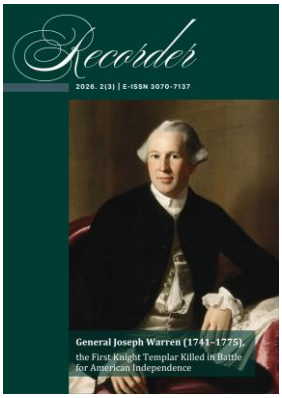
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Most Notable Acquisitions of the Museum, Archive, and Library: April–June 2026

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Abstract

This report presents the most significant recent acquisitions of the Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar (MHAKT CGU), the Archive CGU, and the P.A. Cherkasov Fundamental Library. These institutions are structural divisions of Cherkas Global University.

During the reporting period from April through June 2026, a substantial number of new museum artifacts, archival documents, and books were acquired. This report highlights only the most noteworthy additions.

Keywords: Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar, Archive CGU, P.A. Cherkasov Fundamental Library, Cherkas Global University, collections, museum artifact, archival document, book, Knights Templar history, April–June 2026.

The MAL (Museum, Archive, Library) project was launched at Cherkas Global University in 2025. Its purpose is to introduce the academic community and the general public to the most valuable acquisitions of our museum, archive, and library.

This report presents the most significant additions to the Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar (MHAKT CGU), the Archive CGU, and the P.A. Cherkasov Fundamental Library during the most recent quarter, from April through June 2026. It should be noted that all three institutions are structural divisions of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA).

The most notable acquisitions made in April 2026 were as follows.

Museum (April 2026) (Fig. 1).

