

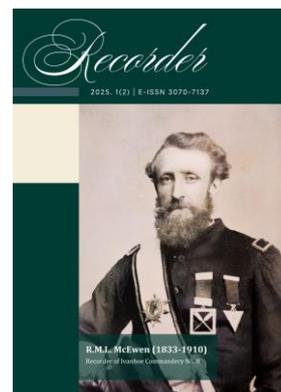
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The Oldest Mason of New York State

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Abstract. Thomas Heald Brown (1791–1893) was a long-lived figure of American Freemasonry whose Masonic career spanned more than seven decades. Born in Massachusetts, he became a Master Mason in June 1821 and later settled in Gloversville, New York. Remarkably, he was knighted a Templar on February 14, 1893, by Holy Cross Commandery No. 51, only weeks before his death at the age of 102. Contemporary newspapers noted Brown as the oldest Mason in New York State, commemorating his exceptional longevity and dedication to the Craft.

Keywords: Thomas Heald Brown (1791–1893), Freemasonry, Holy Cross Commandery No. 51, Gloversville, oldest Mason, 19th century, Knights Templar.

Thomas Heald Brown was born on January 22, 1791, in Massachusetts.

Made a Master Mason — June 1821.

Later moved to Gloversville, New York.

Knighted a Templar — February 14, 1893, by Holy Cross Commandery No. 51, New York.

Thomas Heald Brown passed away on April 4, 1893, at the age of 102.

After his death, newspapers reported that he was the oldest Mason in New York State.



Fig. 1. Sir Knight Thomas H. Brown. 1893.