

Return of Liberty
Lodge no 77

upst to Sept / 48

To the Grand Lodge
Nashville Ten

O. R.

Return of the officers and members of Liberty
Lodge No 77. held at Smithville for the year
A L 5848. A D 1848.

Officers and members	Grade	Included	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Rejected	Died	Suspended	Expelled	Turned to Lodge
1 William Minard, W.M. Jm										
2 Reubin Evans S.W	M.M.									
3 G W Eastham J.W	"									
4 M.M. Brien Secy	"									
5 J L Fane. Treas	Jm									
6 P M Wade J.D.	"									
7 P A Thompson J.D.	"									
8 Benj Blades Tylor	"									
9 E B Davis Chaplin	"									
10 Jefferson Link	"									
11 Flemen Merritt	"									
12 James Tubb	"									
13 Wm Graham	"									
14 W W Wade	E.A.									
15 A. J. Wood	E.A.									
16 David Fitt	F.C.									
17 Thos G Wood	"									Can't say

July 1848.

Regular meetings of this Lodge are held on
the Saturday evening after the 1st Monday in each and
every month.

Our Lodge has not been at work for several
years. in consequence of several of the members moving off
and in consequence of a good deal of interperence. some
of the members refused to meet & we could not get
a meeting. until recently. went about the 1st
of Sept 1848. we succeeded in getting together and
petitioned the G. W. M. for a dispensation to permit
us to elect our officers which was granted. and
on the 11th day of Sept A L 5848 we had a

called meeting at our lodge room in Smithville and
legally elected our officers as above.

we are not due the Grand Lodge any
thing for initiating, passing or raising any further
since we were last represented. No paper books.
we now have several petitions and expect to do
good work.

I hereby certify

Brother William J. Given died in Mexico in July last
on the 1st Sabbath in October next we expect to have a funeral
procession.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
perfect return of all matters and things required to be reported
annually by the regulations of the Grand Lodge. That I
am advised is necessary to report.

Given under my hand and

seal and then being no seal

of the Lodge Sept 11th A L 5848 A D 1848

M. M. Brien Secy (Sd)

Wm. Winard Dr. M.

Liberty Lodge
No 77
1853

Correct

ANNUAL RETURN TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE, FROM *Liberty*

NAMES OF MEMBERS AT DATE OF LAST RETURN.

MM	MM	MM
James Tubb	B. L. Johnson S H	
Benjamin Blades	Brintley Lasiter En. P	
George W. Eastham	Robert Cantrell	
Manson M Brien	John Hounel	
Leonard H Fite	P. G. Leach En. P	
Pleasant A Thomason	George Beckwith	
Caleb B Davis I W	N. L. Ovan En. P	
David Fite S W	R. E. Forster " "	
Wells W Wade S W	James M Allen " "	
R. C. Sanders	E. M. Patterson " "	
Washington J. Isbell Treasurer		
John B. Tubb Sec		
Abraham M. Savage W. M.		
William H. Magness		
H. H. Sullivan		
Samuel Williams		
Thomas G. Wood		
John W. Ware I H		
Joel A. Heald		
Charles Schurr Tylor		
William Henry Chaplin		

DEGREES CONFERRED, WITH DATES OF CONFERRING. — ADMISSIONS.

NAMES.	INITIATED.	PASSED.	RAISED.	ADMITTED.	DUES TO GRAND LODGE.
E. M. Patterson	July 9 th 1853				1 50
Elias Barber		July 30 th / 53			1 50
					<u>3 00</u>
Totals,					

Notice.—As this sheet is intended for *binding*, all names should be carefully and legibly written. If any have been *reinstated* during the past year, the fact may be stated under the head of "Remarks," specifying the date. If necessary, the column headed "Remarks" may also be used for names of members. By due attention to the several headings, Secretaries will have no difficulty in making out their Returns correctly.

Liberty

LODGE, NO. 77 FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, A. D. 18

NAMES OF MEMBERS — CONTINUED.

