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### Collection Summary:

Title: Oley Elementary Corner-stone Time Capsule of 1888 Papers.  
Span Dates: 1862-1888  
Donor: James E. Casto  
Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)  
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### Search Terms:

1880s  
Corner-stone  
Freemasons  
Huntington, WV  
John H Oley  
John Oley  
Oley Elementary  
Oley High School  
Oley Junior High  
Masonry  
Secret Societies  
Shriners  
Statistics  
West Virginia

### Background Information:

Oley Elementary School was built in 1888 at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The corner-stone of Oley Elementary School was also established at this time, where the contents in this collection were kept in a time capsule. This school received its name from Union General John Hunt Oley, who died earlier that year; his earlier work as recorder and treasurer was central to the establishment of public education in Huntington. Several years later, the city's first high school building was erected just east of the elementary school. Oley Elementary School and Oley High School were later connected to create a larger building. Oley High School became Oley Junior High when the new Huntington High School was built on 8<sup>th</sup> street in 1916. Both schools closed in 1977 and were demolished two years later. Currently, St. Joe's Catholic School owns the land where Oley Elementary and Junior High Schools once stood. All that remains is a gymnasium that was built at the Junior High in the 1950s. Images of the buildings can be seen in the links within each reference listed on the following page.

### **References Consulted:**

Casto, James E. (2015). *Lost Huntington*. Print.

Lost Huntington: Oley Elementary School. *Herald-Dispatch*. Retrieved on October 3, 2018 from [http://www.herald-dispatch.com/special/lost\\_huntington/lost-huntington-oley-elementary/article\\_8d32a0a9-acc8-5ff3-9bdf-94afefbb6d7a.html](http://www.herald-dispatch.com/special/lost_huntington/lost-huntington-oley-elementary/article_8d32a0a9-acc8-5ff3-9bdf-94afefbb6d7a.html)

Oley Junior High. *Cabell County Schools District History*. Retrieved on October 3, 2018 from [http://www.cabellschools.com/about/district\\_history/public\\_schools/oley\\_junior\\_high](http://www.cabellschools.com/about/district_history/public_schools/oley_junior_high)

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection includes materials found in the Cornerstone Time Capsule from 1888 that was buried at Oley Elementary School. Included in this collection are the personal business cards of prominent people in the Huntington, West Virginia community who were members of secret society groups such as the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Additionally, this collection contains business cards from local Huntington shops from the 1880s, some of which contain artwork or are featured in color. Further, this collection contains books and manuals, where the majority emphasize the Huntington, WV community either in education, city statistics, religion, and masonry. This collection also includes correspondence, which features an addressed letter to the Daily Paper in the 1870s, as well as lists of members in camanderies, and other business announcements. Finally, this collection features 11 different newspaper titles where community members may have gathered their information in the 1880s, ranging from religious to political.

### **Processing Notes:**

Due to the preservation of this collection before we acquired it, a few of the items suffered from water damage and mold. Those items that could not be kept are clearly noted within each section. Descriptions of each item is provided.

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**Container****Contents**

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**BOX 1****Freemason and Shriner Personal Business Cards**

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Folder 1	Item 2	S. B. Crandall, Barboursville, WV: King Huntington Chapter No. 6 Capt. Gen. Huntington Commandery No. 9 St. Bearer Huntington Consistory, No. 22
Folder 1	Item 3	Chas. R. Cooley, Catlettsburg, KY: Maysville Commandery, No. 10 Knights Templar, Maysville, Kentucky
Folder 1	Item 4	Jas. J. Peterson, Huntington, WV: W.M., Huntington Lodge, No. 53 H.P., Huntington R. A. Chapter No. 6 E.C., Huntington Commandery, U.D. C. in C., Huntington Consistory, No. 22 D.G.L., Grand Lodge of West Va. Gr. Scribe, Grand Chapter West Va. Gr. Secretary, Grand Consistory West Va.
Folder 1	Item 5	Jas. J. Peterson, Huntington, WV E.C. Huntington Com'd'y No. 9 Osiris Temple, N. M. S. Wheeling
Folder 1	Item 6	S. R. Sexton, 32 <sup>nd</sup> , Huntington, WV: Huntington Lodge No., 53 Huntington Chapter No. 6; Huntington Commandery No. 9 Huntington Consistory No. 22 Osiris Temple, N. M. S., Wheeling
Folder 1	Item 7	C. N. Summers; Master Mason, Lebanon. Milton, W. Va. July 4, 1887
Folder 1	Item 8	Ira R. Wood, Huntington, WV: Huntington Lodge No. 53, Huntington Chapter No. 6, Huntington Commandery No. 9

