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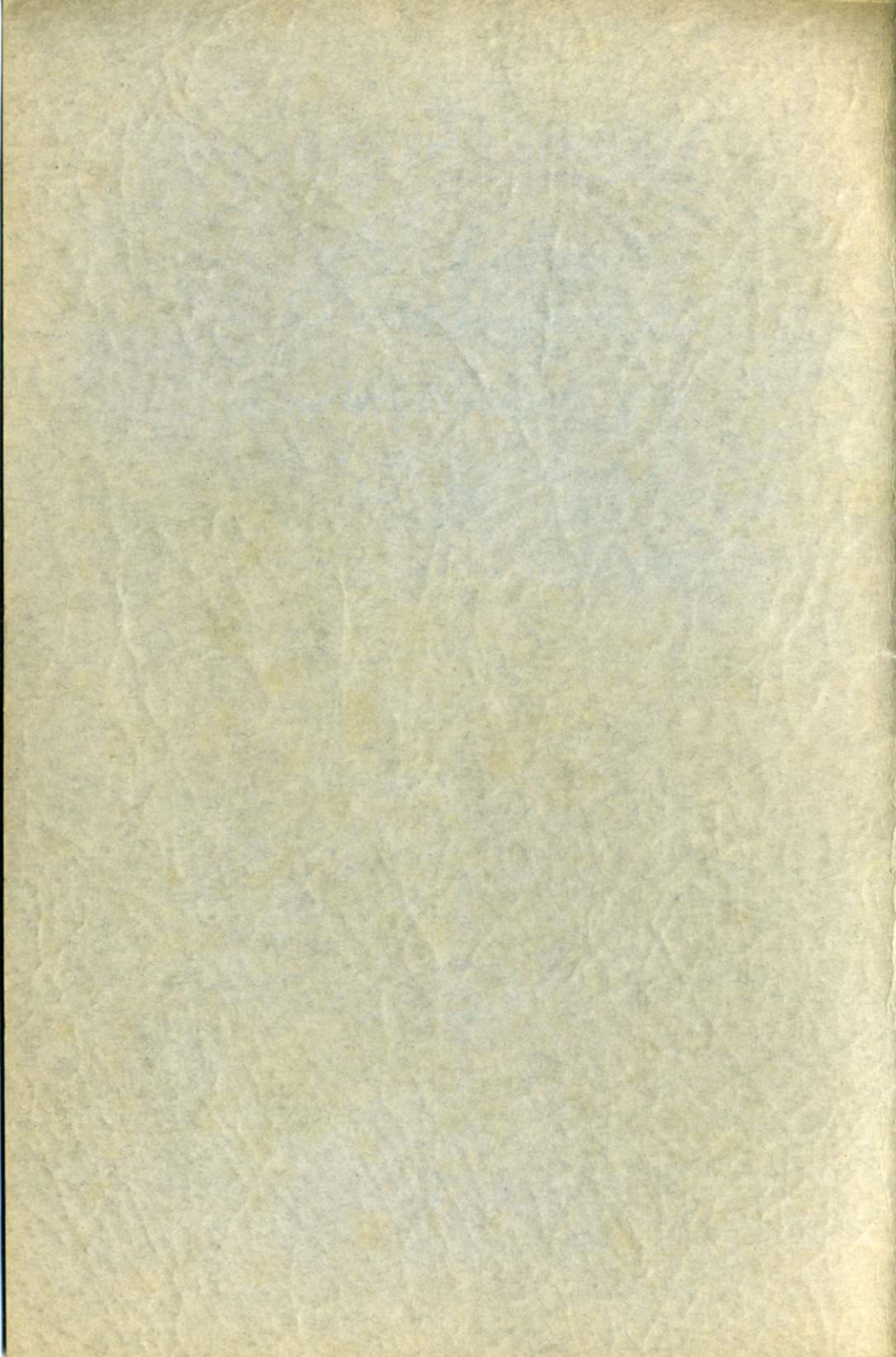


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## FOREWORD

At a meeting of Greenbrier Lodge No. 42 some months ago, Sergt. C. C. Conyers said to me: "Jim, we have a very distinguished visitor with us to-night, Maj. R. E. Swab, of the U. S. Army, now Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the G. M. S., and I wish you would examine him. He is an exceptionally-bright Craftsman, so keep your eyes and ears open. I noticed him reading the different charters, perhaps, to be sure that he was was not in a clandestine Lodge."