REMARKS.

MM

MM

MM

R A Youngblood reinstated
J L Hare reinstated

Total number of Members,
(including those upon whom degrees have been conferred.)

SUSPENDED.

EXPELLED.

WITHDRAWALS.

DEATHS.

R A Youngblood

Stated Meetings are held on *first Saturday after the first Monday in every month*
We hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and perfect Return from this Lodge of all matters required
to be reported annually, by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. Given under our hands and the
Private Seal of ^{the} ~~the~~ *hiving of the lodge* Lodge, this *3rd* day of *October* A. D. 18 *53*

John B. Tubbs

Secretary.

A. M. Savage

W. Master.

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If your Lodge has no Seal, then the private seal of the Secretary will be sufficient.

ANNUAL RETURN.

Lodge No. 77 for 1865

JWH

April 8/67

" 17/67

Letter 1867

ANNUAL RETURN TO GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.

From Liberty Lodge No. 77, For the year ending Sept 1st 1865

NAMES OF MEMBERS UPON WHOM NO DEGREES HAVE BEEN CONFERRED DURING THE YEAR.
Commence with Officers,—arrange balance Alphabetically.

No Record left us

Liberty Lodge No 77. F & A M.
Smithville Tenn. Apr 14th 1867.
M.W.G. Secty.

Dear Sir & Bro.

The Annual report sent at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge contained a full & succinct report of all the proceedings of this Lodge from the first of Sept 1865 (The time when we commenced business after the war) up to the first of Sept. 1866, the time when our report was sent.

I thought I had informed you of this fact before, if not, I hope this will clear up all on that point.

Respectfully & Fraternally

John W Harris Secty

P. S. We commenced business after the war with such members^{as} are left us & I cant find any Record of that date

REMARKS.

Number of members at beginning of year,.....	No. Record
Admitted during the year,.....	None
Withdrawn during the year,.....	None
Died during the year,.....	—
Degrees conferred during the year,---Entered Apprentice, ...	None
Fellow Craft, ...	do.
Master Mason,.....	do.

Stated Meetings held at Smithville Tennessee in the County of DeKalb on the 2nd Saturday in each month

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect return from
Liberty Lodge No. 77 of all matters required by the regulations of
 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Given under our hands and the
 Seal of the Lodge, this 14th day of Apr 1867.

W. Harris
Secretary.

David James
Master.

ANNUAL RETURN.

Sledge - No. 77 Jan 1865

April 8/67

11/17/67

Feb 1867

ANNUAL RETURN.

Lodge No. 77 for 1865

~~33 @ 25⁹ — 8.25~~

25 M. M. 6.25

ANNUAL RETURN TO GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.

From *Liberty* Lodge No. 77, For the year ending *Aug 30th* 1865

NAMES OF MEMBERS UPON WHOM NO DEGREES HAVE BEEN CONFERRED DURING THE YEAR.
Commence with Officers,—arrange balance Alphabetically.

<i>J. M. Allen</i>	<i>W. M.</i>
<i>W. H. Magnus</i>	<i>S. W.</i>
<i>G. W. Gregston</i>	<i>J. W.</i>
<i>L. G. Patton</i>	<i>Locust</i>
<i>D. J. Duke</i>	<i>S. D.</i>
<i>S. H. Gray</i>	<i>Tyler</i>
<i>A. Twell</i>	<i>W. M.</i>
<i>Beckwith Geo.</i>	
<i>Beckwith G. W.</i>	
<i>Coastham Geo. W.</i>	
<i>Hildreth Jackson</i>	
<i>Hallum. John</i>	
<i>James. David</i>	
<i>Magnus. R. M.</i>	
<i>McKamer W. M.</i>	
<i>Overall Wesley</i>	
<i>Patterson. E. W.</i>	
<i>Patter Thos. D.</i>	<i>J. D.</i>
<i>Roberson. W. M.</i>	
<i>Tubb. Jas</i>	
<i>Littsworth. R. M.</i>	
<i>Talley G. L.</i>	<i>secty</i>
<i>Trail. Edward</i>	
<i>White. Isaiah</i>	
<i>Ward. Milton</i>	
<i>Williams Saml</i>	

REMARKS.

