

## THE DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTIONS, OTHERWISE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MODERNS.

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THAT have been universally known as Anderson's Constitutions, as indicated on their title-pages, were published in London in 1723, 1738, 1746, 1756, 1767 and 1784. The first and second editions were personally written by James Anderson, but those following 1746 were revised by other persons, whose names appear on the title-pages beneath that of the original author. James Anderson died in 1739.

The original intention of this paper was to devote this subject entirely to the 1723 edition, but as information came to hand relative to the possession of other editions, it proved of such interest as to justify consideration of all six editions.

The first edition of Anderson's Constitutions was published in London in February, 1723. Just when the first copy of this original found its way to America may never be known. It may be assumed, however, that inasmuch as Benjamin Franklin made a reprint in Philadelphia in 1734, the first book on Freemasonry published on this side of the Atlantic, the copy from which he made this reprint was one of the earliest brought to this country.

Notwithstanding the criticisms that have been made of the 1723 and other editions of Anderson's Constitutions, it must be conceded that these publications have played an important part in creating a standard of Masonic jurisprudence during the past two centuries. The Ancient Charges and General Regulations, though more or less revised or abbreviated, are features of American Grand Lodge Codes or similar official documents of to-day. Much of the historical description of the Craft in these constitutions is legendary and absurd, due, no doubt, to a very extreme imagination. The Entered Apprentice Song, published in the 1723 edition, has been sung in British Lodges for two centuries.

For some years the writer has been especially interested in Anderson's Constitutions, the early editions in particular. This interest has resulted in a special inquiry among Masonic librarians and collectors as to the distribution of such editions in America. A brief questionnaire was sent to such librarians and individuals as might possess these volumes. No reply was received from a number to whom the questionnaire was sent, and it may be assumed that possibly some copies have been overlooked. It is to be hoped that in case of still other ownerships, should this article come to the attention of the possessors, they will advise the writer of them.

### I. THE 1723 EDITION.

The Constitutions of the Freemasons. Containing the History, Charges, Regulations, etc., of that Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the use of the Lodges, London. Printed by William Hunter, for John Senex at the Globe, and John Hooke at

the Flower-de-luce over against St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet Street.

In the Year of Masonry ..... 5723  
Anno Domini ..... 1723

The above legend of the title-page is preceded by a very fine full page frontispiece engraved by John Pine in Aldersgate Street, London. The page preceding the frontispiece has the word "Constitution" three-eighths of an inch in depth, extending across its width, with a line of wide ornamental ruling above and below the word, forming what is known as a Half-title. This volume contains 92 pages (in addition to a four page dedication to His Grace the Duke of Montagu), which include the Constitution, History, Laws, Charges, Orders, Regulations, and Usages of the Right Worshipful Fraternity of Accepted Free Masons collected from their general Records and their faithful Traditions of Many Ages; the Charges of a Freemason; General Regulations; Postscript; Approbation; Master's Song, or the History of Masonry, by the author; the Warden's Song, or another History of Masonry; the Fellow-Craft's Song; the Enter'd Prentice's Song; six pages of Musical Notation; the approval by Grand Lodge to the publication; with, on the final page, an advertisement of books by J. Senex and J. Hooke.

One may note with propriety here, the line *Anno Domini 5723* on this title-page, apparently the first occasion of its use, the purpose of which was later explained in the 1738 edition, and as here set forth in the consideration of that edition.

In his Introduction to the Facsimile Reproduction issued by Bernard Quaritch in 1923, Bro. Lionel Vibert says:

"It would be difficult to estimate its influence on the history of the Craft. Notwithstanding the way in which Grand Lodge received the work after its publication, it took its place as the official manual, so that the fact that it was not official but essentially a private affair was entirely lost sight of. It was taken by the Grand Lodge of Ireland as the model for their Book of Constitutions in 1730. It was reprinted verbatim for use in America by Franklin in 1734. It was pirated in London and later in Dublin by Smith in 1735, and its author's reputation was great enough to carry off the history he wrote for his second edition in 1738, and lead the Craft for a century and a half to accept it and reprint it as a serious contribution to the subject. To-day we value the Doctor's labours less highly, but the *Constitutions* of 1723 is nevertheless one of the most important records of the Craft."

It has been a matter of some interest to the writer to ascertain how extensively this 1723 edition in original form was possessed in the United States.

One English brother familiar with the history of this first edition, suggested the possibility of 50 copies now extant. On the basis of present information, this seems an under estimate. There are certainly more copies now located in the United States than had been assumed, and no doubt there are others not yet reported.

On account of its rarity, the 1723 edition commands a high price. Early in 1930 the writer received a letter from England stating that a copy had recently been sold at auction in that country for £46, approximately \$225.00. The price largely depends upon condition and association. A well-known London dealer in second-hand books, in a Catalogue published in May, 1930, offers a 1723 "very large copy," a presentation copy from Anderson to the Duke of Richmond, for £170, approximately \$830.00. This high valuation is essentially due to the original autograph page of James Anderson, the author, which is reproduced at *A.Q.C.*, xii., 252.