The first thing the Major said to me, after we had retired to the private office of our Secretary, was something like this: "Mr. Dotson, out in the Tiler's apartment, I looked over the charters of Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 and Fort Union Lodge No. 42. What became of these Lodges when the present one began to operate?"

You could have knocked me down with a feather. Why, I could no more answer him than I could have explained the truth or the untruth of why the moon—and SOME PEOPLE—were "made of green cheese." I knew absolutely nothing about which he was talking. Momentarily, I was dumfounded; but recovering from the shock, I held my head high, looked him straight in the eye, and ventured to say: "Major, there is some very interesting history in connection with your question that I have not the time to go into just now, as the Master would like you to be present when he opens Lodge. However, I shall esteem it a pleasure to go over it with you at some future time."

I then and there determined that no man would ever catch me again on that question; so I began to work, and continued to work day and night. The result of my labor, I now pass on to you—thanks to Bro. Swab.

The task of finding out the facts and digging up the material which have made it possible for me to give you this Masonic story, has been, by no means, an easy one.

My first step was to seek information from some of the oldest citizens in and around Lewisburg. I would repeatedly ask questions like these: How long did Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 exist? Where did it hold its meetings in the early days? How did it lose its name? Was its charter ever arrested? When was Fort Union Lodge No. 42 organized? How many years did it function? Who were some of its members? Why did some of the members of this Lodge withdraw from Greenbrier Lodge and form a Lodge of their own? In what places did these Lodges hold their meetings? How many years did we have two Masonic Lodges operating in Lewisburg at the same time? When was Greenbrier Lodge No. 42 formed? What became of Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 and Fort Union Lodge No. 42 when Greenbrier Lodge No. 42 began to work under its present charter, and how long ago has that been? Who were its first officers, and how long ago has that been?

"The attentive ear" listened for "the sound of the instructive tongue", but alas! the only responses I ever heard were these: "I don't know." "You have me there." "I can't answer that question." So there I was. Give up, or go alone. Dig, search, fathom! The result: You will find these questions answered in the pages ahead.

Days and weeks were spent in reading Lodge minutes, to which I had access in the Masonic Temple, covering a period of some eighty-odd years.

Valuable information was also obtained from certain Deed Books in the Court House, which were placed at my disposal by our courteous and obliging Clerk, Paul C. Hogsett; and with the assistance of my dear



little friend, James Withrow, who turned the pages of those books like a wizard, I found the facts which were necessary to verify many of my statements.

I was eager to go any length, to exert every effort that would leave no doubt in my mind, or in the mind of any Thomas (?) who might read this booklet, that the sketches I was writing were absolutely authentic, correct, and accurate in every detail.

My progress in compiling these sketches was slow, difficult, tiresome; and however determined I may have been to forge on to the end, am afraid had not my heart been so entirely wrapped up in the work, I would have abandoned hope, and given up long ago.

I do not claim, in any sense of the word, to be a writer—and am aware that my critics will be many—but am giving you this history, in my own way, for what it is worth, and hope, after overlooking my faults, that by aid of the light I bring, you will see clearly many of the things that heretofore, perhaps, had been seen by you only "through a glass, darkly."

I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to my friends connected with the Greenbrier Independent for the invaluable help they have given me in the arrangement of this booklet; and also to express my appreciation of the kindness of a friend of many years, Brother Edw. L. Blake, Associate Editor of the West Virginia News, for the use, without charge, of many of the "cuts" that otherwise would have been unavailable to me.

Were I to dedicate this booklet, it would be to the memory of the Greenbrier Craftsmen in whose footprints we are journeying to "that far distant country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Fraternally — J. V. D.



**A**BOUT four generations ago, or one hundred and forty-three years, a few of the early settlers of this community met in the store of James W. Mathews in Lewisburg, and set on foot a movement to organize a Masonic Lodge in Greenbrier County.

A petition to the Grand Lodge of Virginia was drawn up and signed by the members of the Craft who were living here, and within the radius of twenty-five miles or more.

Capt. Alexander Welch and Dennis McLaughlin volunteered to take the petition to the proper authorities in Richmond.

Late in the fall of 1796 these men, true and tried, fearless and courageous, mounted their horses, and with the cheers of their fellow Craftsmen ringing in their ears, topped Waggoner's hill, and were off on the long journey that lay before them.