Number of members at beginning of year,.....	33
Admitted during the year,.....	00
Withdrawn during the year,.....	00
Died during the year,.....	—
Degrees conferred during the year,---Entered Apprentice, ...	00
Fellow Craft, ...	00
Master Mason,.....	00

Stated Meetings held at Smithville Tennessee in the County of Dekalb on the 2nd Saturday in each month.

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 This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect return from Liberty Lodge No. 77 of all matters required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Lodge, this 21st day of Apr 1867.
John W. Harris Secretary.
Daniel James Master.

ANNUAL RETURN.

Lodge - No. 77 Jan 1867

33 @ 2.50 = 8.25

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ANNUAL RETURN.

Lodge No. 77 for 1866

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62 Degrees § 2.

Don't give dates to
Withdrawals, Nor names
of those withdrawn

ANNUAL RETURN TO GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.

From *Liberty* Lodge No. *77*, For the year ending *Aug. 31st* 186*6*

NAMES OF MEMBERS UPON WHOM NO DEGREES HAVE BEEN CONFERRED DURING THE YEAR.
Commence with Officers,—arrange balance Alphabetically.

Jas M. Allen W.M.
J. H. Magnus S. W.
Geo. W. Gregston J. W.
L. G. Patton Treas.
G. L. Tally Sec
D. J. Duke S.D.

A. Miller (withdrawn)
J. K. Bain (" " " ")
Robt. Cantrell (" " " ")
E. Tubb (" " " ")
J. O. Algire (" " " ")

J. H. Gray, Tyler
Adcock, Tillman
Atwell, W. H.
Breckwith, George
Wentz, Geo. W.
Eastham, Geo. W.
Hildreth, Jackson
Hill, Geo. H.
Hallum, John
Hill, Charles (E. A.)
James, David
Lee, Jas. M. (E. A.)
Magnus, L. J. (E. A.)
Magnus, R. M.
McVerner, W. M.
Overall, Wesley
Patterson, Theo. B.
Roberson, Wm
Tubb, James
Tyler, S. L. (F. C.)
Townworth, R. M.
Trail, Edward
White, Leeah
Ward, Milton
Williams, Saml
Wesmith J. A. (admitted)

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DEGREES CONFERRED—ADMITTED—WITHDRAWALS—DEATHS.

NAMES.	INITIATED. Date.	PASSED. Date.	RAISED. Date.	ADMITTED. Date.	WITHDRAWN. Date.	DEATHS. Date.
John Lamberson	Jan. 13 th '66	Nov. 10 th	Apr. 14 th			
James M. Bonds	Dec. 9 th '68	Jan. 13 th '66	Feb. 10 th	1		
John W. Ware Jr.	Nov. 9 th '68	Dec. 9	Jan. 13 th '66			
Sevell T. L.	Dec. 10 th '68	Dec. 10 th '68	" "			
Isaac Drake	" "	" "	" "			
John Harrison	Oct. 13 th '68	Dec. 9.	" "			
W. C. Eastham	Feb. 10 th '66	Mar. 12 th	Apr. 20 th			
J. H. Williams	" "	" "	" "			
J. L. Colvert	Nov. 10 th '66	Apr. 17.	May. 16.			
John W. Harris	" "	" "	" "			
A. G. Magdoux	Nov. 9. '65	Dec. 9. '68	Mar. 10 th '66			
W. M. Shores		Nov. 10. '66	May. 12. '66			
J. J. Hallis	Nov. 18. '68	Jan. 13. '66	" "			
E. S. James	" "	" "	" "			
E. M. Titeworth	Apr. 14. '66	June 9.	July. 14			
T. N. Christien	" "	" "	Aug. 11. '66			
C. B. Cantrell		Apr. 17 th	May. 19 th			
E. M. Patterson			Apr. 17.			
L. B. Fisher	May 12.					
Henry Bayou	" "					
John B. Fisher	" "					
D. B. Worley	June 9.					
L. D. Evans	July 14.	Aug. 11.				
Henry Adcock	Aug. 11					
L. A. Love	" "					
T. H. Cheatham	" "					
J. L. Bonet			Sept. 16. '68			
A. L. Fisher	Dec. 9. '68	May. 16.				