The following libraries or individuals possess one or more copies of this edition. Many of these have been seen and examined by the writer. When no

comments are made, the books are assumed to be in good, sound condition. The ownership is arranged in alphabetical order in the following lists.

**Cincinnati Masonic Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

1. Old calf binding, repaired back, formerly owned by Lord Scarsdale. Frontispiece a reprint. On the front cover is the following in gilt: "Constitutions' Duke of Marlbro's Head in Putty Ct. Lane, Nov. 5, 1734." Brother Vibert states that the real name at this time was Petticoat Lane, and that it was known as such in the time of Strype, long before this 1723 copy was published on which "Putty Ct." is printed. He notes that this incorrect title of a street is "due possibly to some ignorant scribe, or to a Brother who thought Petticoat immodest." Lacks half-title page.

2. Old calf, with beautiful gilt border. Lacks half-title page. Has in very well written manuscript, following the final page, 27 articles, as rules, by-laws or orders, with this statement: "We Whose names are hereunto subscribed, Master Wardens and Members of the 15th Lodge held at Bedford Arms in Covent Garden, have agreed to be conformable to ye rules, by-laws and orders following."

A transcript of these "rules, by-laws and orders" was published in *A.Q.C.*, xii., 23, as a contribution by Past Master Charles Hanck of McMillan Lodge No. 141 and Robert H. Corey of the same lodge in Cincinnati, Ohio. This copy "is page for page, line for line, word for word, and letter for letter. It contains the misspellings and omissions of punctuation as in the original." To this there are no signatures appended. The laws end abruptly at the 27th. They occupy thirteen pages and are written in short lines, notes the editor.

From 1729 Bedford Arms Lodge was No. 16, but in 1740 its number was changed to 15.

**Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**

3. In perfect condition, with frontispiece.

**M.W. Bro. Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Ohio F. & A.M.**

4. In original card-board cover, leather back. Condition good, but cover worn.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

5. Red Morocco binding, gold stamping, gilt edges. Name of John Ellinor on title-page.

6. Full calf binding; pages 89-92 missing. Name of Thomas J. Carson, Trenton, N.J., on fly leaf.

7. Full calf binding. Contains book plate of Sempronious Stretton, Lenton Priory. Other names, Mr. Pickford; Thomas Pickford his book; C. W. Moore.

8. Full calf binding. Contains many blank leaves bound in at back. William Searles book 1776; William Tucker, Goldsmith, 24 Clare St., Bristol, 1871. Bought of William Tucker, Regina, Assa., Canada, by Brother Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass., Dec. 3, 1902.

9. Three-fourths Morocco, Modern binding, marbled paper, superb copy, uncut. Lengthy notes by Brother E. Terry Carson regarding rarity of such uncut copy. Has an engraving inserted of Desaguliers. This is the finest copy of this edition in the library.

10. Three-fourths sheep and marbled boards, a rebound copy.

11. Rebound as No. 10. Frontispiece missing, but photostat substituted. Half-title trimmed at top and bottom, but printing intact.

12. Bound in half calf and in perfect condition. This copy belonged to Brother Albert G. Mackey, and is autographed by him with a direction that it is not to be loaned to anybody.

13. A Grangerized copy, each page mounted separately on a sheet 17 x 11½, and extra illustrated with fine engravings of various characters mentioned in text, beginning with William the Conqueror and followed by Edward III. and various other rulers of England. This copy does not have the names of Wharton and Desaguliers at end of the Approbation on page 91. The word *Finis* is at the bottom of the page, and no trimming has taken place. The book is beautifully bound in three-fourths Morocco and pebble cloth, the work having been done by Tout and Sons. The covers of the original book are still in the Library and were identified by the reference to page 91. It was once owned by Edward J. Wilson, Lincoln, 1831, and was sent to London to be bound August 10, 1895, according to note inside.

14. An uncut copy of No. 13.

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

15. Bound in leather. Contains book plate of the Right Honorable John Lord De La Warr. "First Earl De La Warr born 1693, succeeded May 26, 1723, died 1766, Governor of New York July to September 1737. E.H.D." No doubt a note by W. Brother Dring, P.M. Quator Coronati, Lodge No. 2076, London, and a noted Masonic scholar.

**Library Grand Lodge of New York F. & A.M., Masonic Hall, New York.**

16. Original leather binding, with the book plate of R.W. Brother Michael Furnell on inside front cover. Condition excellent. Title-page has written thereon, "The property of Tipperary No. 296, Wm. Chadwick, Master."

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

17. Old leather binding. Frontispiece slightly torn at bottom and repaired, otherwise perfect.

**Chas. S. Plumb, Columbus, Ohio, Historian Grand Lodge of Ohio F. & A.M.**

18. Modern calf binding, with gilt ruling on margins. At top of half title-page is written Lieutenant David Thomas Nightingale, Royal Navy, 1836.