Bearing up patiently under the fatigue and hardships incident to traveling along trails unfamiliar to them—winding over hills and mountains steep and rugged—hearing, perhaps, the snarl of a catamount, or the growl of a bear, in crossing the Alleghenies, would, of course, have made them spur up a little, but nothing could weaken their determination to press on to the goal ahead—fording streams and rivers, at some places, no doubt, swift and perilous, they happily reached the Mecca of their journey.

Looking up Grand Master Robt. Brooke and Nathaniel W. Price, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, they laid before these men the paper that embodied the desires and prayers of the brethren they had left behind.

The charter was granted Dec. 5th, with the title and number, Greenbrier Lodge No. 49—designating as officers, James W. Mathews, W. M.; John Mathews, S. W., and John Brown, J. W.—the first meeting of which was held April 1st, 1797.

After resting for a few days, these men were on the old trail again, this time bound home and Lewisburg.

The day they reached here, there was a gathering at the Mathews store, where arrangements were made to have an elaborate celebration that night; and there must have been a "hot time in the old town that night" for there was a parade, headed by Welch and McLaughlin on their horses, followed by a banquet and speech galore.

Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 has, therefore, the distinction of being the first regularly-constituted Lodge west of the Allegheny mountains, or within the territorial limits of what is now



known as West Virginia.

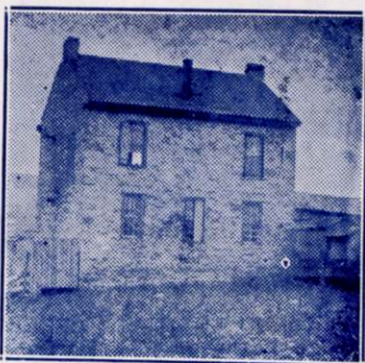
In the early days, and up into the 19th century, the Lodge held its meetings in private homes, generally in the large dining room in the brick house—now torn down—of Patrick Beirne on North Lee Street.

Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 functioned continuously for a period of 82 years, or until Fort Union Lodge No. 42 consolidated with it in 1878—thus giving birth to Greenbrier Lodge No. 42, which has come down through the years unchanged, and we venture to say that there is not a Mason who lived here at that time who has not been called by the Supreme Grand Master to pass on to the Great Beyond.

“There’s a world where all are equal—  
We are hurrying toward it fast—  
We shall meet upon the Level there,  
When the gates of Death are past;  
We shall stand before the Orient,  
And our Master will be there  
To try the blocks we offer  
By His unerring Square.”

On December 31st, 1852, the trustees of Greenbrier Lodge bought from C. M. Weir, Thomas and Mason Mathews the “Old-Stone-Lodge” property, situated on the parcel of land on which the Chrysler garage now stands, and which, for many years, had been used by the Lodge for its place of meeting.

**The Old Stone  
Lodge**



**First Masonic Hall  
in Lewisburg**

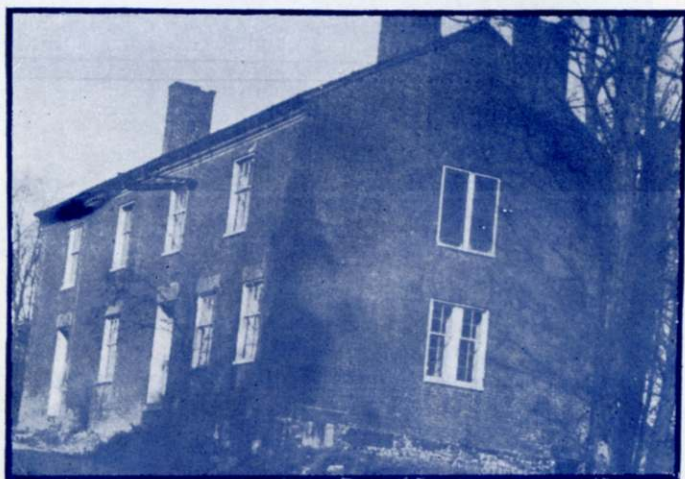
In the Spring of 1869, the Lodge sold this property to the Board of Education of the township of Lewisburg to be used



as a schoolhouse for the colored children of this community.

In 1858 Greenbrier Lodge bought from H. H. Harrison, Andrew Beirne and B. C. Caldwell the brick building on West Main Street, which has since been known as the Masonic Hall. It was erected by F. M. Frazier during the closing days of the 18th century, and was used about sixty-one years by The Supreme Court of Virginia for its library, offices and place of holding court in Greenbrier County.

