

THE MASONIC DETECTIVE: FREEMASONRY AND THE FOUNDING OF EMORY UNIVERSITY

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THE FEW MEMORIAL



EMORY COLLEGE 1860



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...the founder of the Coca-Cola Company. Asa Griggs Candler famously presented a personal check for \$1,000,000 to found Emory University in Atlanta in 1914.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, his brother, Bishop Warren Akin Candler, was elected first Chancellor of the relocated university.

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Few's grave marker, Oxford Cemetery



FEW MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION



THE GRASSHOPPER
who departed this life
Aged 51
He was born April 10
than the County
As a MAN, he possessed
of character which combined
of the ancient and the modern
As a MINISTER of the Gospel, he gave
beautiful description of the
His office sacred, his credentials clear
by him the violated law spoken on
his shoulders, and by him men knew the sweet
As a PIONEER, the Gospel whispered peace
As a PATRON of Education and Learning, his contributions
is seen in the buildings which this Monument adorns
As a PATRIOT, he was among the first in the battle field
at his Country's call, in the war of 1812, from which he returned
with honor to honor his Country as a private citizen
In PRIVATE LIFE, he was distinguished for the amity of his
nature, the warmth of his friendship, his high social qualities
and his vision and useful knowledge
Masons, Clergymen, Scholars, Patriots, and Citizens
join rich in the sentiment
"Gere uide sed non eternum fare uideat
Nunquam iterum iterum sum, multa dignetur
Tam nihil simplex potuit dissolvere motus
Nec inuenerunt, nec reuenerunt ego"

Glendinning

Amelia

FEW MEMORIAL: MINISTER, PATRON OF EDUCATION AND LEARNING, AND PATRIOT

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METHODISM: FEW IN SAVANNAH

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism

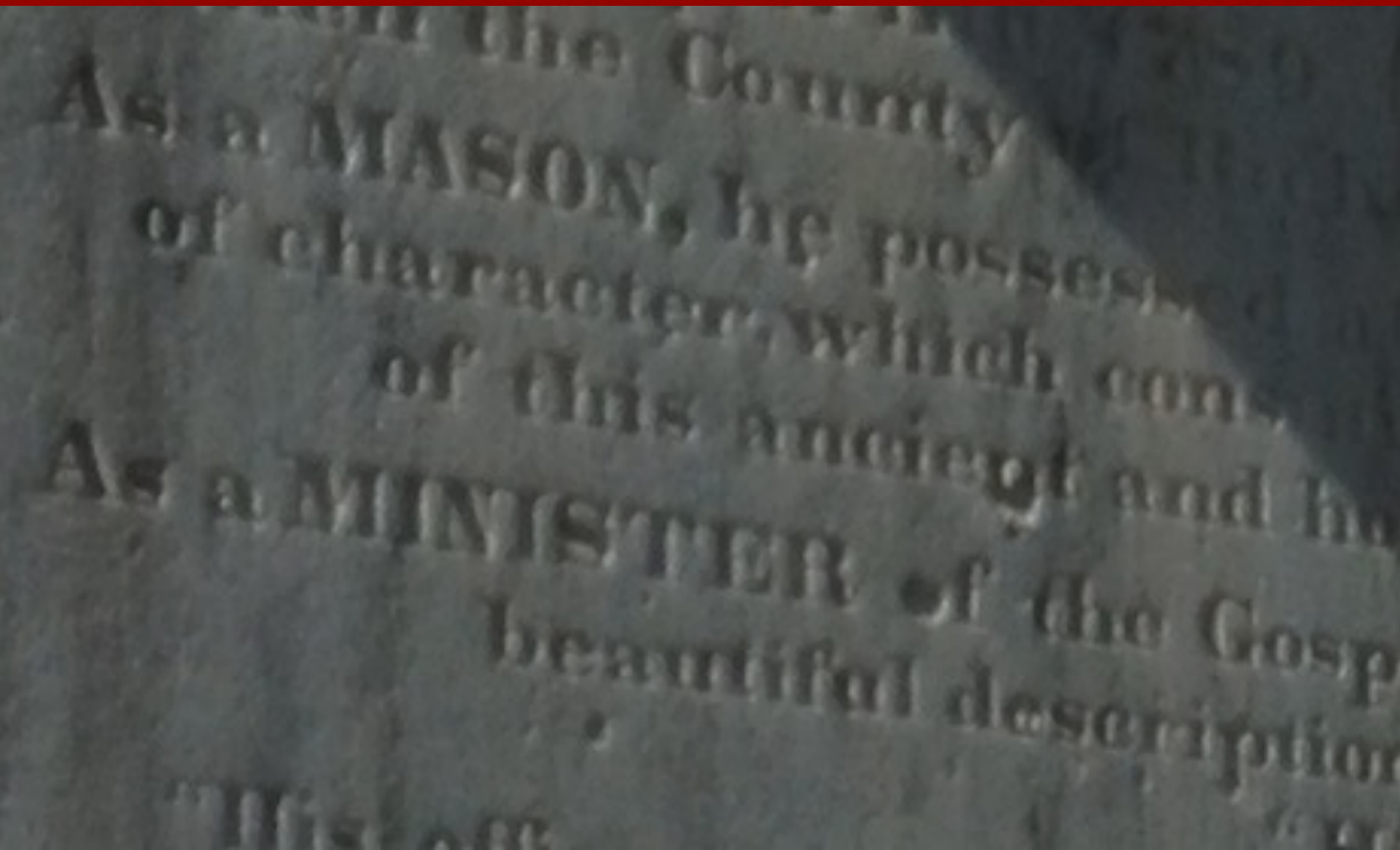
Trinity Church is the oldest Methodist Church in a city whose intimate association with John Wesley and George Whitefield gives it a unique place in the history of Methodism. The cornerstone of the building was laid February 14, 1848, in a ceremony presided over by the Reverend Alfred T. Mann, Pastor. The edifice, which was completed in 1850, is in the Corinthian order of architecture and was designed by John B. Hogg of Savannah.

