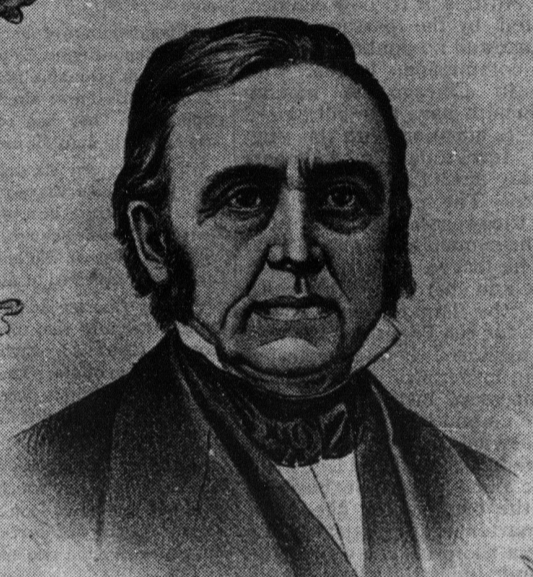




THE FOUNDERS



THE SEVEN STARS.
BALTIMORE, MD., 1819, WHERE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 1 WAS INSTITUTED.



JOHN WELCH.
BORN AT WOLVERHAMPTON, ENGL.
NOV. 1792. DIED AT BALTIMORE MD.
1851.
FIRST V.G. WASHINGTON LODGE No. 1, U.S.A.



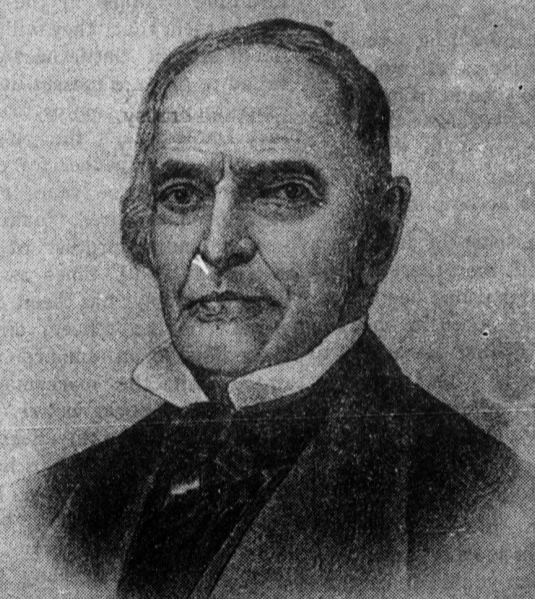
J. P. ENTWISLE
BORN IN ENGLAND,
DATE UNKNOWN. DIED AT BALTIMORE, MD.
JULY 5, 1824.
FIRST D.G.M.



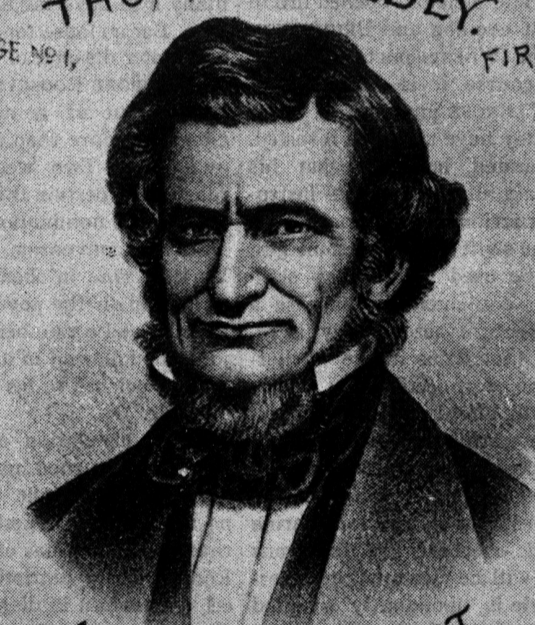
THOMAS WILDEY.
BORN IN LONDON, ENGL.
JAN. 19, 1782. DIED AT BALTIMORE, MD.
OCT. 19, 1861.
FIRST N.G. OF WASHINGTON LODGE No. 1, U.S.A.
FIRST GRAND MASTER.



RICHARD MARLEY.
BORN IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.
NOV. 12, 1791. DIED MAY 7, 1869.
INITIATED INTO I.O.O.F. IN 1820.



JOHN BOYD.
BORN IN LANARKSHIRE, SCOTLAND,
IN 1787. DIED AT BALTIMORE,
AUG. 30, 1871.
ENTERED WASHINGTON LODGE IN 1819.



AUGUSTUS MATHIOT.
BORN AT LANCASTER, PA.
AUG. 4, 1799. DIED JULY 12, 1872.
INITIATED INTO I.O.O.F. 1823.

OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA.

CENTRE LODGE, No. 153.

Centre Lodge No. 153 was instituted February 23rd, 1846, by District Deputy Grand Master James Gamble and members from Clinton Lodge No. 98, Jersey Shore Lodge No. 101, and a few Brothers from Juniata Lodge. The first meetings were held in a hall in the east end of the court house. The first officers were, Noble Grand, Henry Baker; Vice-Grand, C. H. Bressler; financial secretary, P. B. Wilson; recording secretary, William A. Baker, and treasurer, Daniel Welsh. The Lodge continued to meet in the court house until November 19th, 1846, when they moved to the Masonic hall located on east High street, now occupied by N. B. Spangler Esq., and James

M. Clark. The first years of its existence were not very successful; they took in some new members but not much interest was taken and on the fourth day of April, 1856, it surrendered its charter. After a lapse of eleven years a few Brothers made application to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of the old charter, which was granted and the Grand Master delegated District Deputy Grand Master James N. Bell, of Blair county, to deliver the charter and books and reorganize Centre Lodge. The reorganization took place in the McClain block on west High street. The officers at this time were, Noble Grand, Henry Twitmore; Vice-Grand, J. S. Parsons; secretary, John T. Hoover, and treasurer, William A. Kerlin. The Lodge was successful from the start and took in new members and nearly all of the old members who belonged before the surrender of the charter. They continued to

meet in the McClain block until January 19th, 1888, when they moved to their present location, Crider's Stone Building. The Lodge has gained steadily during the past years. It never had any great booms but has gained a very solid membership of the best citizens of the community. The present officers are, Noble Grand, Calder L. Ray; Vice-Grand, Geo. C. Miller; financial secretary, Harry A. Smith; recording secretary, Sinie H. Hoy, and treasurer, Isaac Miller. The past six months have been very successful having initiated thirty-nine new members and now have a membership of two hundred and forty. The Lodge has a good orchestra under the leadership of Brother Willis E. Wion; they furnish plenty of good music for our lodge and fill engagements from the

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