Immediately after the "Battle of Lewisburg" (1862) the old Courtroom, being on the ground floor, was used for many months as a hospital for the Confederate soldiers who were wounded in that memorable fight.



Masonic Hall — 1799

By way of parenthesis, this building was purposely located just across the street from the old "Frazier Tavern", which is still standing, but having been most attractively remodeled is now occupied as the residence of Dr. French W. Thompson, President of Greenbrier College, which, under his efficient management, has grown into one of the most popular and well-equipped seats of learning south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

As soon as repairs and alterations could be made, necessary to make this building a suitable place in which to hold its meetings, the Lodge moved to its new quarters, and continued to

operate there until 1917, when the trustees sold this property to E. W. Sydenstricker.

From thence, the Lodge moved to rooms over the Lewisburg Drug Store, which it occupied until 1926, when it moved to its new home in the Masonic Temple.



Masonic Temple — 1925

West Virginia had no sooner gained her statehood (1863) than a movement was made to organize and put in operation a Grand Lodge of her own. This, however, was not accomplished until 1864 when, in the city of Wheeling, Dr. William J. Bates was elected our first Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Dr. Thomas L. Logan, Grand Secretary.

After certain difficulties and misunderstandings between the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Grand Lodge of West Virginia had been satisfactorily adjusted, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in 1868, extended Masonic recognition to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. At the same time, it recommended to its subordinate Lodges, within the jurisdiction of this state, that they transfer their connection to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, calling attention to a resolution that had recently been passed at its Annual Communication to the effect that thereafter it would grant no more charters for the formation of new Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of West





W. E. Nelson



Wm. N. Jasper

Virginia.

In the meantime, however, early in the summer of '68, an application, signed by Maj. John W. Harris, Dr. C. N. Austin, A. C. Snyder, Robert F. Dennis and others, had been made to Bro. William Terry, Grand Master of the Granl Lodge of Virginia, for a Dispensation to assemble and work as a Regular Lodge in the town of Lewisburg.

On July 21st, by virtue of this Dispensation having been granted, and on that day received in Lewisburg, Fort Union Lodge U. D. was called to order by Worshipful Master John W. Harris, with the following officers: C. N. Austin, S. W., F. C. Burdette, J. W., W. B. White, Treas., A. C. Snyder, Sec., S. C. Beard, S. D., John Davis Arbuckle, J. D., and John H. Wetzel, S. and Tiler.

This Lodge was in operation for ten years, or until it consolidated with Greenbrier No. 49 in 1878.

The war between the States had come to an end three years before the members of Fort Union Lodge had broken off their connection with Greenbrier Lodge. It left the country in a confused and discorded condition.

Many of the men who at the call of their country and in obedience to their convictions of duty left firesides abounding in comforts and joys to campfires superabounding in privations and sorrow, had returned to their homes—cherishing, no doubt, the memory of many a comrade whom they had seen fall on the field of battle—to find their wives and children in want and distress; their places of business closed; their fields where corn and wheat once waved in plenty laid waste by neglect and the devastations of war; fields that were furrowed by cannon ball, shot and shell, while the peaceful plowshare lay hidden in the barn. Weeds and briars the only crop.

The picture was one of chaos, despair, desolation! Money was scarce; a days' work hard to find; the flourbin was empty, and but little meal in the barrel.

How well I remember when a boy at my mother's knee of listening to the stories she would tell me, with tears in her eyes, of the hardships through which they had passed, and the struggles they were still having to make ends meet. Many were the times I was sent to Bell's store on the corner for a nickle's worth of brown sugar, or fifteen cents' worth of flour or meal. Hard times? Yes. "Times that tried men's souls!"

Men were discouraged, downhearted, spirits broken; un-



rest was evident among members of the Craft, no doubt, one cause of which was their inability to meet Lodge dues, and the dread of suspension which would necessarily follow.

First one, and then another, and another would be dropped from the roll, or suspended, until a time when they could meet their indebtedness to the Lodge, and then, if they so desired, make application for reinstatement. My grandfather, St. Clair Johnston, was one of them, my father another, and many others who were likewise dealt with from time to time.