Prior to the erection of Trinity Church the Methodist congregation in Savannah worshipped in Wesley Chapel on South Broad Street. Among the great preachers of the Methodist Church whose names are associated with the Chapel are Francis Asbury, William Capers, John Howard, James C. Andrew, Ignatius Few, Elijah Sinclair and George F. Pierce. Through their faith and service others have lived more valiantly.

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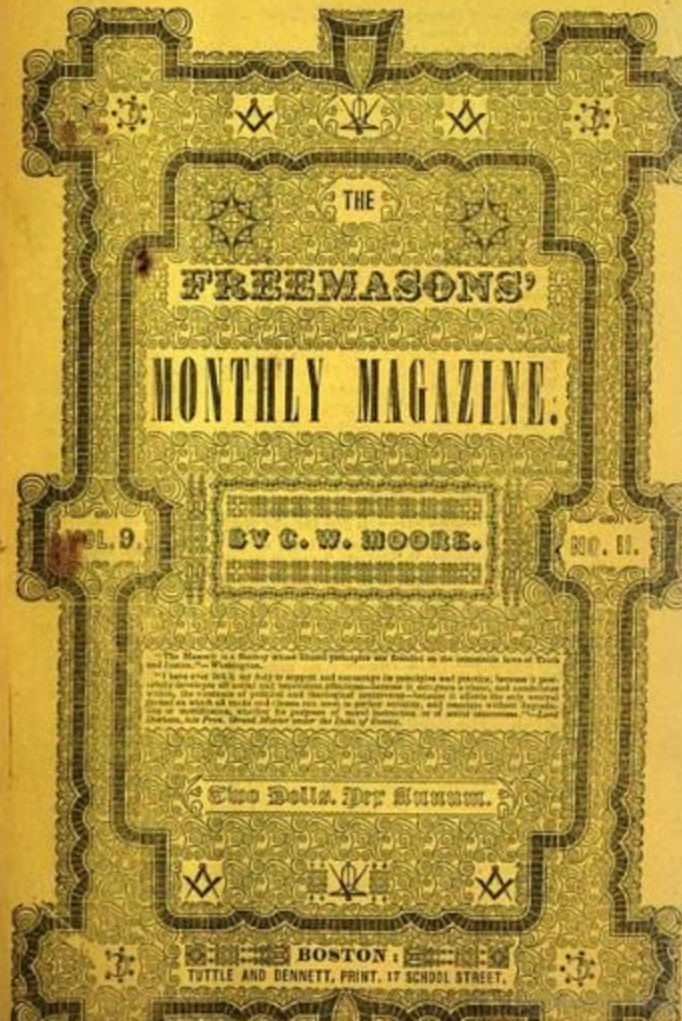
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THE
FREEMASONS'
MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

BY CHARLES W. MOORE,
GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

VOLUME IX.