**Harold Reeves, Lancaster, Ohio.**

19. Bound in red Morocco with the sides ornamented with Masonic symbols in gilt to a remarkable extent. Of standard size and in perfect condition, although the cover is slightly worn.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R., S.J., Washington, D.C.**

20. Bound in full Morocco, in perfect condition, with full page frontispiece. Written on title-page: "Free-Wilson's." Two pages of manuscript songs bound in at end, evidently contemporary, with several blank pages, one of which is ruled for music, but left blank.

**Nelson Williams, Hamilton, Ohio, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Ohio.**

21. Bound in leather, with the following in gilt on front cover: "Constitutions, etc., of Freemasons. For the use of the Swan Lodge in Chichester." This no doubt refers to the Lodge founded in July, 1724, No. 31

of the 1729 record, and that ceased to work about 1749. Original frontispiece missing, this being replaced by a mounted photograph.

## 2. THE 1738 EDITION.

The following is on the title-page of this edition :

“The New Book of Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, etc. Collected and Digested by Order of the Grand Lodge from their old Records, faithful Traditions and Lodge Books for the use of the Lodges. By James Anderson, D.D., London. Printed for Brothers Cæsar Ward and Richard Chandler, Booksellers at the Ship without Temple Bar; and sold at their Shops in Coney Street, York, and at Scarborough-Spaw. MDCCXXXVIII., In the Vulgar Year of Masonry 5738.”

This edition was issued in two sizes, the “large paper edition,” about 7 by 9 inches and a small one about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The size of each of these copies varies somewhat with the trimming and binding. The large copy contains the same frontispiece as in the 1723 edition. The frontispiece is either found folded in the small copy, or not inserted at all.

The expression *Anno Domini 5723* was used on the title-page of the 1723 edition, and an explanation of its use was submitted in this 1738 edition, which is as follows :

The first Christians computed their times as the Nations did among whom they lived till A.D. 532, when Dionysius Exiguus, a Roman Abbot, taught them first to compute from the birth of Christ : but he lost 4 years, or began the Christian era 4 years later than just. Therefore, though according to the Hebrew Chronology of the old Testament and other good vouchers, Christ was truly born in some month of the year of the World or A.M. 4000, yet these 4 years added make 4004. Not before the Birth of Christ, but before the Christian Era, viz. 1737. For the true Anno Domini, or year after Christ's birth is 1740.

But the Masons being used to compute by the Vulgar Anno Domini or Christian Era—1737 and adding to it not 4004 as it ought, but the strict years before Christ's birth, viz.—4000, they usually call this the year of Masonry—5737 instead of the accurate year—5740 and we must keep to the Vulgar Computation.

Anderson further assumed that Freemasonry began when God said, “Let there be light,” and that therefore the Masonic date represents “the year of light,” which is expressed as *Anno Lucis* in Latin, which explains the use of A.L. following the date.

This 1738 edition consists of xii. and 230 pages, followed by a page of “Corrigenda” and another of book advertisements by the publishers. There are three parts in the book :

Part I. deals with the history of Masonry from the Creation throughout the known earth till good old Architecture, demolished by the Goths, was revived in Italy. This part covers seven chapters from page 1 to 54.

Part II. includes the history of Masonry in Britain from Julius Cæsar's invasion, till the union of the Crowns on the death of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1603, covering seven chapters from page 55 to 96.

Part III. discusses the history of Masonry in Britain from the union of the Crowns, A.D. 1603, to our present Grand Master Caernavon, covering seven chapters from page 97 to 142.

Then there follow "The Old Charges," page 143 to 151; "General Regulations," page 152 to 178; the "Constitution of the Committee of Masons Charity first proposed at the Grand Lodge on 21 of Nov. 1724" page 178 to 184; "A list of Lodges in and about London and Westminster" page 184 to 190; "Deputations of Several Grand Masters" page 190 to 198; Approbations of this book of Constitutions, page 199; "Some of the Usual Free Masons' songs" page 200 to 215; A Defence of Masonry, page 216 to 228; finally with two pages of names of supporters of the publication of this book.

**Cincinnati Masonic Library, Cincinnati,, Ohio.**

1. Complete copy of small paper issue, without frontispiece. Old, badly worn calf leather binding, with repaired back. Top of title page slightly defective, a small piece missing.

**Library Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A.M., Denver.**

2. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, in leather binding. No frontispiece. Condition good.

**Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids.**

3. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  by  $9\frac{1}{8}$  inches, with frontispiece. In good condition.

4. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, containing a reprint of the original title-page.

**Library Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M., Topeka.**

5. Bound in leather. "In splendid condition." Size not mentioned.

**Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio.**

6. Large paper issue, 8 by 10 inches, leather binding, badly broken. Has original frontispiece. Condition good.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

7. Large paper issue, rebound three-fourths sheep and cardboard. Frontispiece lacking.

8. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{1}{8}$  by 7 inches, in original calf binding, the front cover broken. Frontispiece lacking.

9. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches, three-fourths calf and cardboard. Contains frontispiece. Formerly in library of the United Lodges under Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

10. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  by 9 inches, sheep binding, and with frontispiece.

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

11. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bound in leather. Contains book plate of E. M. Cox.

**New York Public Library, New York City.**

12 and 13. Small paper issues,  $5\frac{5}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, rebound in the library binding. One copy lacks the title-page which has been filled in in handwriting. In the front of this book is written, "Eben H. Phillip's property, 1805," and beneath that, "Henry Dana Ward, 1830." There are no annotations, but

some of the pages have been missing and these have been replaced in handwriting, pages 147-150 having been copied in this way. The following note appears at the end of these handwritten pages:—"Copied by me, Henry Dana Ward, New York, 12th April, 1830, from that volume which furnished this with a title-page." Following page 208 there are several handwritten pages entitled, "Entered Apprentices! New Song by Brother E. Phinney."

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

14. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches, leather binding, with frontispiece, in perfect condition. On the title-page is written:—"Presented to His Excellency Charles Enderby, Esquire, Governor of the Aukland Islands, South Seas, by Brother John Masson, P.G.S.B., London, 13, July 1849."

15. Also a small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{8}$  inches, without frontispiece.

**Chas. S. Plumb, Columbus, Ohio.**

16. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  x  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bound in Morocco. Lacks frontispiece, otherwise perfect. This bears no evidence in the binding of ever containing a frontispiece. At the top of title-page is written, "James Davis, Savien Lodge." On the fly leaf facing title-page is the following in beautiful handwriting:—"Presented to Brother Crawshay Bailey, Esq. by Edward Wells, P.P.G. Senior Warden of the Province of Monmouthshire, Dec. 3, 1881."

**Harold Reeves, Lancaster, Ohio.**

17. The small paper issue, bound in leather, lacking frontispiece. Otherwise a perfect copy.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R., S.J., Washington, D.C.**

18. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Bound in original calf. In perfect condition. One cover loose. Has full page frontispiece. On title-page, "By Giles F. Yates, Presented to his friend and brother Robert Macoy, D.G.M., &c. 1858."

**3. THE SO-CALLED EDITION OF 1746.**

In 1744 the publishers of the 1738 Edition came to grief, and the unsold copies of the book (both large and small paper) were acquired by J. Robinson, of the Golden Lion in Ludgate Street. In 1746 he printed a new Title-page with his own name at foot, and proceeded to issue these remainder copies as though they were a new Edition. In some cases he seems to have torn off the last leaf which, on the back, advertized some of his predecessors' publications. But this also destroyed the list of *Corrigenda* which had been printed on the front side of that leaf.

**D. D. Berolzheimer, Secretary Past Masters' Association, 50 East 41st St., New York City.**

1. "Has a copy in excellent condition."

**Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids.**

2. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{3}{8}$  inches, containing original folded frontispiece.

3. The same as 2,  $5\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches, except that the frontispiece is a photographic reproduction.

**Macey Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., 35 W. 32nd St., New York City.**

4 and 5. Has two copies. Condition not stated.

**Library Grand Lodge of Maine F. & A.M., Portland.**

6. This small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size, is in excellent condition. On the inner side of front cover it states that "This book was purchased by our late Past Grand Master Marquis F. King in 1865, and presented by him to the late M.W. Josiah H. Drummond on Feb. 22, 1873."

**Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio.**

7. Small paper issue, about 6 by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bound in leather, containing original folded frontispiece. Condition good.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

8. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches, with frontispiece; original full calf binding.

9. Large paper copy, 7 by  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches, "a bit smaller" than No. 8, with no frontispiece. Rebound in three-fourths sheep and cardboard.

10. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{3}{8}$  inches, rebound in three-fourths sheep and cardboard, and lacks frontispiece. Has on fly leaf the following:—"Charles Turner, 1795, Wrote at sea on board the ship Superb, Capt'n Latham Gardner in the Latitude of 3:6 North and Longitude 22:15 West. Bound to India."

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

11. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches, bound in leather.

**Library Grand Lodge of New York F. & A.M., Masonic Hall, New York.**

12. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, copy rebound with binder's title "History and Constitution of Free and Accepted Masons." Grand Lodge book plate inside cover. The full page frontispiece trimmed, with legend lacking.

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

13. Small paper issue,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches, old calf binding, frontispiece folded in. Trimmed rather closely, especially frontispiece, which is without legend. Condition good.

14. Small paper edition,  $5\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches, old calf binding, with repaired back. Both frontispiece and title-page missing.

15. Large paper issue 8 by  $9\frac{1}{8}$  inches, old calf binding, back repaired. Frontispiece pasted on. Margins worn, otherwise in perfect condition. Notes in pencil on first 29 pages.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R.-S.J., Washington, D.C.**

16. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches, bound in original calf, and in perfect condition, with full frontispiece. Written on back of frontispiece, "The Constitution bel'g [belonging] to the University Lodge, Cambridge."