These men loved their Lodge, and the thought of being excluded from its meetings was hard to bear, but they could not help themselves. They knew the Order could not function without income, much of which was from the payment of dues, but in this, they were unable to do their part.

The real spirit of Masonry, however, was shown in the leniency the Lodge had with its delinquents. Time for settlement would be extended month after month, but to no avail. So the day of reckoning had come. The execution of a law under which the Lodge was working could no longer be ignored, and action was taken. The hammer fell!

"The mills of the gods grind slow,  
But they grind exceeding fine."

When the organization of Fort Union Lodge was first formed, it was composed of members who had withdrawn from, or had been demitted by, Greenbrier Lodge.

It is the belief of some that the separation of members of Fort Union Lodge from Greenbrier was the result of an ill-feeling between the brethren who had been sympathizers with the North and those who had been in sympathy with the South; but the records do not show this, nor are any facts borne out that would justify such conclusion. Why, think! The two Lodges held their meetings, on different nights, in the same Hall each bearing one-half of all expenses. When either Lodge held a meeting there were always present visiting brethren from the other Lodge, and this fine feeling of brotherhood was manifested up to the time of their consolidation.

Fort Union Lodge severed its connection with the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1869, and was granted a charter by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Nov. 10th, the same year.

Greenbrier Lodge dissolved its relation with the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1876, and an application for member-

ship in the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was granted with the assurance that with its endorsement on the charter the transfer would permit Greenbrier to retain its original name and number.

Ten years had passed since the members of these Lodges had separated from each other.

The condition of the country had improved; more money was in circulation; bank deposits were moving forward, and the advent of a new day crystalizing; the sun shone brighter; business and industry were on the comeback; every one was happy in the smiles of goodwill and fellowship; the Lodges were working smoothly and in harmony with each other; the members suspended in the years gone by were back in the fold full of happiness, ambition, and the opportunity to live and enjoy the blessings of a free and reunited nation.

How propitious the time for THESE LODGES to reunite, and work hand in hand as in the days when all was well between them!

This desire and longing had been discussed by, and between, and among the members of the Order for months and months. The opportune time had come. So now:

Early in November, 1877, the two Lodges adopted resolutions, the purpose of which was to devise plans whereby a union of these Lodges could be effectively made.

A joint committee, representing respectively Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 and Fort Union Lodge No. 42, was appointed by Bro. John G. Cox, composed of W. P. Foster and Dr. S. H. Austin of Greenbrier Lodge, and Maj. John W. Harris and Judge J. M. McWhorter of Fort Union Lodge. The committee was instructed to work out plans for the formation of a union of these Lodges, empowered to decide on a name and number for the new Lodge, and also present the names of three brethren as charter members. Decision: Title and number, Greenbrier Lodge No. 42. Charter members, Joel McPherson, Jno. G. Cox and Jno. W. Arbuckle.

Just here, it is interesting to note, that the hardest part of the committee's work was to decide on a name and number for the New Lodge. The representatives of Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 declared emphatically that they would not give up the word "Greenbrier". Likewise, those representing Fort Union Lodge No. 42 just as stubbornly declared that they would not surrender the number "42". Deadlocked! Finally, the brethren



ren agreed on a compromise, whereby they would take the NAME of one, and the NUMBER of the other and christen the united Lodges "Greenbrier Lodge No. 42". The hand-clasp of Masonic fellowship cemented the decision, and the sixty-one years have rolled around since that decision was made, it stands to-day like Jackson's vision of a stone wall.

At the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held November 14th, 1877, in Martinsburg, the Lodge was willing to grant a charter to the New Lodge with the understanding that Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 and Fort Union Lodge No. 42 consent to consolidate as Greenbrier Lodge No. 42. This agreement, however, having already been made and signed by the representatives of the two Lodges, was given to the Grand Master. The charter was issued December 4th, 1877.

"Hands round, ye faithful Craftsmen,  
In the bright, fraternal chain;  
We part upon the Square below,  
To meet in Heaven again.  
Oh, what words of precious meaning  
Those words Masonic are—  
We meet upon the Level  
And we part upon the Square."

The last meeting of Greenbrier Lodge No. 49 was held in the Masonic Hall on the evening of Nov. 10, 1877, with Jno. G. Cox, W. M., Jas. M. Cunningham, S. W., William Grow, J. W., W. P. Foster, S. D., William Stalnaker, J. D., Jas. Cox, Treas., A. C. Ligget, Sec., and Jno. H. Wetzell, S. & Tiler.