- Folder 1      Item 9      R. H. Woodworth, 32<sup>o</sup> Grand Treasurer, Huntington, WV:  
Huntington Lodge, No. 53  
Huntington Consistory, No. 22
- Folder 1      Item 10      Deposited by the Grand Lodge: Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons of West Virginia on July 4, 1887

### **Personal and Business Cards**

- Folder 2      Item 1      Austen's Forest Flower Cologne: The Most Fashionable  
Perfume of the Day (Color advertisement). T. Kingsford  
Successor to W. J. Austen & Co. Proprietors, Oswego, N.Y.
- Folder 2      Item 2      Clayton H. Harvey Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions, Gloves,  
Hats, Caps: Gents' Furnishing Goods a Specialty. Carpets,  
Oil Cloths and Trunks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Harvey's Block, N. 952 Third Avenue
- Folder 2      Item 3      Eureka Copying House (two copies)  
Folder 2      Item 4      Elegant Portraits made from small pictures  
In all sizes, grades and styles.  
Also, Frames, Albums, &C., at Wholesale.  
D. E. Abbott, Proprietor      Huntington, W. Va.
- Folder 2      Item 5      The First National Bank of Huntington, West Va. Organized  
Jany. 1884. List of Directors: D. W. Emmons, J. L. Caldwell,  
M. I. Dimmick, E. I. Edgerton, Geo F. MMiller Jr., Thos H.  
Harvey, W. H. Hagen, B. W. Foster, J. L. Thornburg  
We respectfully solicit a share of your business.  
J. L. Caldwell (President); Geo F. Miller Jr (Vice President);  
M. I. Dimmick (Cashier)
- Folder 2      Item 6      W. A. Gibson "Commercial"
- Folder 2      Item 7      Sam Gideon, The Boss Clothier AND Gent's Furnisher  
Huntington, W. Va.
- Folder 2      Item 8      Harvey & Fuller Wholesale Grocers.  
(H. C. Harvey; F. D. Fuller).  
No. 954 Third Ave. and 219 Tenth St. Harvey Block,  
Huntington, West VA.
- Folder 2      Item 9      Glenn Hilton, Leading Jeweler. 923 Third Avenue,  
Huntington, W. Va., 188

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| Folder 2 | Item 10 | W. H. H. Holswade, Furniture, Carpets, Undertaking.<br>Largest & Cheapest House in West Virginia<br>223 and 225 Third Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.  |
| Folder 2 | Item 11 | Jacob Kahn<br>(I am now at Levy's Blue House) on back<br>Advertisement in Color   |
| Folder 2 | Item 12 | Keefe & Buffington, Druggists Prescription Card (in color)  |
| Folder 2 | Item 13 | Joseph Levy, Dealer in Boots, Shoes, and Slippers,<br>Huntington, W. Va. Ask to see Children's Shoes with the<br>A.S.T.© Black Tip. Shoe bills reduced one-half by wearing<br>them. (Back is illustrated with boots, dog, and cats) |
| Folder 2 | Item 14 | R. Y. Ramsey<br>Physician & Surgeon,<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. and 10 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>Huntington, WV   |
| Folder 2 | Item 15 | For Sale By: R. C. Shoup, dealer in Watches, Clocks,<br>Jewelry, Silverware, Etc. Huntington, WV<br>(on back) Manhattan Watches. Sweep Second Full Size.  |
| Folder 2 | Item 16 | John H. Oley (personal business card)   |
| Folder 2 | Item 17 | Sallie J. Wood, Born April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1862, Mother of Chas. N ]<br>Jones, Born July 25, 1862 (handwritten note)<br>Engraving on back: Mrs. Sallie W. Wood  |
| Folder 2 | Item 18 | Ziegler's Headquarters, Harveys Corner, Huntington, W.Va.<br>(in color)   |

### **Books and Manuals**

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| Folder 3 | Item 1 | Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and<br>Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia. November,<br>1886. Wheeling: Daily Intelligencer Steam Book and Job<br>Press.   |
| Folder 3 | Item 2 | Revised Ordinances of the City of Huntington of a General<br>and Permanent Nature. In Force, March 31, 1885. Collated<br>and arranged by Tho. J. Burke, Chairman Committee on<br>Laws and Ordinances. Published by Authority of the City |