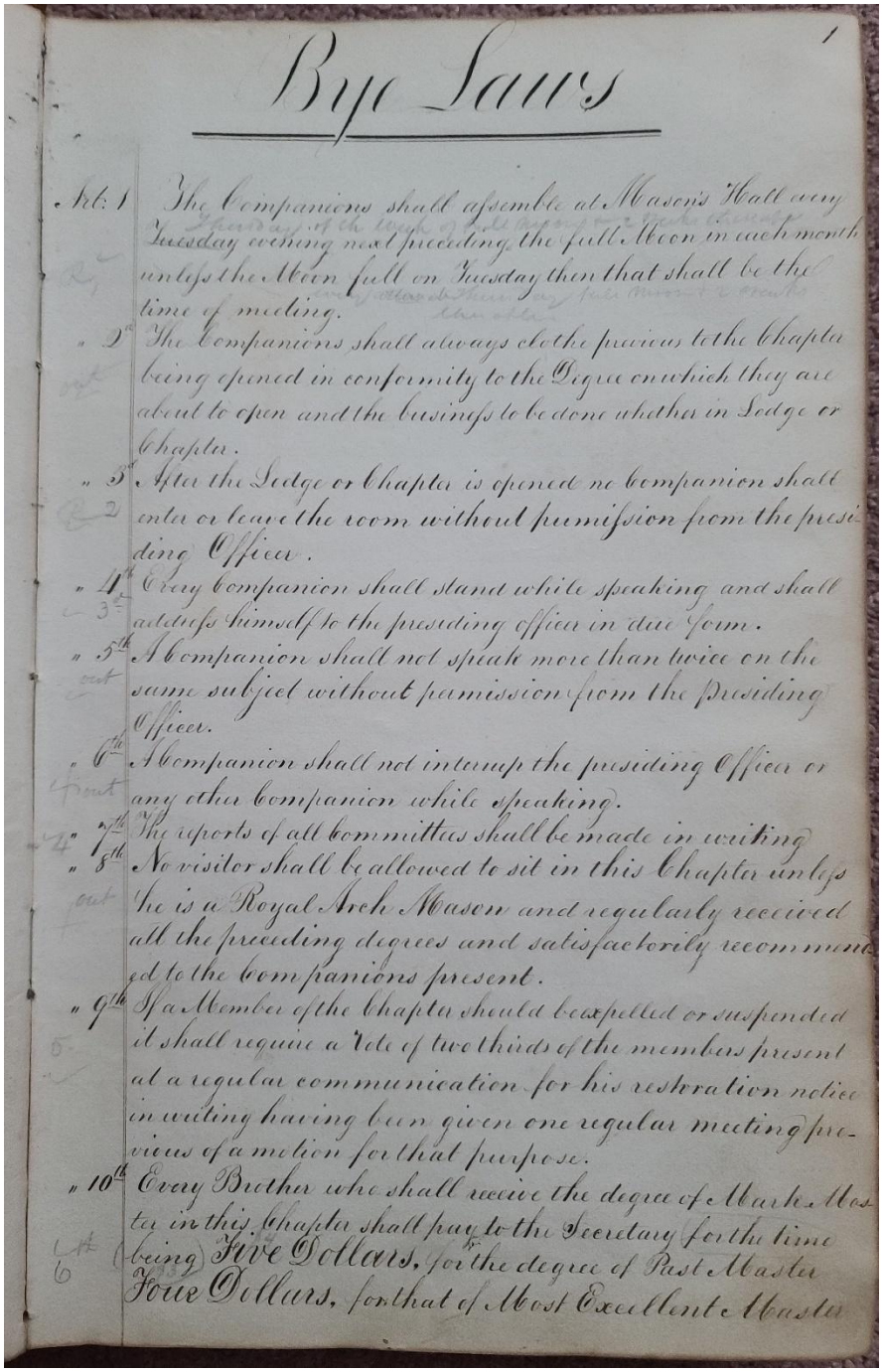


Fig. 1. Knights Templar sword dating to the 1870s

In March 2026, our museum acquired a Knights Templar sword dating to the 1870s. Its owner was Volney A. McCutchen (Dec. 9, 1826 – Sep. 2, 1900). During the Civil War, he served as a private in the Seventh Mounted Infantry of the Confederate Army. By 1879, he held the office of Generalissimo in Paducah

Commandery No. 11 (Paducah, Kentucky) and was already a Past Commander. The sword bears two maker's marks: Clauberg and Schuyler, Hartley & Graham, N.Y.

Archive (April 2026) (Fig. 2).



By Laws

Art. 1 The Companions shall assemble at Mason's Hall every Tuesday evening next preceding the full Moon in each month unless the Moon full on Tuesday then that shall be the time of meeting.

" 2d The Companions shall always clothe previous to the Chapter being opened in conformity to the Degree on which they are about to open and the busines to be done whether in Lodge or Chapter.

" 3d After the Lodge or Chapter is opened no Companion shall enter or leave the room without permission from the presiding Officer.

" 4th Every Companion shall stand while speaking and shall address himself to the presiding officer in due form.

" 5th A Companion shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Presiding Officer.

" 6th A Companion shall not interup the presiding Officer or any other Companion while speaking.

" 7th The reports of all Committees shall be made in writing

" 8th No visitor shall be allowed to sit in this Chapter unless he is a Royal Arch Mason and regularly received all the preceding degrees and satisfactorily recommended to the Companions present.

" 9th If a Member of the Chapter should be expelled or suspended it shall require a Vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular communication for his restoration notice in writing having been given one regular meeting previous of a motion for that purpose.

" 10th Every Brother who shall receive the degree of Mark Master in this Chapter shall pay to the Secretary for the time being Five Dollars, for the degree of Past Master Four Dollars, for that of Most Excellent Master

Fig. 2. Minutes of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, Royal Arch Masons, 1818–1867

Among the most notable archival acquisitions are the minutes of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, Royal Arch Masons (Ogdensburgh, New York), covering the period from the organization's founding in 1818 through 1867.

Library (April 2026) (Fig. 3).

