

To the Worshipful Master, Masons, & Brethren
Of Lodge No 43 Ancient York Masons

The petition of the subscriber respectfully sheweth [sic] that, having long entertained a favourable [sic] opinion of your ancient institution he is deserving of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy.

His place of residence in the Borough of Lancaster, his age 25 his occupation an Attorney at law

James Buchanan

Recommended by
Jno Reynolds
Molton C. Rogers

[Printed at bottom of petition] Fac Simile [sic] of petition presented November 13, 1816, to Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, Lancaster, Pa., / by James Buchanan, (President of the United States, 1857-61)

Bro. James Buchanan was initiated December 11, 1816, and in 1820 was elected Junior Warden. He was elected Senior Warden in 1821 and Worshipful Master in 1822. He was the first District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1 (then comprising the counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon,) having been appointed December 27, 1823. His death occurred June 1868 and his funeral was conducted by Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons.

Both of the recommenders on this petition were prominent men. Brother John Reynolds, (W. M., 1816) was editor of The Lancaster Journal. He was the father of General John F. Reynolds, who was killed at Gettysburg, Rear Admiral William Reynolds of the U. S. Navy, and General James L. Reynolds. Brother Molton C. Rogers, (W. M., 1815) was an attorney-at-law. He was Recorder of the Mayor's Court, State Senator, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and for twenty-five years a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Compliments of Joshua L. Lyte, Secretary of Lodge, No. 43, F.
and A. M., Lancaster, Pa.

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