BOSTON:
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Charles W. Moore
(ed.), "Masonic
Intelligence," *The
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MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

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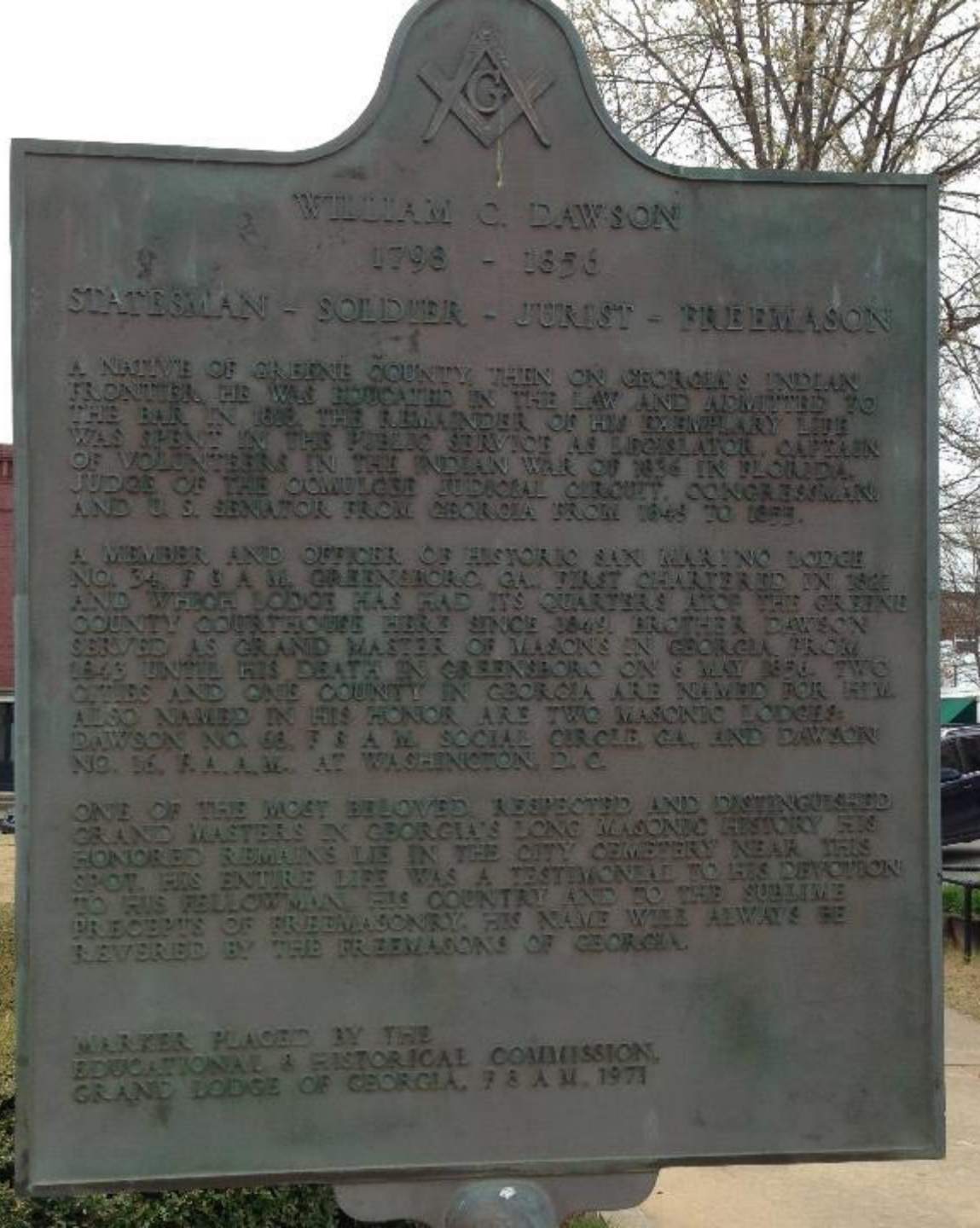


William C. Dawson
1798–1856
Georgia Grand Master
1843–1856



"We are called on to announce the decease of one of Georgia's most honored citizens of public station and renown, and one who had worn fitly and faithfully the highest honors of the State. The Hon. William Crosby Dawson expired at an early hour on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at his residence in Greensboro, Ga., of an attack of bilious cholic."

Charleston Courier
(8 May 1856), p. 2



Greene County Courthouse
Greensboro, GA, built 1849,
with marker dedicated to
William C. Dawson

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In Loving Memory



A Celebration of the Life of
James Russell “Jimmy” Moore
August 15, 1945 – May 9, 2018

James “Jimmy” Moore,
Secretary of
San Marino Lodge No. 34.
F. & A. M.
Greensboro, GA.
First chartered 1831

SAN MARINO LODGE NO. 34



SAN MARINO LODGE MINUTES 1846

an account against this Lodge
 & The same was Paid by order of
 the Lodge On Motion a resolution
 was offered as follows. for the by
 Bro W P King. Resolved That Brothers
 W P King, H Sanford, W W S Weaver
 & ~~W P King~~ ^{W P King} ~~W W S Weaver~~ ^{W W S Weaver} ~~W P King~~ ^{W P King} ~~W W S Weaver~~ ^{W W S Weaver}
~~and~~ a committee to address the
 several Subordinate Lodges within
 the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge
 of this State upon the expediency
 and propriety of executing a
 plain and Substantial Monument
 to the Memory of our late Sarvant
 brother Col Ignatius ^{Heu} and solicit
 their aid and Cooperation in
 furtherance of this object
 On Motion