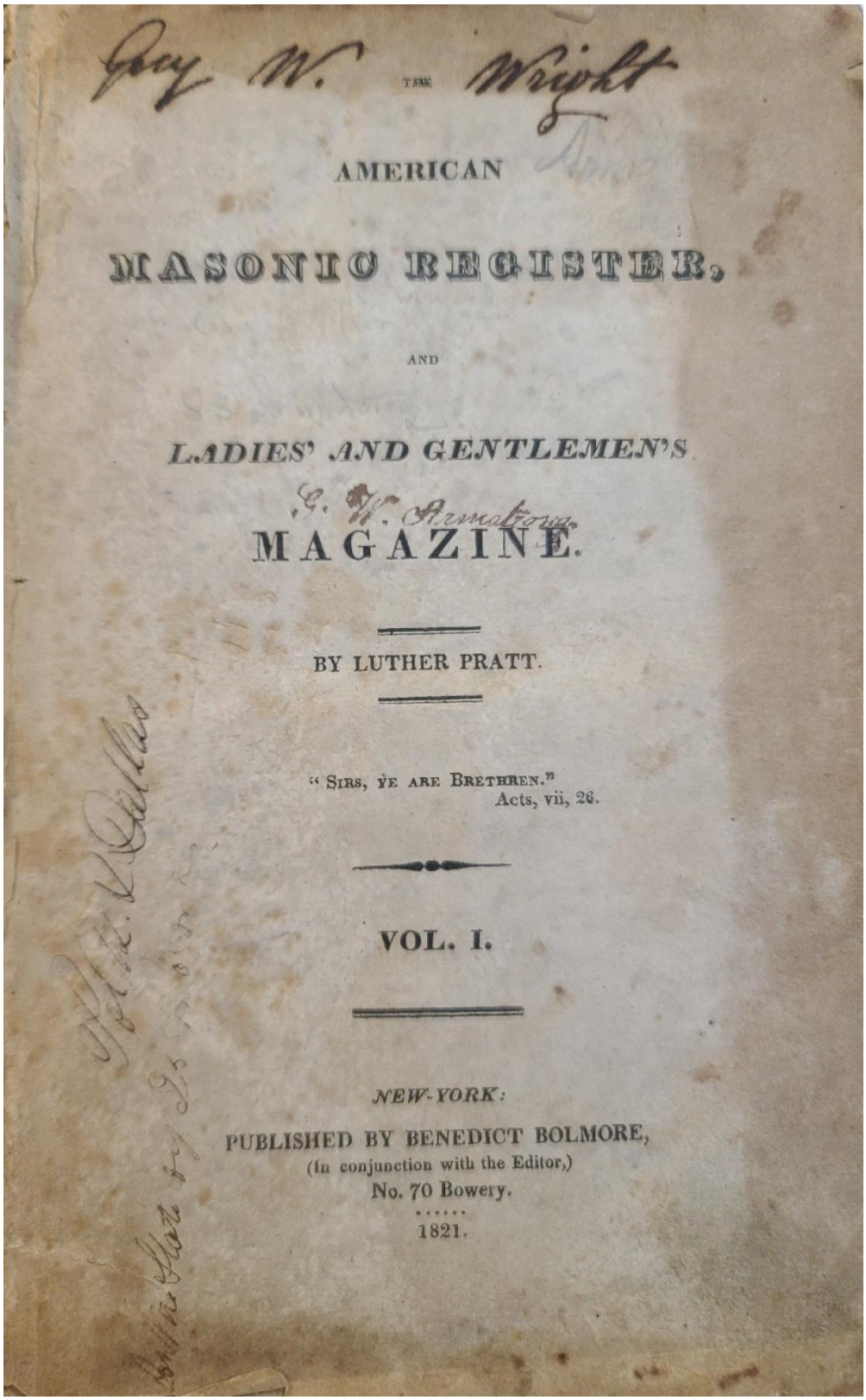


Fig. 3. *The American Masonic Register, and Ladies' and Gentlemen's Magazine*, 1821

Among the recent additions to the library, the most noteworthy item is *The American Masonic Register, and Ladies' and Gentlemen's Magazine*. This is one of the early American Masonic journals/almanacs of the early 19th century; it was published in New York in 1821.

The most notable acquisitions made in May 2026 were as follows.
Museum (May 2026) (Fig. 4).



Fig. 4. Knights Templar sword dating from the 1840s–1850s

In May 2026, our museum acquired a Knights Templar sword dating from the 1840s–1850s. By its design, the sword represents a predecessor of the later Boston-pattern swords. The blade bears the maker's mark of W. H. Horstmann & Sons, a manufacturer active between 1840 and 1859.

