831 (AR1993.16)  
Finding aid in box

9.1.2: Papers of Harold August Relating to the Morgan Affair 1829-1999 (AR 2004.1)  
Finding aid in Box 1  
Box 1: Folders 1, 3-14, 16, 17  
Box 2: Folders 2, 15, 18, 19

9.2: Grand Lodge of North America (originally from AR1996.7.1-.28)

9.3: Extinct Lodges of Ulster Co- Report by Grand Historian Wilmer E. Bresee (1 Packet)

## Series 10

*Concordant Bodies:* This series includes papers that deal with concordant bodies of Masonry. Examples include Scottish Rite and Royal Arch. Subseries will be created based on the name of the concordant body. Call numbers in the format of "AR \_\_\_\_\_" that are written on papers are in reference to the *AR Collection Finding Aid*.

### 10.1: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York

Materials arranged alphabetically by chapter name

10.1.1: Papers of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Chapter of NY: Papers (AR1997.8)

10.1.2: Papers of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Chapter of NY: Warrants/Dispensations [filed with oversized] (AR1997.8)

10.1.3: Non-New York: United States (3 folders: Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, South Carolina)

10.1.4: Unknown Location

Includes request from Joppa Chapter, and 1 blank sheet from Chapter of Hope and Unity

10.1.5: New York: Related Ephemera (AR1999.4)

10.1.6: New York: Extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York (2 folders: 1824; 1825)

10.1.7: New York: Delinquent Chapters Notice

10.1.8: New York: Masonic Education and Service Committee Newsletters 1954-1960

A list of issues missing is included in the file folder

10.1.9: Non-New York: Wisconsin- Recharam Chapter No. 117

(5 folders: material is from binders that were labeled "Recharam 1951-57," "Recharam 1958-60," "Recharam 1961-63," "Recharam 1964-")

folders will indicate which binder that the material has been pulled from

10.1.10: Non-New York: Ohio (1 folder: Chapter of Research)

### 10.2: Scottish Rite

10.2.1: Correspondence and Papers of William H. Peckman 1881-1889 (AR1997.1-.AR1997.31)

6 folders in total, all labeled Peckham Correspondence

10.2.2: Non- New York: United States: Ohio (AR1993.21)

10.2.3: Dispensation: form Lodge of Perfection, issued by Solomons Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem at Palatine Bridge (AR1993.3)

10.2.4: Council of Deliberation

### 10.3 Consolidation

[filed with oversized]

### 10.4: Knights Templar

10.4.1: England and Wales (AR1993.15.1)

10.4.2: Proceedings from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of New York, 2 booklets (1848 and 1849)

10.4.3: York Commandry No. 55 (AR2016.3)

Materials in 1 flat box

10.4.4: Ephemera (Circulars, broadsides, programs, etc.)

### 10.5: Rite of Memphis

10.5.1: Certificate to Henry M. Clark, appointment to Grand Treasurer General of the Sovereign Sanctuary dated August 8, 1868 [filed with oversized]

## Series 11

*Non-New York, Masonic:* This series contains papers that are in relation to the Blue Lodges, but are not located in New York. This series will include subseries for "Non-New York: United States" and "Non-New York: Foreign." Subseries will be generated based on geographic name. For "Non-New York: United States," subseries will be created by state name. For "Non-New York: Foreign," subseries will be named after the country. Call numbers in the format of "AR \_\_\_\_\_" that are written on papers are in reference to the *AR Collection Finding Aid*.

### 11.1: Non-New York, Masonic: United States

11.1.1: Connecticut (1 folder: AR1998.2)