A Petition from the M W.
 G. Master Wm C Dawson was Presented
 to this Lodge the Petition of several Master
 Masons of the Grand Lodge of California

SAN MARINO LODGE MINUTES 1849

last Monthly Commencement, but in
of a resolution adopted at a previous
the members of San Marino Lodge, previous
of Bro. John L. Simmons of Office Lodge
dedication sermon on the 14th of March
and which was completed in this place by the
of our Lodge. Accordingly the members
of the Lodge, at 5 P.M. on the 14th day of the
for the service. The Brothers of San
Lodge & several visiting Brethren from
surrounding Lodges concurred in the singing
of Halleluiah in the old Lodge room, & they
then in procession to the new Hall, where
singing by the Choir Sprayed by the Rev.
Brother Allen, the dedication sermon was
delivered by a large audience by Bro. Simmons
on that day the Hall was solemnly set
out for Masonic purposes.

The dedication of
San Marino Lodge, No. 34, in pursuance of an in-
vitation extended to them by the Grand Lodge of the
State of Georgia, & a request to see the dedication
in the State, witnessed the erection of the
monument at 5 P.M. on Friday the 14th day
of March 1847. At 5 P.M. Brethren from out of
the State Brethren & Brethren of Mass.

The design
having this monument erected to give Bro. Allen
at his residence in San Marino Lodge, on the
evening of Bro. J. P. Johnson. & being Co-operation in
the dedication of the Lodge throughout the
State. It was afterwards visited by the Grand
Lodge of the State of Georgia & to many a
feeling of pride with the members of San
Marino Lodge to see it completed.

The Commencement at the
monument were conducted by the M. M. G. M.
William C. Lucas one of the officers of the
San Marino Lodge in a most perfect form.
At 8 P.M. upon the left
of the Hall of Bro. Allen was delivered in the

[illegible]

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE NO. 6, COVINGTON, GA

No.	NAME.	INITIATED.	PASSED.	RAISED.	AFFILIATED.	DEMIT.	TED.	SUSPENDED.	EXPELLED.	RESTORED.	DIED.	REMARKS.
1	Jordan, John											Stated in charter as H. Master
2	Crown, John											L. Hardin
3	Harmon, Samuel											J. Hardin
4	Hammons, J. B.				1 st July 1826	16 th June 1857						
5	Heald, M.				1 st July 1826							
6	Hickman, H. L.				1 st July 1826							
7	Latimer, H. P.		1 st March 1826	8 th May			18 May 1848					
8	Thornborough, H. P.		1 st - 1826	7 th June 1826								
9	Hamme, H. L.				1 st March 1826							
10	Payne, Thos. W.	5 th April 1826	3 rd August 1826	8 th Oct 1826							28 May 1858	
11	Ordway, John	3 rd May 1826	3 rd August 1826	8 th - 1826								
12	Thompson		3 rd May 1826	10 th January 1827								
13	Payne, Thomas				3 rd March 1826							
14	Ward, Julius C.	7 th Feb 1827	7 th May 1827	6 th July 1827								
15	Hickman, Lambert	7 th Feb 1827	7 th May 1827	6 th July 1827								
16	Hammons, H. P.				3 rd March 1827							
17	Harvey, H. P.				3 rd March 1827							
18	Harvey, H.	4 th June 1827	4 th Sept 1827	11 th January 1828								
19	Harvey, John H.	3 rd Dec 1827	3 rd Feb 1828									
20	Harvey, Thos.		11 th Jan 1828	5 th February 1828			2 nd April 1829					
21	Harvey, Bright	1 st March 1828										
22	Callahan, J.	5 th April 1828	4 th June 1828	16 th August 1828	8 th July 1829		6 th Dec 1829					
23	Harvey, H. D.						3 rd April 1828				26 th March 1825	
24	Harvey, John H.	5 th May 1828	5 th July 1828	16 th August 1828	6 th March 1829							
25	Harvey, John H.						6 th Dec 1828					
26	Haltwell, Harman	3 rd January 1829	6 th March 1829	6 th March 1829								
27	Harvey, John H.	4 th February 1829	6 th March 1829	6 th March 1829								
28	Harvey, H. L.	4 th July 1829										
29	Harvey, H. L.	6 th Feb 1830	4 th April 1830	1 st May 1830								
30	Harvey, Harman	5 th June 1830	4 th Sept 1830	4 th Sept 1830								
31	Harvey, John H.	6 th August 1830	4 th Sept 1830	4 th Sept 1830								
32	Harvey, James C.	6 th Oct 1830										
33	Harvey, John H.											
34	Harvey, John H.											
35	Harvey, Littleton P.											
36	Harvey, John H.	1 st Dec 1832	1 st March 1834	1 st March 1834								
37	Harvey, John H.	7 th July 1832	1 st Dec 1832	1 st March 1834								
38	Harvey, John H.											
39	Harvey, John H.											
40	Harvey, John H.											
41	Harvey, John H.	5 th Jan 1838	1 st March 1839	1 st March 1839								