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ENTERED APPRENTICES,
Upon whom no Degrees have been conferred during the year.

Charles Hill
Gaz. M. Lee
Magness, L. J.

FELLOW CRAFTS,
Upon whom no Degrees have been conferred during year.

S. L. Tyrel.

REMARKS.

Number of members at beginning of year,..... 29
 Admitted during the year,..... 1
 Withdrawn during the year,..... 3
 Died during the year,.....
 Degrees conferred during the year,---Entered Apprentice, ... 24
 Fellow Craft, ... 19
 Master Mason,..... 19
 Stated Meetings held at Liberty Smithville No. 77 in the County of
Detrol on the 2nd Saturday in each month

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect return from
Liberty Lodge No. 77 of all matters required by the regulations of
 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Given under our hands and the
 Seal of the Lodge, this 31st day of August 1866.

T. L. Sewell Proteus
 Secretary.

J. W. Allen
 Master.

ANNUAL RETURN.

Lodge No. 77 Jan 1866

62 Degrees 1862;
 Don't give dates to
 Withdrawing, Over names
 of those withdrawing

Thos^s P James
Ghon Wheeler

Remembrance of
Alexandria Slaves
Feb 1785 against a Lord
at Liberty, Town

Alexandria Sept 21st 1847

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee

Your petitioners would most respectfully represent to your worshipful body, that at a regular meeting of Alexandria Lodge No 175 a petition for a New Lodge to be located at Liberty and Alexandria Lodge was asked to recommend the same and on a vote of the Lodge, the friends of the New Lodge having assembled in mass for the purpose, and being in the majority on counting the votes a majority was found in favor of the Lodge at Liberty DeKalb County. We the undersigned being members of Alexandria Lodge No 175 would hereby most respectfully beg leave to enter our protest against the granting of a dispensation for a Lodge at Liberty for the following reasons.

That the Grand Lodge has heretofore granted a charter for a Lodge at New Middleton 8 miles North East of Alexandria. The Grand Master or Grand Lodge has granted a dispensation for a Lodge at Stokesville Six miles West of Alexandria, and also a dispensation for a Lodge on Smiths Fork Nine miles South East of Alexandria while Liberty is only Seven miles South of Alexandria and a good Turnpike Road all the way We therefore a portion of the members of Alexandria Lodge protest against any more Lodges being located in less than the constitutional distance whereby the life blood may be squeezed out of us. Hear our protest and grant us such immunity as the Grand Lodge in her wisdom may dictate and as in duty bound we will ever pray &c.

W. Edwards, W. M.
J. A. Burke, L. W.
A. B. Britton Secy
T. B. Asher
B. L. Wood
J. H. Martain
J. S. Quarles
J. R. West
B. P. Jenkins

S. W. McLellan
J. S. Chastain
Wm J. Sneed
Wm D. Parker
Ewing Lusk
M. S. Corington
Geor. Meade
James P. Doff
John O. Bond

LIBERTY LODGE NUMBER 77 F. & A. M. LOCATED IN SMITHVILLE, TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF DeKALB
U. S. A.

In 1954 this LODGE made a motion to make a picture gallery of all past masters of this Lodge. This motion passed and committee appointed as following:

E. Granger Lawson, Jr. P.M.
Wilson R. Cripps S.W.
Toy J. Fuson J.W.

W. M. James Edward Poss in the year of 1954 instructed the chairman of this committee, E. G. Lawson, to obtain the records and proceed.