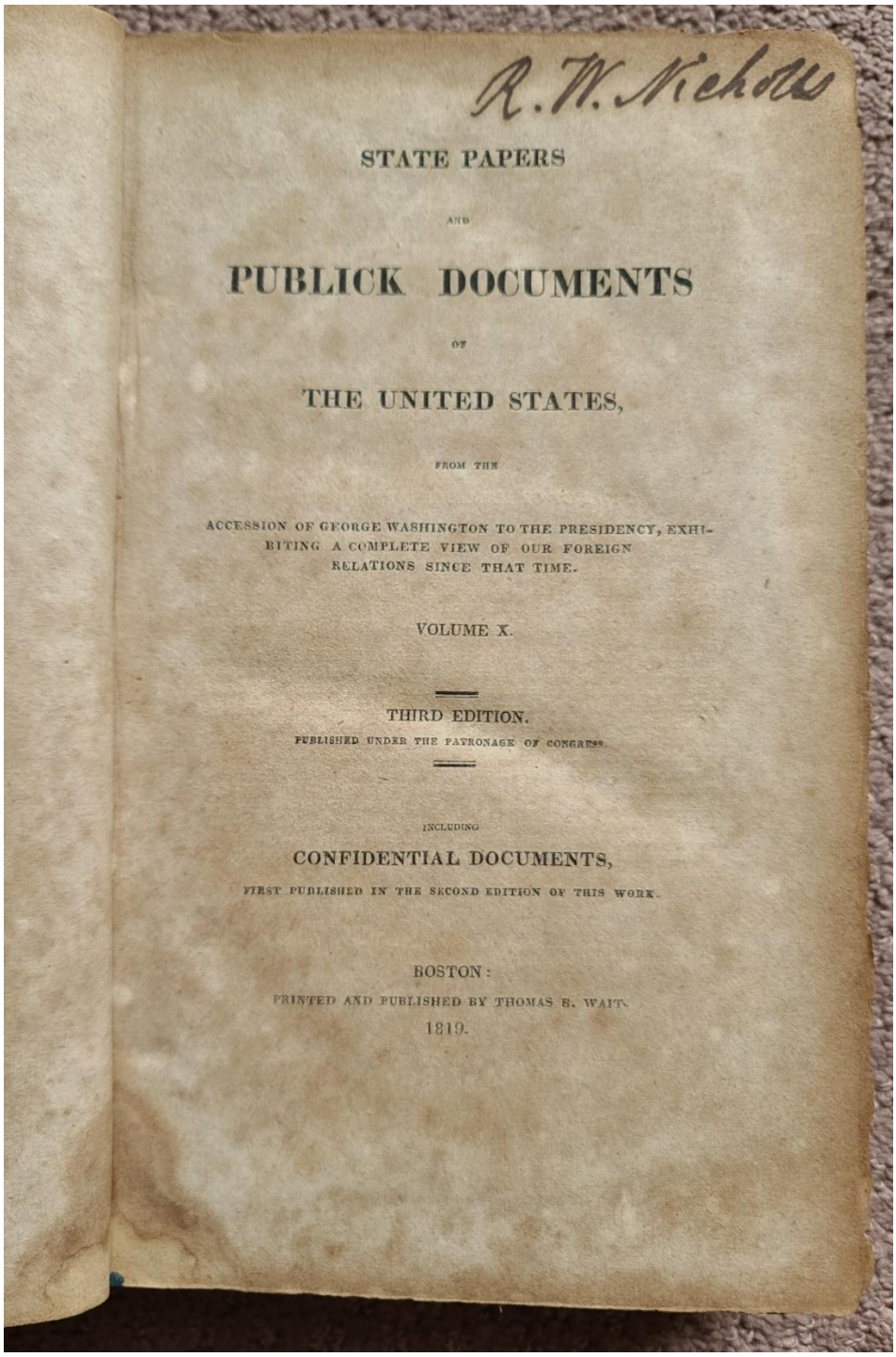
Archive (May 2026) (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. Knight Templar Certificate. 1817

A Knight Templar Certificate documenting the initiation of Simon Neilson into the Order of the Knights Templar of Jerusalem. The certificate was issued in Belfast, Ireland, on February 20, 1817.

Library (May 2026) (Fig. 6).


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Fig. 6. *State Papers and Publick Documents of the United States*. 1819

Volume X of *State Papers and Publick Documents of the United States*—a collection of official documents of the United States government, diplomatic correspondence, international treaties, presidential messages, and other public records from the early period of American history. This volume was published in Boston by Thomas B. Wait in 1819. The compilation was edited by William Ames. First issued in the early nineteenth century, the series became one of the earliest major collections of official documents of the United States.