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37	Woods, John B.	7 th July 1832	1 st Dec ^r 1832	1 st March 1834	
38	Flew. Ignatius M.				1 st Dec ^r 1838
39	Lamvat, Harmon				1 st Dec ^r 1838
40	Ranson, Reuben				1 st Dec ^r 1838

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE NO. 6, COVINGTON, GA

Amount yet due Golden Fleece Lodge for the year
Ignatius A. Felt. Or for annual dues (Removed)
Harmon Lamar & John Webb 100 Each
Wm B. Alred. 100 (Removed) & Daniel McGinnis (Dea)
John W. Tally & Wm B. Graham Each 100
Joseph D. Perry (Removed) & J. L. Smith Each
C. E. F. W. Campbell & C. J. Dorset Each 100
A. M. Bagland & Hardy Watford Each 100

PETITION TO FORM "FEW LODGE"

EW

A petition was presented from certain Brethren, M, M, from Oxford, in this county, praying this Lodge to recommend them to the Grand Master of this State for a dispensation to form a Lodge to be known as Few Lodge. The following resolution was presented by Bro Evans & adopted,

Resolved that the petition of Bro Geo C Sumners, O L Smith R H Greenwood J J Parker, Wm Galloway W F Bailey & Henry Gaither praying for a dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Georgia to form a Lodge of Master Masons in Oxford Newton County to be known by the name of Few Lodge be recommended by this Lodge
this was passed

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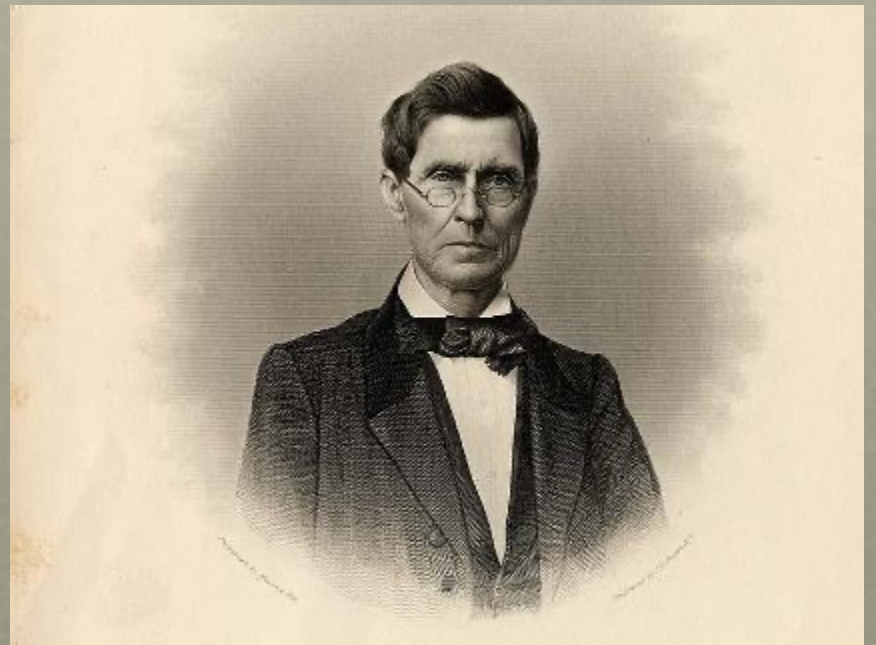
L.Q.C. LAMAR

- Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar (September 17, 1825 – January 23, 1893) from Mississippi. United States Representative and Senator, served as United States Secretary of the Interior in the first administration of President Grover Cleveland, and as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