- 11.1.2: Delaware (1 folder: AR1996.7.29-.46)
  - 11.1.3: Georgia (2 folders: AR1993.10, AR1996.7.29-.46)
  - 11.1.4: Kentucky (1 folder: AR1996.19.1-.7)
  - 11.1.5: Louisiana (1 folder: AR1996.7.1-.28)
  - 11.1.6: Maine (3 folders: AR1996.7.29-.46, AR1996.11, AR1996.15)
  - 11.1.7: Maryland (2 folders: AR1993.11, AR1996.7.1-.28)
  - 11.1.8: New Hampshire (3 folders: AR1996.6, AR1996.7.1-.28, AR1996.9.1-.4)
  - 11.1.9: New Jersey (2 folders: AR1996.7.29-.46, AR1997.2)
  - 11.1.10: North Carolina (2 folders: AR1996.9.1-.4, AR1996.18.1-.2)
  - 11.1.11: Pennsylvania (2 folders: AR1993.15.1, AR1996.7.1-.28)
  - 11.1.12: Rhode Island (2 folders: AR1996.19.1-.7, AR1999.20)
  - 11.1.13: South Carolina (2 folders: AR1996.5, AR1996.7.1-.28)
  - 11.1.14: Vermont (2 folders: AR1996.7.29-.46, AR1996.9.1-.4)
  - 11.1.15: Virginia (2 folders: AR1996.21, AR1999.25)
  - 11.1.16: California (AR1999.30)
  - 11.1.17: Ohio (3 folders: Cleveland Masonic Library Association March 18, 1949- September 1, 1962)  
Materials are organized in chronological order
  - 11.1.18: Illinois (1 folder)
- 11.2: Non-New York, Masonic: Foreign
- 11.2.1: England (7 folders: AR1993.15.1, AR1996.8, AR1996.19.1-.7, AR1996.22.1-.5, AR1999.14, AR1999.15, AR1999.21)
  - 11.2.2: Scotland (AR1993.15.1)
  - 11.2.3: Switzerland (AR1993.15.1)
  - 11.2.4: Canada (5 folders: AR1996.10.1-.2, AR1996.13.1-.2, AR1996.7.29-.46, AR1996.17.1-.2, AR1996.18.1-.2, AR1999.28)
  - 11.2.5: Cuba [Spanish Grand Lodge] (AR1996.12)
  - 11.2.6: France (AR1998.1.2; AR1998.1.5, AR1999.19)
  - 11.2.7: Ireland (AR1996.19.1-.7)
  - 11.2.8: Photograph [n.d.]; Location unknown (AR1993.15.1)
  - 11.2.9: Belgium
    - 1 Packet, entitled *Reports G.M. Conf in Washington 1960-1961-1962*  
Papers of Louis Dembitzer, concerning his attendance to several Grand Masters Conference of North America, to assist in gaining the recognition for the Grand Lodge of Belgium [multiple allusions to WWII and the recognition of Freemasonry in France]
- 11.3: Bound Volumes
- 11.3.1: "Autographs" of Grand Masters F. & A.M. 1900 [located in Scrapbooks]
  - 11.3.2: Record of Meeting Years for Blue Lodges and Concordant Bodies; US and International- latest date noted is 1927 [located in bay beneath archives]  
Non-US locations include: Alberta, New Zealand, Australia West, Mexico, Costa Rica, South Africa, Panama, Victoria, Tasmania, Saskatchian, Cuba, Scotland, Australia South, Canada, New Brunswick
  - 11.3.3: Elected Grand Offices for Blues Lodges and Concordant Bodies; North America and United Kingdom- Date ranging 1859-1861 [located in bay beneath archives]

## Series 12

*Masonic-Related/Ephemera*: Items included in this series will be masonic-related, but are not attached to a specific lodge. This series will also contain standard ephemera that was originally found in the AR collection, such as currency and tickets. Call numbers in the format of "AR \_\_\_\_\_" that are written on papers are in reference to the *AR Collection Finding Aid*.

### 12.1: Race and Masonry

- 12.1.1. Papers of Edward R. Cusick (c. 1920-1970)  
4 boxes in total; finding aid in Box 1, before the folders start  
AR1999.27.1-.99
- 12.1.2: Packet- African American Masonry 1941-1951: Notes and Correspondence  
Folder 1: Cover

Folder 2: 1941-1947

Folder 3: 1948-1951

Note: Includes Correspondence between Harry A. Williamson, Harold V.B. Voorhis, Harry E. Davis, Harry W. Bundy, P. Covent Voter, Henry W. Carl, Aldridge B. Cooper, Henry P. Schichtee; Programs of Meetings; correspondence regarding Prince Hall Masonry in Nova Scotia; geneology of the Family of Reverend and Brother Josiah Henson

Note: Coin has been removed to Museum Collection, along with a photocopy of the original letter. The original letter will remain in Series 12.1.2.