#### 4. THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS OF 1756.

The following is printed on the title-page of this, which in reality is the third edition:—"Carefully Revised, continued and enlarged, with many additions, by John Entick, M.A., London. Printed for Brother J. Scott, at the Black Swan in Paternoster Row, MDCCLVI. In the Vulgar year of Masonry 5756."

Part one of this edition discusses the same history subject as in the previous volumes, covering pages 1 to 69. Part two covers History of Masonry in Britain from Julius Cæsar to the accession of King James the First to the Crown of England, from page 71 to 123. Part three considers the History of Masonry in Britain from the Union of the Two Crowns to the year 1756, covering pages 125 to 268. In this part the records of Grand Lodge appear as briefly recorded from date of its origin to 1756 inclusive. These are followed by The Old Charges as "ordered to be printed in the first edition of the Book of Constitutions, on March 25, 1722," "The General Regulations of the Free and Accepted Masons, Revised, Approved of and ordered to be published by the Grand Lodge, June 27, 1754, Carnarvan, Grand Master." The Regulations are from pages 277 to 320. These are followed by "Some of the usual Free Mason Songs," "A List of the Grand Masters or Patrons of the Free Masons in England, mentioned in this Book," "A List of Provincial Grand Masters," "A List of Regular Lodges, according to their Seniority and Constitution," these all covering pages 321 to 339. The final page contains advertisements of the publisher, Jonathan Scott.

According to Brother Levander,<sup>1</sup> the new 1756 edition consisted of 250 copies on large paper and 500 on small. But the large and small issues were both larger than those of the 1738 Edition, measuring respectively about 8 x 10 inches, and 7 x 9 inches.

The following copies are reported:—

##### **N. L. Finch, Broadalbin, New York.**

1. Bound in sheep. In good condition.

##### **Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids.**

2. Large paper issue, and very fine copy, containing frontispiece. The following is inserted:—"The laws relating to the General charity and disposal thereof; printed in pursuance of an order made the seventh day of March, 1747."

Brother Hunt makes the following statement regarding these Laws:—They are no doubt English as they bear the names of the following early English Grand Masters:—

- 1724, November 21, Richmond, G.M. (First entry.)
- 1725, February 28, Paisly, G.M.
- 1729, December 27, Kingston, G.M.
- 1741, December 3, Morton, G.M. (Last entry.)

There is a reference on p. 16 of *Rare Books on Freemasonry* by Brother Vibert in which, referring to the 1784 edition, he says: "Although some omit the laws relating to the charity." The "Laws" that he refers to thus are evidently a later compilation of the "Laws" referred to as appended to this 1756 edition, as there is a striking similarity, and in some parts the wording is identical. These "Laws" are not a part of this 1756 edition, but have been inserted at the end.

3. Small paper issue and a poor copy. Lacks frontispiece and third page of appendix. The Dedication and Sanction are supplied.

<sup>1</sup> A comparison of the Regulations laid down in the Book of Constitutions from 1723 to 1819. By Brother F. W. Levander, *A.Q.C.*, xxx.

**Library Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M., Topeka.**

4. Bound in full leather, and though somewhat damaged at the back, is in comparatively good condition. Large paper issue,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Has frontispiece, mounted on a page facing title-page.

**Macey Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., 35 W. 32nd St., New York City.**

5. Has copy of 1756 edition.

**Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio.**

6. Leather binding. Book in excellent condition.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

7. Small paper issue, 7 by 9 inches; original calf binding. This was No. 4011 of Mrs. M. Stevens' circulating library, which existed from about 1843 to 1860. No. 13, Salem Turnpike, Charlestown, Massachusetts. An interesting label. Has frontispiece.

8. Original calf binding. From the C. W. Moore collection.

9. Small paper issue, 7 by 9 inches; original vellum binding. Contains the following notes:—"Jno. C. Wykoop. A present of my honoured Grandfather, Mr. George Petterson in 1770." Also the names of David Van Schaack and Henry C. Van Schaack.

10. Copy in modern roan and cardboard binding.

11. Small paper issue, 7 by 9 inches; original calf binding. Front cover broken. Has book plate of William Sutton, also following:—"Wm. S. Gardner, Dec. 1866 From Gen. Sutton." Also: "Thomas Trask, Present from Rev. J. McAustin." No frontispiece.

12. Small paper issue,  $6\frac{3}{4}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches; original calf; front cover broken. Frontispiece lacking. Contains following notes:—"Lemuel Gardner, 1791, N. Hampshire. Joseph Kingsbury's property presented to him by Capt. Lemuel Gardner in Boston, June 14, 1803. T. G. Dearborn's presented to him by Capt. Joseph Kingsbury Nov. 10, 1808. Wisdom, Strength, Beauty."

13. Large paper issue,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  by 10 inches; rebound in three-fourths calf and cardboard. Has frontispiece. Fine copy.