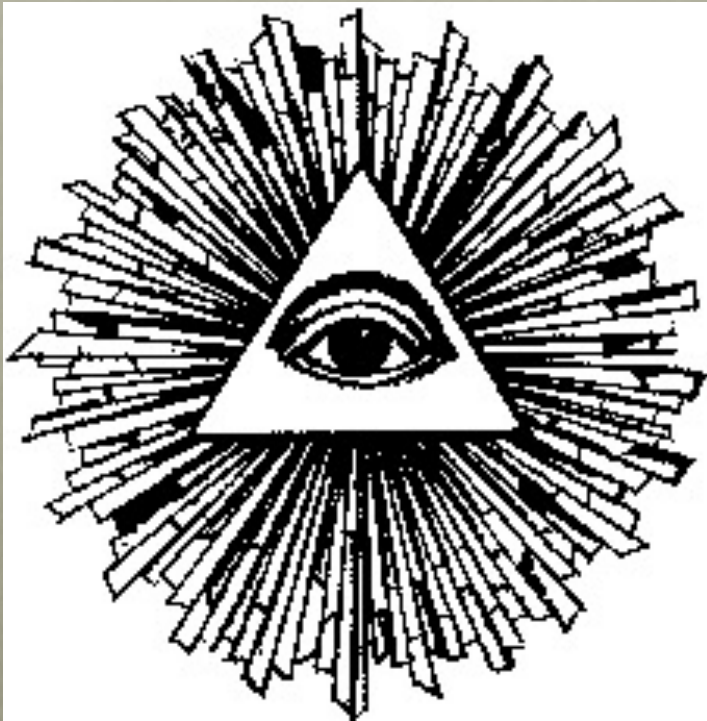
L.Q.C. LAMAR

- Lamar married Virginia Longstreet, the daughter of Augustus Baldwin Longstreet, Few's successor as president of Emory College.



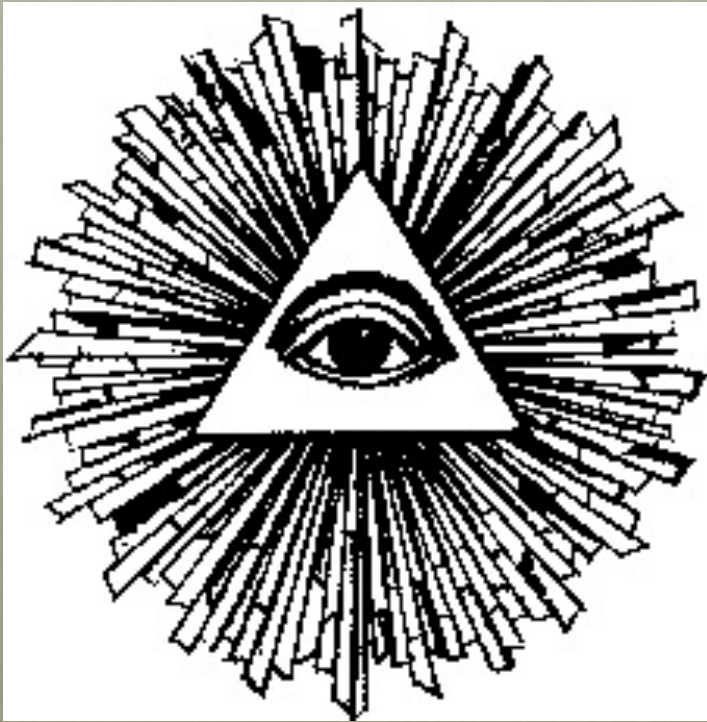
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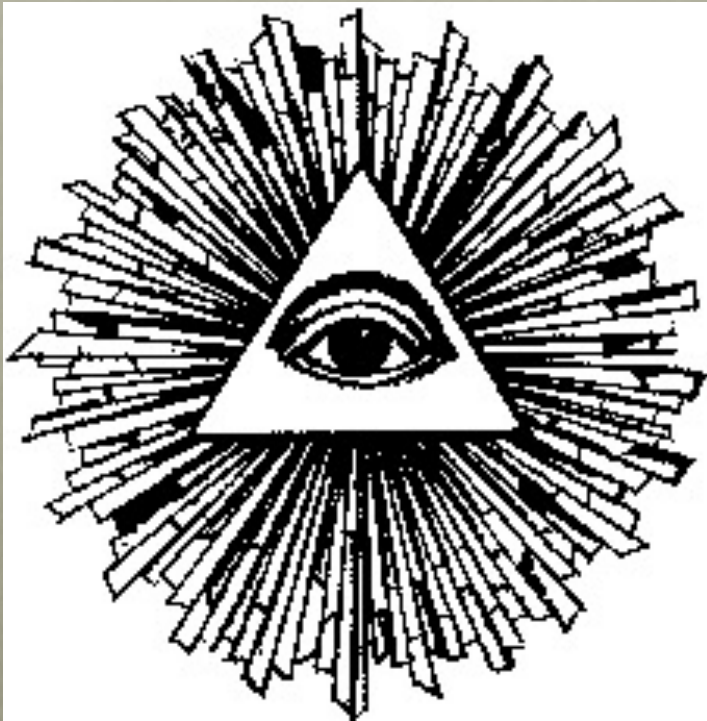


Originally adopted in 1782 as part of the reverse blazon of the Great Seal of the United States and celebrated on the US dollar bill. By the early 1800s, however, the All-Seeing Eye had become a common masonic visual signifier.