From records I found the original charter granted to LIBERTY LODGE NO. 77, located between Liberty and Smithville, Tennessee.

Here is a list of the honorable brothers that signed the charter.

Bro. W. C. Garrison W.M.
Bro. Onesimus Evans S.W.
Bro. Levi S. Gilliam J.W.

This charter granted by the GRAND LODGE of the State of Tennessee at Nashville, Tennessee, October 4, 1831.

This Lodge operated until 1844. At this time the Lodge burned, all records destroyed except the original charter.

At this time the Lodge was moved to Smithville, Tennessee, the county seat of DeKalb County.

Liberty Lodge No. 77 has operated here since, and has built a nice brick building, with offices on the main floor. As of this date this building is clear of debt.

The Honorable Brothers that have served as Masters of this Lodge since 1844, are as follows:

Bro William Winard 1845 to 1848
Bro. Manson M. Brien 1849 to 1850
Bro. W. W. Wade 1851, 1853, 1854
Bro. H. M. Savage 1852
Bro. Theo. L. Staley 1855 to 1860
Bro. William H. Magness 1861, 1862
Bro. James M. Allen 1863 to 1868, 1870, 1873,
1876, 1879
Bro. Thomas L. Seawel 1871 to 1874
Bro. Mont D. Smallman 1872, 1875, 1878
Bro. W. S. Tyree 1877 to 1881, 1883 to 1894,
1896, 1898 to 1901, 1906
Bro. R. C. Nesmith 1881
Bro. William N. Wilson 1882
Bro. W. W. Parker 1895, 1902, 1907, 1913
Bro. J. A. Summers, 1897
Bro. D.R.L. Turner 1903
Bro. F. P. Sanders 1904
Bro. J. E. Drake 1905, 1909, 1911, 1912
Bro. E. G. Lawson, Sr. 1908, 1910, 1916 to 1919,
1923, 1924, 1930
Bro. L. H. Givens 1915
Bro. Jim M. Tinsley 1920
Bro. Will H. Vickers 1921
Bro. G. U. Edmondson 1922
Bro. Geo. S. Buckner 1925
Bro. Geo. B. Parsley 1926
Bro. B. B. Potter 1927
Bro. R. L. Eller 1928
Bro. Herman L. Estes 1929
Bro. Worth Crowley 1931
Bro. John T. Christian 1932

Bro. Jim M. Fitts 1933
Bro. J. H. Parsley 1934
Bro. W. N. Paris 1935
Bro. L. M. Williams 1936
Bro. C. E. Braswell 1937
Bro. W. J. Evins 1938
Bro. T. J. Potter 1939
Bro. T. B. Webb, Jr. 1940
Bro. R. R. Herndon 1941
Bro. Otto Masters 1942
Bro. R. L. Twilla 1943
Bro. Herbert H. Hendrixson 1944
Bro. Bethel E. Thomas 1945
Bro. C. D. Colwell 1946
Bro. J. Calvin Loring 1947
Bro. Warren B. Parsley 1948
Bro. Albert L. Walker 1949
Bro. E. G. Lawson, Jr. 1950
Bro. A. J. Hayes, Jr. 1951
Bro. L. Solon Conger, Jr. 1952
Bro. John S. Cantrell 1953
Bro. J. Edward Poss 1954
Bro. Wilson R. Cripps 1955
Bro. Toy J. Fuson 1956
Bro. W. W. Knowles 1957
Bro. J. Robert Nixon 1958
Bro. Ollie R. Denton 1959
Bro. Clifton B. Cantrell 1960
Bro. Clyde Moore 1961
Bro. Carl Davis 1962
Bro. A. Max Cantrell 1963
Bro. Milburn S. Rogers 1964

After ten years of work we have most of the pictures of the W.M. of this Lodge, some as far back as 1850.

These pictures have been installed. May this Lodge maintain this Gallery in the years to come.

E. G. Lawson, P. M., Chairman

W. R. Cripps, S. W.

Toy J. Fuson. J. W.