## 12.2: Anti Masonic Material

12.2.1: *To the Anti-masons of the County of Allegany* 1834; related to Congress and Assembly elections of Philo C. Fuller and Alvan Burr, respectively

12.2.2: Petition of Luther Pratt, author of "A Defence of Free Masonry" in retaliation to anti-Masonic papers, such as Southwark's "Solemn Warning Against Free Masonry" (AR1996.14.1-AR1996.14.3)

## 12.3: Ephemera

12.3.1: Masonic Precepts (AR1996.19.1-.7)

12.3.2: Notices of Funerals 18<sup>th</sup> century (AR 1999.13 ; L44 , L47)

12.3.3: Newspaper Cutting- Plate of Masonic Arms (AR1999.12, L46)

12.3.4: 3 shillings note (AR1993.8)

12.3.5: Masonic Calendar of Ancient and Primitive Freemasonry According to the Rite of Memphis [n.d.] (AR1996.20)

12.3.6: Deed: Grants to Andrew Burn. Includes 2 documents and 1 hand drawn map (AR1993.12)

12.3.7: Program of Palmo's Opera House featuring Ole Bull 1845 (AR1999.8 , L38)

12.3.8: Notice and Program of Grand Musical and Masonic Festival, 1844 (AR1999.9, L39, L40)

12.3.9: Advertisements for Masonic Books, 18<sup>th</sup> Century (AR1999.10; L41, L42, L43, L49)

12.3.10: Poem "Epilogue spoken in the character of a Free Mason's Wife" by Mrs. Sullivan, written by Mr. Perfect (AR1999.11, L45)

12.3.11: Archives Separation Sheet- moved from AR1993.15.1 to Pamphlet Coll P1993.1432: *History of the Antietam National Cemetery, including a descriptive list of all the loyal soldiers buried therein: together with the ceremonies of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in laying the cornerstone of the Soldier Monument, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1867*

12.3.12: Breakfast Menu, 1925, and Dedication Menu, 1927, from the Hotel Commodore Level Club (AR1993.20.1-AR1993.20.2)

12.3.13: Circular Letter of Thanks from the institution Ecole de Pythagore to Brother Gautier for writing the book *L'Ecole de Pythagore* [ French Lodge: Fraternite Des Peuples] (AR1999.23, G113)

12.3.14: Advertisement Card for Will A. Humphrey, Banjoist 1907

12.3.15: Program: Corner Stone Laying of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn 1911

12.3.16: *Grand Masonic Fair Daily Journal*. March 22, 1873 (published by J.T. Cowdery  
2 full copies intact, plus additional partial copies [in binder folder])

Is a booklet for the Grand Masonic Fair, in aid of the Hall & Asylum Fund at Apollo Hall, containing multiple advertisements, as well as an article by P.G.M. John W. Simons called *How It Began & What Came Of It: A History of the Hall and Asylum Fund From its Inception to the Present Time*

Includes *Officers of the Executive Committee of the Grand Masonic Fair in Aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund*, with it most notably listing R.W. Ellwood Thorne as Deputy Grand Master and Chairman

12.3.17: Photograph card of 2 children, signed Audrey, Larry, Laurie and baby. Found in *Odd Fellowship illustrated in an address delivered before the Grand Lodge of the state of Kentucky* [Call # 366.3 Sh13]

12.3.18: 1826 Broadside advertising a Masonic Engraving of *The Iron Worker and King Solomon* by John Sartain; Gift of Clayton G. Smith Lodge 147 November 9, 1971

## 12.4: Religion and Masonry

12.4.1: Correspondence between Rt. Rev. Magr. Robert E. McCormick and Walter E. Kooms (AR1997.5.1-.2)

12.5: Miscellanea: Undated Material, Donated Collection Material, etc. [that do not fit in other current series/groupings]

12.5.1: Papers and Ticket. 1820-1906; Donated by Jacques Joel Jacobsen, Jr. (AR1995.1.1)

Items included: 1 receipt for the Masonic Mirror, 1 Masonic Fair Souvenir Admission Ticket (1906), 1 ticket for the *Grand Vocal and Instrumental Entertainment, in aid of the Williamsburgh Masonic Board of Relief* (1867), 1 meeting notice from the St. Andrews Scotch Lodge (Scotland; sent from Quebec, Canada)

Donation letter (with letterhead of Empire State Commandery) is listed in finding aid, but not in folder

12.5.2: Miscellanea Undated (AR1997.6.1-AR1997.6.6)

Items included: 1 donation letter, 1 photograph, 1 receipt for book, 1 sheet *R.A.M. Question and Answer Lecture* sheet; 1 cipher booklet, 1 folder of loose sheets written in French of rituals and duties

12.5.3: Pamphlet *Tenth Anniversary Banquet and Ball Given By Glassberg's Friends and Family Society* 1927

Society that was created to provide assistance for deceased individuals who were not a part of any society, and were "buried in a strange cemetery, from his friends and relatives." The result was an "acquisition of an eternal resting place."

12.5.4: Donation Letters pulled from Items in the Bible Collection aka as the BC Collection