14. Rebound in three-fourths sheep and cardboard. A sound copy, half-inch shorter than No. 12.

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

15. Small paper issue, about 7 by 9 inches in size; bound in leather.

16. Large paper issue, about  $8\frac{1}{4}$  by  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches in size; bound in leather.

**Library Grand Lodge of New York F. & A.M., Masonic Temple, New York City.**

17. Small paper issue, 7 by 9 inches. Original leather binding with a modern back. No frontispiece. Has a complete title-page without the dedication, which is deleted.

**New York Public Library, New York City.**

18. Small paper issue,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  by 9 inches; rebound and in good condition, except that one corner of binding is broken.

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

19. Large paper issue, 8 by 10½ inches, original leather binding. No frontispiece, otherwise condition excellent. Centre of front cover has in gilt: "King's Head Lodge in High Holborne A.L. 5758," (at present known as Old Union Lodge No. 46. It was founded in 1755 and met at the King's Head from 1752 to 1769). The edges of covers are lined in gilt.

20. Small paper issue, 7 by 9 inches, bound in original plain leather. Has frontispiece. Title-page slightly torn; edges somewhat worn and discoloured. Back repaired.

**Chas. S. Plumb, Columbus, Ohio.**

21. Bound in original calf with the legend in gilt on red background in centre of cover: "Pewter Platter Lodge, Cross Street, Hatton Garden." This Lodge was founded in 1723 and after many migrations became No. 18 in 1755. In 1761 it was at the Pewter Platter, remaining there until 1781. Was erased in 1800. Frontispiece trimmed, thereby removing legend at bottom; size 7 by 9¼ inches. On fly-leaf is: "Thomas Haines, Aug. 30, 1776." A very fine copy.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R., S.J., Washington, D.C.**

22. Large paper issue, 8½ by 10½ inches. Bound in old sheep with full-page frontispiece and in perfect condition.

**5. REVISED CONSTITUTIONS OF 1767.**

The 1767 or fourth edition was authorised at a meeting of the Grand Lodge in April, 1766. Though the 1767 edition has the name of Rev. John Entick as editor on the title-page, according to Bro. F. W. Levander, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076,<sup>1</sup> he had nothing to do with its publication.

The Grand Lodge authorised the printing of 500 copies. The following is the title-page:—

The Constitutions of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, &c. . . . By James Anderson, D.D. And Carefully Revised, Continued, and Enlarged by John Entick. A new edition with Alterations and Additions by a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge. London: Printed for Brother W. Johnston in Ludgate Street, MDCCLXVII. In the Vulgar Year of Masonry 5767.

In 1775 the Grand Secretary reported that a considerable number of copies were unsold, so Grand Lodge authorised William Preston to prepare a brief history of the Craft covering the years 1756 to 1775, and this he did. This was appended to the unsold 1767 copies and is found in those published after 1776. In 1782 it was reported to Grand Lodge that "the Books of Constitutions were all sold." This edition with Preston's appendix is regarded as the rarest of the English Constitutions.

**Cincinnati Masonic Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

1. Original calf leather binding that has been rebacked. In perfect condition, excepting that the title-page is stained and edges rather worn.

**Nelson H. Finch, Broadalbin, New York.**

2. In good condition.

<sup>1</sup> *A.Q.C.*, xxix., 378.

**Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids.**

3. A fine copy.
4. A fine copy, containing the appendix by William Preston.

**Library Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M., Topeka.**

5. Copy bound in full leather, has a frontispiece, and in good condition.

**Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio.**

6. Old calf binding. Back slightly broken. Has frontispiece. A fine copy.
7. Black leather binding with red stamp on cover, "Union Lodge, Gateshead." Has the appendix of 1776.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

8. Binding full red Morocco. Formerly owned by Kingshead Lodge, Poultry, A.L. 5768. With names of six officers stamped on cover, R. Poole, R.W.M.; W. King, P.M.; A. Hensley, S.W.; W. Gwyn, J.W.; A. Avery, Treasurer; W. Jones, Secretary.
9. Binding red Morocco. Contains appendix by William Preston. Formerly owned by Lodge of Alfred University, Oxford.
10. Full tree calf binding.
11. Original binding of three-fourths calf and gray cardboard. References to William Dodd as Grand Chaplain have been crossed out on pages lx., lxii., lxiv., lxvi., lxix., lxx., and lxxi. of these Massachusetts copies. Brother Vibert writes that Dodd was hanged in 1777, and the indications are that following this event, the publishers blacked out his name in all the copies in their possession. His name appears only in the Preston appendix. Copies without the allusion to him scored out are really rarer than those that have it, and are accordingly more valuable.