The last meeting of Fort Union Lodge No. 42 was held in the Masonic Hall Nov. 5th, 1877—Jno. W. Arbuckle, W. M., Robt. F. Dennis, S. W., A. C. Snyder, J. W., M. B. White, Treas., J. M. McWhorter, Sec., J. W. A. Ford, S. D., J. A. Larew, J. D., and D. W. Ayres, S. & Tiler.



A FEW MEMBERS OF GREENBRIER LODGE  
NO. 49 PRIOR TO 1845

Alexander Welch  
Mathew Arbuckle  
Jas. Arbuckle  
Francis Ludington  
Anthony Bowen  
St. Clair Johnston  
Hugh McCleary  
Jas. Ludington  
Wm. McDowell  
Jno. D. Littlepage  
Jno. S. Johnston

Wm. Handley  
Joe Harmon  
Dennis McLaughlin  
Jno. White  
Sam Winall  
Jno. Campbell  
Ballard Smith  
H. C. Cabell  
O. P. Sydenstricker  
Jno. H. Hess  
Patrick Beirne  
David K. Spotts

D. W. Ayres  
J. D. Foglesong  
Price Johnson

PAST MASTERS

Jas. L. Anderson  
Wm. C. Venable  
Jno H. Wetzel, Sr.  
Wm. Cary  
Thos. Creigh  
Jas. Remley





OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GREENBRIER  
LODGE NO. 49 — 1863

JOEL McPHERSON .....	Master
WILLIAM P. FOSTER .....	S. Warden
ARCH W. FOLK .....	J. Warden
F. M. FRAZIER .....	Treasurer
JOHN G. COX .....	Secretary
C. A. STUART .....	S. Deacon
RICHARD THOMAS .....	J. Deacon
REV. WM. FISHER .....	Chaplain
JOHN H. WETZEL, Sr. ....	S. and Tiler

PAST MASTERS

Joel McPherson  
John H. Copeland  
John H. Wetzel, Sr.  
Henry Stuart  
D. C. B. Caldwell  
Thomas L. Feamster  
Wm. R. Stuart, Sr.  
S. S. Thompson  
James Cox  
J. H. D. Johnson

H. B. Craig  
George S. Chilton  
A. F. Cook  
Cornelius Cochlin  
A. W. G. Davis  
R. F. Dennis  
R. R. Dickson  
A. J. Dotson  
John P. Donaldson  
Ambrose C. Dunn  
Floyd Estill  
Joseph L. Fry

J. W. Mitchell  
R. W. McClanahan  
Z. F. Morris  
Josiah Osborne  
M. V. Peers  
John M. Price  
Wm. H. H. Peck  
C. Rosenquist  
C. A. Rupert  
J. C. Rabbe  
Noyes Rand  
Thomas A. Roberts

MEMBERS

George Alderson  
Richard Ankram  
A. B. Budd  
Wm. L. Barksdale  
Stm'l C. Beard  
Patrick Beirne  
F. C. Burdett  
Abraham Bright  
George W. Buster  
Conrad Burgess  
J. W. Branham  
Wm. F. Bahlman  
Wm. Blessing  
Thomas P. Bowen  
Robert B. Bourn  
J. A. Blaker  
N. P. Barton  
Oscar Callison  
Madison Callison  
John B. Calwell  
Thomas Creigh  
Alex. M. Cooper  
John Creigh  
Martin Crum

John M. Furguson  
John A. Hawver  
H. H. Harrison  
C. R. Hines  
H. F. Hunter  
John A. Hunter  
George Hunter  
Reuben Hurley  
Jacob Hoover  
N. C. Hendrick  
George W. Hill  
S. D. Humphreys  
R. P. Lake  
John E. Lewis  
Richard Laidley  
James S. Lemon  
Alexis Martin  
J. J. Moorman  
R. B. Moorman  
George McKendree  
Patrick McCleary  
John H. McPherson  
John C. McDonald  
James W. McDowell  
S. D. Moore

R. Sammons  
Edward Smith  
Randolph Stalnaker  
J. W. Stalnaker  
Wm. H. Shields  
P. S. E. Sixeas  
W. S. Summers  
A. Schilling  
Wm. R. Stuart, Jr.  
M. L. Smiley  
B. F. Sampson  
D. E. Stalnaker  
John Toothman  
Francis Tyree  
M. Tabler  
James H. Vandiver  
David Watts  
Wm. Wells  
M. B. White  
P. B. Wetherhead  
L. F. Watts  
L. A. Wetzel  
Richard Woodram  
R. C. Williams  
Wm. J. Zimmerman



Col. Joel McPherson



Wm. P. Foster



Jno. G. Cox  
(Part Sec.)