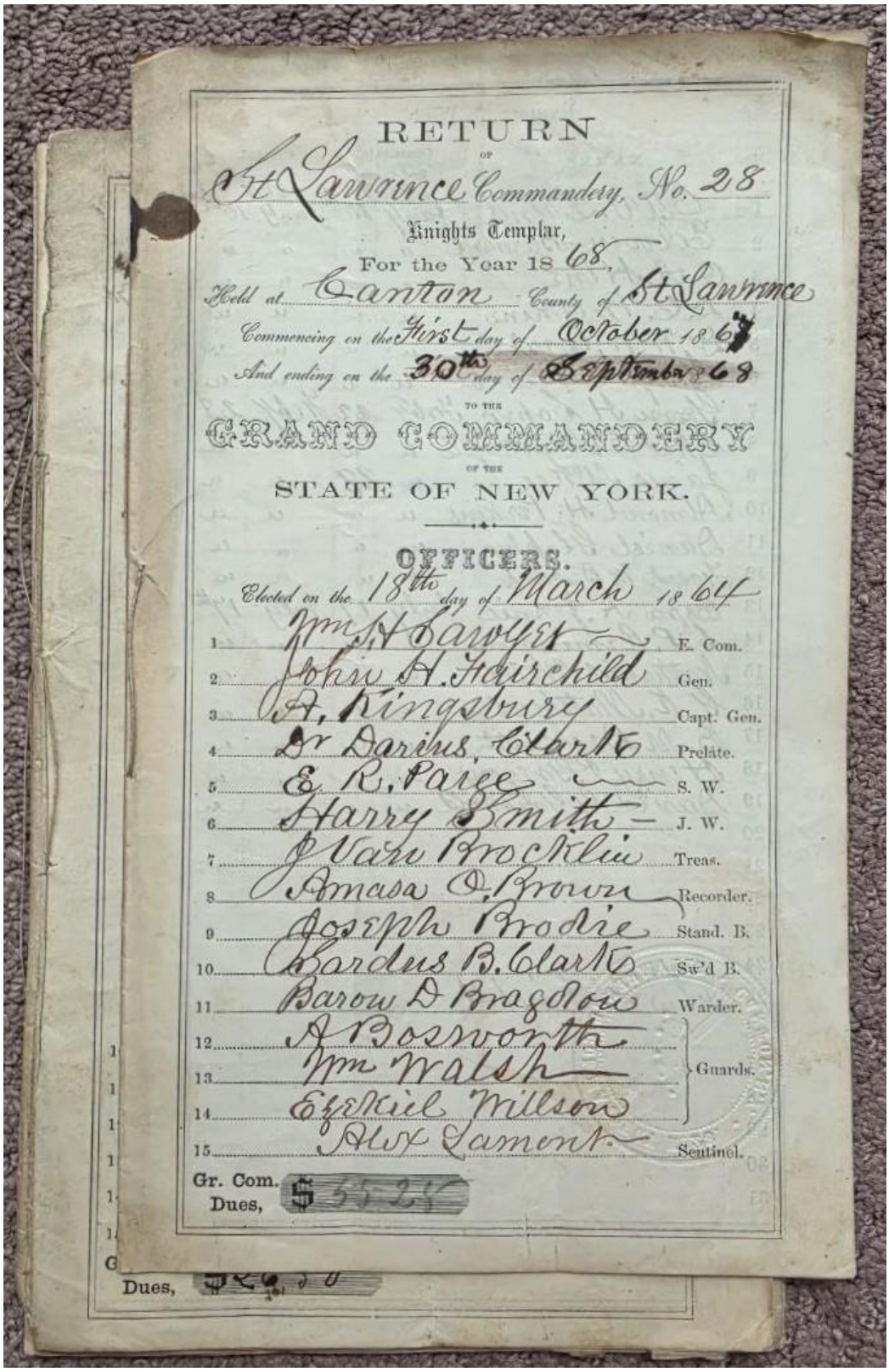
The most notable acquisitions made in June 2026 were as follows.
Museum (June 2026) (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7. Knights Templar Masonic ribbon. 1874

In June 2026, the Museum acquired a rare collection of Knights Templar Masonic ribbons. The collection comprises 79 ribbons, including 21 dating from 1874, making them among the earliest surviving Knights Templar ribbons in the United States.

Archive (June 2026) (Fig. 8).



RETURN
OF
St Lawrence Commandery, No. 28
Knights Templar,
For the Year 18 68,
Held at Canton County of St Lawrence
Commencing on the First day of October 18 67
And ending on the 30th day of September 68
TO THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK.