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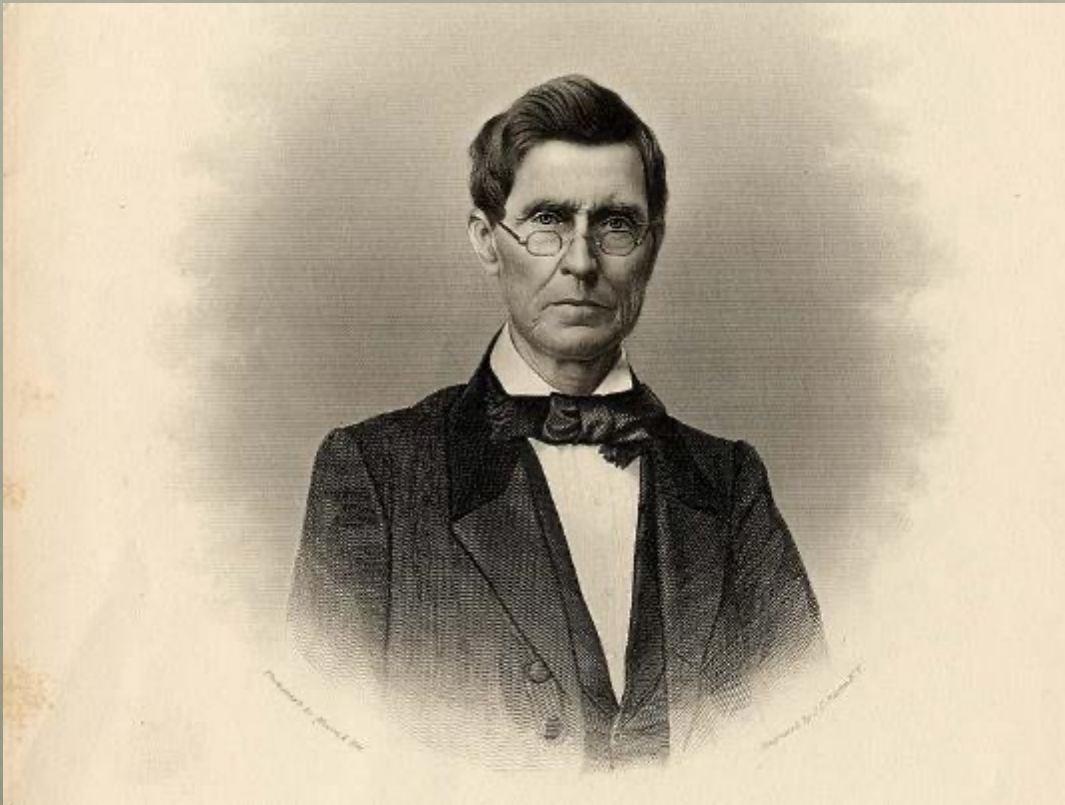
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Longstreet invited his son-in-law L.Q.C. Lamar to join him at Ole Miss in 1852 (which he did as professor of mathematics for 1 year). Lamar later returned (1860) and became chair of governmental science and law (1867) in the Ole Miss School of Law.



AUGUSTUS BALDWIN LONGSTREET



Augustus Baldwin Longstreet was also a respected Greensboro Courthouse lawyer, later judge. In 1838, Longstreet entered the Methodist ministry. With the Rev. Dr. Alexander Means, Longstreet helped found the Southern Masonic Female College in Covington (1853-81), the larger town bordering the southernmost edge of Oxford.

REV. BRO. ALEXANDER MEANS

Alexander Means, clergyman, inventor, and poet born Statesville, North Carolina, February 6, 1801, died in Oxford, GA, June 5, 1883. Licensed to preach in the Methodist Church in 1828, Means was the first superintendent of the Manual Labor School (1834-1838), professor of natural science (1838-1846), and president of Emory College (1854-1855); president of the Southern Masonic Female College in Covington, GA (1853). Means was the Confederacy's official inspector of munitions during the Civil War.



