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Secretary 1832-1850 and 1856-1857. Grand Master Grand Lodge of New Hampshire 1845-46. Died February 21, 1860, Bradford.

CROSBY, ASA (1765-1836): Born July 15, 1765, Amherst. Was a self-educated physician and surgeon and in 1811 a degree of Medicine was conferred upon him by Dartmouth College. Raised in Morning Star Lodge, No. 17 November 12, 1805. Master 1807-09. Also listed as charter member of Monticello Lodge, No. 54 of Gilmanton. Active member New Hampshire Medical Society for 30 years and practiced medicine 46 years. Died April 12, 1836, Hanover.

CROSBY, DIXI (1800-1873): Born February 8, 1800, Sandwich. The son of Doctor Asa Crosby, received M. D. from Dartmouth College 1824. Raised in Franklin Lodge, No. 6 August 11, 1857. Head of Medical Department at Dartmouth 1838-1870, president New Hampshire Medical Society 1842-43, 1845-46. Died September 26, 1873, Hanover.

CROSS, DAVID (1817-1914): Born July 5, 1817, Weare. Graduated Dartmouth 1841. Admitted to New Hampshire Bar 1844. Raised in Lafayette Lodge, No. 41 on October 4, 1851. Member York Rite. City solicitor of Manchester 1852-53. Member State Legislature 1848-49, 1856 and 1876-77, U. S. Pension Agent 1865-72 and Judge of Probate 1856-74. Director Merrimack River State Bank 1855-65, First National Bank of Manchester, Trustee Merrimack River Savings Bank over 30 years. Received honorary LLD from Dartmouth 1891. Died October 1, 1914, Manchester.

CROSS, EDWARD E. (1832-1863): Born April 22, 1832, Lancaster. Raised in North Star Lodge, No. 8 December 7, 1859. Printer and newspaperman. Brigadier general in 5th New Hampshire Regiment (Fighting Fifth). Served at Siege of Yorktown and Williamsburg, Fair Oaks and Harrison's Landing. As brigade commander, fell in the wheatfield at the Battle of Gettysburg July 3, 1863, and was buried at Lancaster.

CROSS, JEREMY LADD (1783-1860): Born June 27, 1783, Haverhill. Educated in its public schools. Raised in St. John's Lodge, No. 1 on July 6, 1808. Junior Deacon 1809-10. Affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 8, Lancaster and Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of New Haven, Conn. Member Scottish and York Rites. Received 33rd degree from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction at Charleston, S. C. June 24, 1824. At one time served as Grand Lecturer Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Author of the *True Masonic Chart* (1819) and noted Masonic lecturer and scholar. The Jeremy Ladd Cross Medal of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is named for this distinguished Mason. Died January 26, 1860, Haverhill.

CROSSMAN, EDGAR O. (1864-): Born December 15, 1864, Ludlow, Vt. Educated Harvard Medical School, University of Michigan. Affiliated Kane Lodge, No. 64, 1890. Member York Rite and Shrine. Physician. State Legislature 1903. Collector, Internal Revenue 1904-08. State Senate 1915-16. Major U. S. Army Medical Corps WW I. Medical Referee, Grafton County; trustee, N. H. State Hospital; president N. H. Medical Society 1915-16. Medical Director, Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C. Demitted Kane Lodge, No. 64 January 10, 1917.

CROUCH, ROGER W. (1901-): Born June 2, 1901, Brattleboro, Vt. Educated in public schools of Greenfield, Mass. and at Springfield (Mass.) College. Raised in Benevolent Lodge, No. 7 May 14, 1946. Master 1954-55. District De-

Lodge, No. 1, August 13, 1920. Naval architect. Was survivor of submarine *Squalus* when it sank off Isles of Shoals May 1939. She had 59 men aboard, of which 33 were rescued. Died October 25, 1952, at Rochester, and buried at Woolwich, Me.

PRENTICE, JOHN (1747-1808): Born about 1747 at Cambridge, Mass. Graduated Harvard 1766. Admitted to New Hampshire Bar. Resided Londonderry. Received Fellow Craft degree, St. John's Lodge, May 7, 1772. He signed a petition for a lodge in Windham, which Grand Lodge granted in 1792, but no charter was ever issued. Prominent lawyer. Offered a Judgeship of Superior Court but declined. Elected to State Legislature 1785-1805, 13 years; Speaker of House 1794-95 and 1798-1805. Attorney general of state 1787-93. Died May 18, 1808, Londonderry.

PRENTISS, JOHN (1778-1873): Born March 21, 1778, Reading, Mass. Resided Keene. Raised Jerusalem Lodge, No. 4, August 30, 1808. Senior Warden, 1811. Demitted 1814. Affiliated Social Friends Lodge, No. 42, 1826. Master. Member York Rite. Founder and editor of the *Keene Sentinel* 1799. Elected Town Treasurer 1811-14; Town Clerk 1807-09; Moderator 1819; State Legislature 1820; State Senator 1838-40. Delegate to Peace Convention at Frankfort 1850; travelled extensively throughout Great Britain and Europe. Was Mason 67 years. Died June 6, 1873, Keene.

PRENTISS, JOHN J. (1815-1891): Born May 24, 1815, Worcester, Mass. Attended Kimball Union Academy. Raised Hiram Lodge, No. 9, December 15, 1847. District Deputy Grand Master 1848, 1849, 1850. Member York Rite. Lawyer at Claremont 1845-68. Postmaster 1843; representative, 1854-1856. Speaker House of Representatives 1856-58. Commissioned captain, New England Cavalry, Company L, December 3, 1861. Engaged in Battle of Culpepper Court House. Died April 7, 1891, Chicago, Ill.

PRESCOTT, WILLIAM (1788-?): Born December 29, 1788, Sanbornton. Received M.D. degree from Dartmouth College 1815. Resided in Gilmanton. Raised Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 32, May 17, 1826. Charter member of Monticello Lodge, No. 54. Medical doctor. Elected to State Legislature 1825-26, 1830-31; State Senate 1827. Surgeon of 10th Regiment, State Militia. Removed to Lynn, Mass., in 1832 where he was residing in 1845. Date and place of death unknown.

PRIEST, JOSEPH K. (1824-1904): Born September 17, 1824, place unknown. Resided Nashua. Raised Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, April 21, 1868. Inventor and manufacturer. Invented sheep shearing machine, horse clipping machine, barber's clippers. Died April 3, 1904, place unknown.

PRIEST, TRUE W. (1835-1909): Born October 19, 1835, Nottingham. Attended public schools Nottingham and Somersworth. Resided Portsmouth and in Vermont for a few years. Raised St. John's Lodge, No. 1, July 6, 1881. Member York Rite. Machinist and engineer. Elected to Portsmouth City Council one year; Alderman two years. Engineer on U.S.S. *Keersarge* when it sank the Confederate ship *Alabama* off France June 19, 1864. Worked at Portsmouth Navy Yard five years after discharge from Navy. Died February 20, 1909, Portsmouth.

PRINCE, ARTHUR DOW (1867-1950): Born July 5, 1867, Lawrence, Mass. Resided Lowell, Mass., and had summer home in Alstead, N.H. Raised William North Lodge, April 15, 1891. Master 1904-06. Grand Master Grand

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