Dr. Sam'l H. Austin



O. P. Sydenstricker





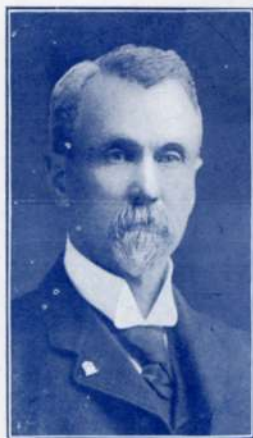
Maj. Wm. H. Shields



J. Wash McDowell



A. J. Dotson



Jas. M. Cunningham  
(Past Treas.)



Jno. M. Price



Dr. E. F. Raymond



Wm. Grow





Dr. J. H. Deshons



Dr. Wm. H. McClung



Wm. H. Cackley



Randolph K. Stalnaker



J. R. Woodard



Capt. John G. Lobban

Dr. Thomas Creigh





**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF FORT UNION  
LODGE NO. 42 — 1869**

JOHN W. HARRIS .....	W. Master
CHAS. N. AUSTIN .....	S. Warden
F. C. BURDETTE .....	J. Warden
M. B. WHITE .....	Treasurer
A. C. SNYDER .....	Secretary
SAM'L C. BEARD .....	S. Deacon
JNO. DAVIS ARBUCKLE .....	J. Deacon
JNO. H. WETZEL, Jr. ....	Tiler

B. F. Jones	P. S. E. Sixeas	J. Crawford McPherson
Joel McPherson	James Knight	Lewis Henley
Carlos A. Sperry	Lewis J. Nelson	Patrick McCleary
Samuel H. Austin	Wm. F. McClung	Jno. A. Knapp
J. M. McWhorter	Jas. C. McPherson	F. M. Frazier
Robt. F. Dennis	Samuel Stinson	D. W. Ayers
J. W. A. Ford	L. S. Price	—
Joseph A. Feamster	S. B. Mason	PAST MASTERS
Geo. H. Lewis	Geo. W. Henning	John W. Harris
Henry A. Robinson	J. Coleman Alderson	C. N. Austin
Jno. H. Arbuckle	Jno. W. Arbuckle	Jno. W. Arbuckle



Maj. John W. Harris



J. Coleman Alderson





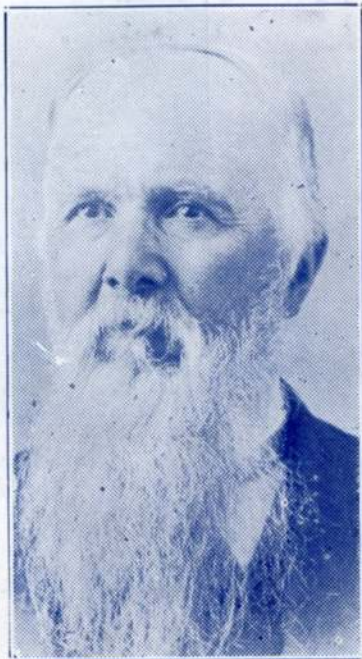
Jno. Davis Arbuckle



Jno. W. Arbuckle



Capt. R. F. Dennis



Judge J. M. McWhorter, Sec.

Judge A. C. Snyder, Sec.





## FIRST OFFICERS OF GREENBRIER LODGE NO. 42—1878

The first meeting of Greenbrier Lodge No. 42 was held in the Masonic Hall January 1st, 1878. Officers designated by the Grand Master—Joel McPherson, W. M., Jno. G. Cox, S. W., Jno. W. Arbuckle, J. W. Elected and appointed—James M. Cunningham, Treas., J. M. McWhorter, Sec., W. P. Foster, S. D., William Grow, J. D., James L. Nelson, Tiler.