COVINGTON, GA, SOUTHERN MASONIC FEMALE COLLEGE



The Female College

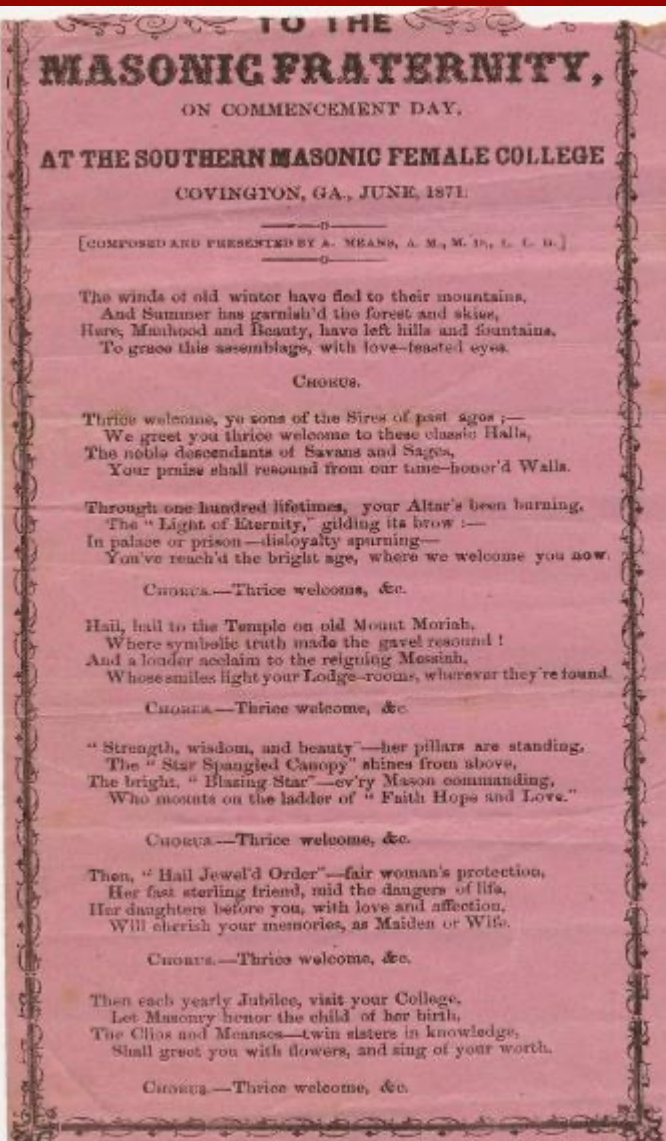
1833 - 1889

This private institution, although undergoing several trusteeships and name changes, continuously functioned as an exclusive female school for over 50 years. It attracted students from southern states as well as local young ladies. Out of town students boarded with Covington residents. In 1863, the college having been closed due to the War served as a Confederate hospital. Union forces partially destroyed the building. Reopened in 1867, it remained a female college until 1889 when the newly formed Covington City School Commission acquired the property. There was a gradual merging of the Female College, the Male Academy, as well as other Covington scholars. Thus the Covington Public School System was formed.

Placed By Landmarks Committee
Newton County Historical Site 16

May 22, 1996

COVINGTON'S SOUTHERN MASONIC FEMALE COLLEGE



Keystone honors locket awarded to 15-year-old Hattie Ingalls, one of 10 graduates, Southern Masonic Female College, Covington, 1860. Back of locket bears lambskin apron, Square and Compasses, and all-seeing eye.

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COVINGTON'S SOUTHERN MASONIC FEMALE COLLEGE

Hail, hail to the Temple on old Mount Moriah,
Where symbolic truth made the gavel resound !
And a louder acclaim to the reigning Messiah,
Whose smiles light your Lodge-rooms, wherever they're found.

CHORUS.—Thrice welcome, &c.

"Strength, wisdom, and beauty"—her pillars are standing,
The "Star Spangled Canopy" shines from above,
The bright, "Blazing Star"—ev'ry Mason commanding,
Who mounts on the ladder of "Faith Hope and Love."

CHORUS.—Thrice welcome, &c.

Then, "Hail Jewel'd Order"—fair woman's protection,
Her fast sterling friend, mid the dangers of life,
Her daughters before you, with love and affection,
Will cherish your memories, as Maiden or Wife.

CHORUS.—Thrice welcome, &c.

Then each yearly Jubilee, visit your College,
Let Masonry honor the child of her birth,
The Clio and Meaneses—twin sisters in knowledge,
Shall greet you with flowers, and sing of your worth.

CHORUS.—Thrice welcome, &c.

GUSTAVUS J. ORR



One 1848 Southern Masonic Female College faculty member was Gustavus J. Orr, who, in 1849, occupied Emory College's Chair of Mathematics.

Orr was appointed Secretary of Education for Georgia in 1872 and is credited with creating Georgia's public education system.

APRIL 2013: DISASTER



THE AFTERMATH



THE DISPLACED CAPSTONE



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