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

12. Leather binding, size about 8¼ by 10½ inches. Contains book plate Henry Harford, Esq.

**Library Grand Lodge of New York, Masonic Hall, New York City.**

13. Tooled red Morocco binding, very beautifully decorated in gilt with Masonic emblems, and the front cover having stamped thereon, "Stewart's Lodge." This probably was the property of the Stewart's Lodge, then meeting at Southampton Street, Covent Garden, London. In the list of regular Lodges given in the 1756 edition, this is one of a very few to which the date of receiving its Constitution is not given. However, Brother J. C. Hartman of the New York Grand Lodge writes as follows on April 18, 1931:—

"On pages 219 and 220 of the 1767 edition I find the following items concerning Stewart's Lodge: 'Grand Lodge in due form at Devil Tavern on Thursday 11 Dec. 1735, with Grand Officers, and those of fifty-seven Lodges. Sir Robert Lawley, Master of the Stewart's Lodge, with his Wardens and nine more, with their new badges, appeared full twelve the first time.' " This was known as the Stewards' Lodge up to 1797, when it became the Grand Stewards' Lodge.

Has no book plate, but full page frontispiece. On the title-page is the following, written in ink:—"Presented to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, December 1. 1841, by Brother William C. Shaw of St. Johns Lodge No. 1." Condition excellent.

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

14. Original binding good, excepting repaired back. In perfect condition, excepting for reprint of frontispiece.

15. Old leather binding, somewhat broken. Frontispiece in fine condition. Some pages discoloured, the Preston appendix badly.

16. A very beautiful piece of old binding, with lovely marginal work and scrolls of leaves and flowers. A large collection of symbols within the borders, including the square and compasses, the Holy Bible, 24-inch gauge, beehive, moon, plumb line, level, square, stars, etc., all in gilt. At each corner a Tyler's sword. The centre, gilt with blue background surrounded by red, with a central G. The back illuminated with squares and compasses. Has frontispiece. A very beautiful and perfect copy.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R., S.J., Washington, D.C.**

17. Bound in original red Morocco, with tooled Masonic emblems in centre and along the edges. Full page frontispiece. No Preston appendix. In perfect condition. On the fly-leaf is written: "Lewis Seymour to Seton Gardiner, 10 June, 1853." "Thos. Oliphant." "Wm. Warner." On the back of frontispiece: "The property of John Dawson, June 24, 1781, Pt. Master of the R.W. Mother Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, and S.G. Warden, and given by him to Bro. Richard Cochran, P.J.W. of the R.W. Mother Lodge."

**6. REVISION OF CONSTITUTIONS FOR 1784.**

The lower part of the title-page specifies:—

A New Edition revised, enlarged, and brought down to the year 1784, under the direction of the Hall Committee, by John Noorthouck. London: Printed by J. Rozea, Printer to the Society, No. 91, Wardour Street, Soho, MDCCLXXXIV.

This is a large book 8½ by 10½ inches in size, containing a frontispiece by Bartolozzi, published in 1786, and 460 pages, of which the first 204 deal with the history of the Craft. Part IV. gives the "Succession of Grand Masters and the Proceedings of the Society, from the Revival of the Grand Lodge, to the Close of the Year 1783," these covering pages 205 to 350. Part V. contains "The Ancient Charges, General Regulations, Tables of Grand Officers and Subscribers from page 351 to 414. An interesting collection of Masonic songs covers pages from 415 to 444, the volume closing with an index of 15 pages.

In this edition a change took place in the paging of leaf 67 and 68. As first published, these pages had the headings, "In Italy." In the substitution, in which a half leaf was inserted, the heading is "Gothic Architecture" page 67 and "History of Masonry" page 68, with a repetition of the same at pages [67] and [68].

At the bottom of page 459 is printed the following:—

**TO THE BINDER**

Cancel the single leaf, page 67, 68; and supply the place with the half sheet, page 67, 68 [67,] [68.].

It is interesting to note that this is the only one of the six editions to contain an index. This was the final book of the kind in the eighteenth century, and the last of the Constitutions to present the history of the Fraternity.

**Cincinnati Masonic Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

1. An original hard vellum cover, with a gilt border one half-inch in width. Square and compasses and stars occupy the centre of front cover, in a small horizontal ellipse. In fair condition.

**Nelson L. Finch, Broadalbin, New York.**

2. Calf binding in good condition. Book without imperfections.

**Library Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids.**

3 and 4. One copy contains the frontispiece, the other does not. Each contains the substituted pages 67, 68, with headings, "Gothic Architecture" and "History of Masonry,"

**Library Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M., Topeka.**

5. Bound in full leather and in first class condition. Contains the substituted pages 67, 68.

**Frank H. Marquis, Mansfield, Ohio.**

6. Very beautiful leather binding, decorated with gilt back and edges of cover. A perfect copy, with frontispiece. Contains the substituted pages 67 and 68.

**Library Grand Lodge of Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Boston.**

7 and 8. Both of original tree calf binding. With substituted pages 67, 68.

9. Red Morocco binding, tooled, with "Lodge of Cordiality No. 20" on the cover. There were two Lodges known as Cordiality. One took the name in 1796 and was erased in 1830. The other had the name from 1793 to 1797, and made no returns after 1814. The title on this cover applies to the former. Has substituted pages 67, 68.