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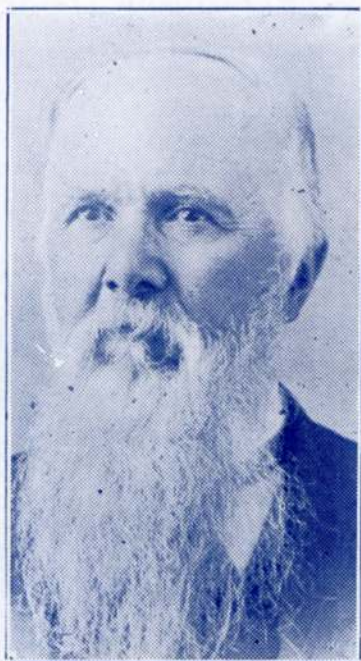
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Jas. M. Cunningham,  
Treas.



J. M. McWhorter, Sec.



W. P. Foster, S. D.



Wm. Grow, J. D.

James L. Nelson, Tiler



PRESENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GREENBRIER  
 LODGE NO. 42 — 1939

J. WALTER DYCHE .....	W. Master
W. R. MATHENY .....	S. Warden
C. L. ALFORD .....	J. Warden
F. H. MAYS .....	Treasurer
S. W. McCORKLE .....	Secretary
EARL DARNELLE .....	S. Deacon
H. E. MARTIN .....	J. Deacon
LLOYD McF. COURTNEY, D. D. ....	Chaplain
J. V. DOTSON .....	Tiler



J. Walter Dyche, W. M.



W. R. Matheny, S. W.



C. L. Alford, J. W.



Earl Darnelle, S. D.



F. H. Mays, Treas.



S. W. McCorkle, Sec.



Lloyd McF. Courtney,  
D. D., Chaplain



H. E. Martin, J. D.



J. V. Dotson, Tiler

PAST MASTERS GREENBRIER LODGE NO. 42  
1878-1939



Col. Joel McPherson



Dr. Sam'l H. Austin



Maj. John W. Harris





John G. Cox



Wm. P. Foster



W. E. Darnell  
Oldest in Membership



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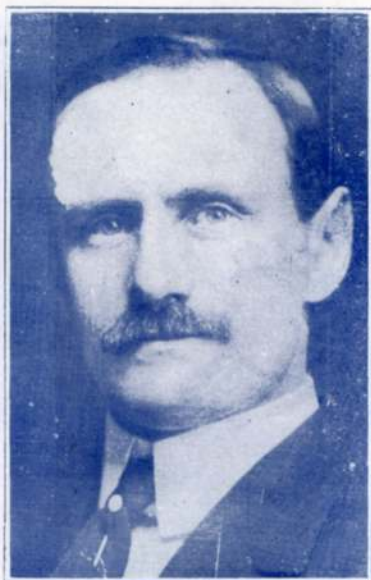
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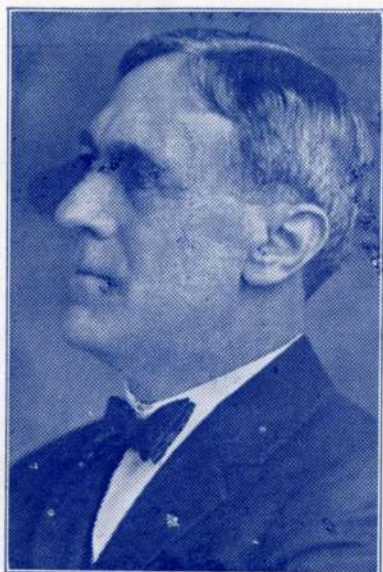
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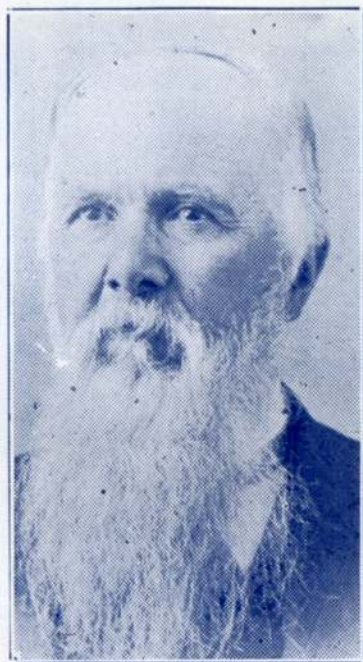


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“So let us meet upon the Level,  
While laboring patient there—  
Let us meet and let us labor,  
Tho the labor seem severe.  
Already in the western sky  
The signs bid us prepare  
To gather up our working tools  
And part upon the Square!”