- Council. Huntington, W. Va.: *The Huntington Printing Company Steam Press*. 1885.
- Folder 3    Item 3    Catalogue of Marshall College, The State Normal School. Huntington, W. VA, 1886-1887.
- Folder 3    Item 4    Statistics of the city of Huntington, West Virginia. July 4, 1887. (Blue Ribbon, typed)
- Folder 3    Item 5    Statistics of the city of Huntington, West Virginia. July 4, 1887. (Red Ribbon, handwritten)
- Folder 3    Item 6    Manual of the Huntington Baptist Church. Adopted January 21, 1880
- Folder 3    Item 7    By-laws of Huntington Royal Arch Chapter. No. 6, Huntington, West Va. Instituted December 14, A. D. 1886. A. I. 2416 under the Authority of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia. Huntington: *The Acme Printing Works*, 1887. (Purple book).
- Folder 3    Item 8    Huntington Lodge. A. G. A. M. Huntington, West Va. *The Acme Printing Works*, 1887. (Remainder of title page is too worn to get a full title).
- Folder 3    Item 9    Graded Course of the Huntington Public Schools. With Rules and Regulations. Issues by Authority of the School Board. Huntington, W. Va.: *Huntington Printing Company Steam Press*. 1884.
- Folder 3    Item 10    School Law of the State of West Virginia. Passed March 1881. Wheeling: Chas. H. Taney, State Printer. 1883.

**Addressed Envelopes (nothing inside)**

- Folder 4    Item 1    "Records of Huntington Commandery. No. 9 Knights Templar."
- Folder 4    Item 2    The Huntington Commercial. February 14, 1874 – July 2, 1887. Jno. T. and W. A. Gibson, Eds and Pubs. "a parte ante" "A riverderci." ← arrivederci
- Folder 4    Item 3    To the Daily Paper of 1987. Deposited by: (Missing) Wood. (Ira R. Wood) based on letter



Folder 4      Item 4      John H. Oley. July 4, 1887. From: Office of the Central Land Company of West Va. Huntington, West Virginia.

Folder 4      Item 5      Business Cards of Huntington No. 6

### **Correspondence**

Folder 5      Item 1      List of Officers and Members of Huntington Commandery No. 22 A. A. Srite.

Folder 5      Item 2      Huntington Commandery No. 9 K.J. Constituted May 28 A.D. 1887. A.O. 769

Folder 5      Item 3      Monthly Statement. In Account with T. S. Scanlon. Boots, Shoes, Leather, and Findings. Mathews' Block 938 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Folder 5      Item 4      Huntington W. Va. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Folder 5      Item 5      From Johnston, Jones & Co. An announcement about the "dissolution of partnership of the undersigned, which occurred on May 12, 1887, James W. Hagen retiring from the business. (Hagen & Johnson no longer exists)

### **Correspondence (discarded due to mold/water damage)**

Announcement: Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1887. Corner Stone Laying of The Huntington Public School Building by the Grand Lodge. Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Huntington, West Virginia. Mason logo/image on the back.

### **Newspapers**

Box 2

The American Israelite. *Let there be light.* Cincinnati, Ohio, July 1, 1887. Volume 34, No. 1.

The Church Bulletin. *For We Are Laborers Together With God. I Corinthians 3:9.* Huntington, West Virginia, March 1887. Volume 2, Number 1.

The City Whisperer. Huntington, West Virginia. June 29, 1887. Volume 1, Number 1.

The Freemason's Monitor. *To be good men and true is the first lesson taught in masonry.* Huntington, West Virginia, June, 1887. Volume 1, No. 1.

The Guyandotte Herald. Guyandotte, West Virginia, Thursday, June 30, 1887. Volume 1, No. 39.

The Huntington Advertiser. *Devoted to the Development and the Promotion of Democratic Principles*. Huntington, West Virginia, July 2, 1887. Volume 19, No. 10.

The Huntington Argus. Huntington, West Virginia, May 25, 1872. Volume 1, No. 1. By William & Wallace & Co. Publishers and Proprietors.

The Huntington Argus. Huntington, West Virginia, June 30, 1887. Volume 11, Number 14.

The Huntington Commercial. *An Independent Republican Journal*. Huntington, West Virginia, July 2, 1887. Volume 14, No. 18.

The Huntington Republican. Huntington, West Virginia, Saturday, May 7, 1887. Volume 5, Number 50.

Odd Fellow's Advocate. Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, June 1887. Volume 9, Number 12.

Our Church Bulletin. *Published in the Interests of the First Baptist Church of Huntington*. Huntington, West Virginia, March 1886. Volume 1, Number 1.

#### **Discarded Newspaper (Due to Water/Mold Damage)**

The Huntington Commercial. Huntington, West Virginia, Friday February 20, 1874.\*volume and issue number are missing\*

The Evening Times. Huntington, West Virginia, Friday, July 1, 1887. Volume 1, No. 149.\*