10. Original tree calf binding. Lacks frontispiece. Has the substituted pages 67, 68.

**Library Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Albuquerque.**

11. Bound in leather. Size about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

**Library Grand Lodge of New York, Masonic Hall, New York City.**

12. A very interesting calf skin cover, with Masonic border and centre with emblems in gilt. The frontispiece with 1786 on it and out of place. Lacks title-page, and has the substituted pages 67 and 68.

**Library Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Philadelphia.**

13. Leather cover, red seal in centre, also seal of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Back of cover beautifully illuminated with leaves, two squares and compasses, group wheat heads, etc. No frontispiece, otherwise fine copy.

14. Old leather binding, back repaired. Fine frontispiece. In perfect condition.

**Chas. S. Plumb, Columbus, Ohio.**

15. Original calf binding, and in good condition. Contains frontispiece, but not the explanation of the Frontispiece, and no substituted leaves on pages 67, 68. There is no indication that the explanation was ever part of this copy.

**Library Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M., Waco.**

16. The first five pages are blank, the sixth, an unnumbered page, being "Explanation of the Frontispiece," which it precedes. Pages 1 to 12 begin with the "Abstract of the laws, etc.," and not with the dedication. Pages 415 to 444 are devoted to poetry, and 445 to 459 to the index. Pages 67 and 68 have "Gothic Architecture" for headings. Page 419 is numbered 319.

The first fly-leaf has on it this inscription:—"Lodge of Hope No. 112539,<sup>1</sup> Bowling Green, Bradford, Yorkshire." The volume to all appearance is in its original binding.

17. The Texas Grand Lodge Library at Waco has another copy, a rebound one, which seems to be a duplicate, although the original fly-leaves are not included, and the "Explanation" is bound just in front of the Abstract.

**Library Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R.-S.J., Washington, D.C.**

18. Bound in old Morocco, with tooled Masonic emblems thereon. Both covers loose, otherwise perfect. Contains the substituted pages 67 and 68.

The following tabular statement shows in interesting form the alphabetical list of ownership. By this arrangement sixty-eight are shown to be located in the New England, New York and Pennsylvania States, nineteen in Ohio, and twenty-three west of the Mississippi River in Colorado, Iowa, Zansis and New Mexico. It is rather remarkable that no copies, excepting two from Texas, are reported from the Southern States, more especially Virginia and the Carolinas. Emphasis, however, should be placed on the fact that many letters were sent out in search of locations of copies, up to January 1st, 1931:—

<sup>1</sup> This number is peculiar. The Lodge of Hope at Bradford, now No. 302, was placed on the list of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) in 1794, with the No. 539. What, then, is the meaning of 112? I suggest the following as a possible explanation. The Grand Lodge of all England at York was revived in 1761 after a long period of dormancy, and in the following year it commenced to authorize the formation of new Lodges, all of which had very short lives. The first of these was a French Lodge at York; the ninth was the Druidical Lodge at Rotherham, and for some unknown reason this was called No. 109; the tenth was the Grand Lodge South of the River Trent; and the eleventh was at Hollinwood, Lancashire, in 1790. We have no record of any further Lodges having been created, but it is at least possible that a twelfth Lodge was formed, at Bradford, and that it bore the No. 112. The final collapse of the Grand Lodge of York about 1792 may have caused the members of this Bradford Lodge to apply for constitution under the Grand Lodge in London. No warrant was ever issued, and the Lodge was permitted to work under a Provincial Dispensation, in company with several other Lodges at that period. It may, however, be noted that the Lodge possesses a copy of the Old Charges, known as the *Hope MS.*, though it is not known how or when this was acquired.—W.J.S.

## Owners of original Anderson's Constitutions in the United States.

Name and Address.	1725	1738	1746	1756	1767	1784	Total
Berolzheimer, D.D. 50 E. 41st St., New York City			1				1
Cincinnati Masonic Library, Cincinnati, Ohio	2	1			1	1	5
Colorado A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Denver		1					1
Finch, N. L., Broadalbin, New York		2	2	1	1	1	3
Iowa A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Cedar Rapids	1	1	2	2	2	2	11
Kansas A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Topeka		1	2	1	1	1	4
McCoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., New York City			2	1			3
Maine F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Portland		1	1				1
Marquis, Frank H., Mansfield, Ohio	1	1	1	1	2	1	7
Massachusetts A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Boston	10	4	3	8	4	4	33
New Mexico A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Albuquerque	1	1	1	2	1	1	7
New York F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, N.Y.	1		1	1	1	1	5
New York Public Library, New York City		2		1			3
Pennsylvania F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Philadelphia	1	2	3	2	3	2	15
Plumb, Charles S., Columbus, Ohio	1	1		1		1	4
Reeves, Harold, Lancaster, Ohio	1	1					2
Supreme Council 33° A.A.S.R., S.J. Library, Washington, D.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Texas A.F. & A.M., Library Grand Lodge, Waco						2	2
Williams, Nelson, Hamilton, Ohio	1						1
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