OFFICERS.
Elected on the 18th day of March 18 64

1	Wm S. Lawyer	E. Com.
2	John A. Fairchild	Gen.
3	A. Kingsbury	Capt. Gen.
4	Dr Darius Clark	Prelate.
5	E. R. Paige	S. W.
6	Harry Smith	J. W.
7	J Van Brocklin	Treas.
8	Amasa D. Brown	Recorder.
9	Joseph Brodie	Stand. B.
10	Bardus B. Clark	Sw'd B.
11	Barow D Bragdow	Warder.
12	A Bosworth	Guards.
13	Wm Walsh	
14	Ezekiel Willson	
15	Alex Lamont	Sentinel.

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Fig. 8. Returns of St. Lawrence Commandery No. 28, 1867–1878

The Archive acquired eight returns of St. Lawrence Commandery No. 28 (New York) covering the period 1867–1878.

Library (June 2026) (Fig. 9).

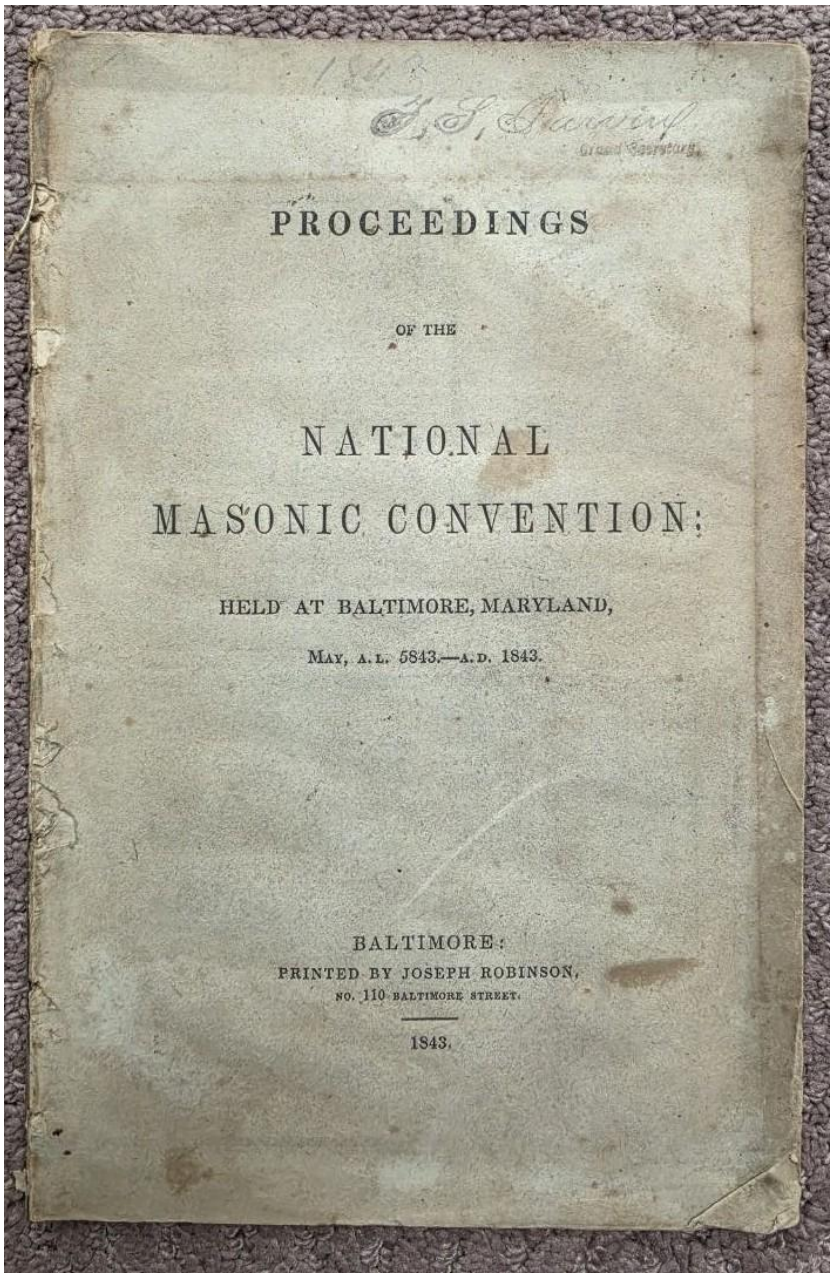


Fig. 9. Proceedings of the National Masonic Convention, 1843

Among the most significant additions to the Library is the Proceedings of the National Masonic Convention, published in Baltimore in 1843.