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# HON. HENRY M. FURMAN. GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. REV. JOS. S. MURROW.

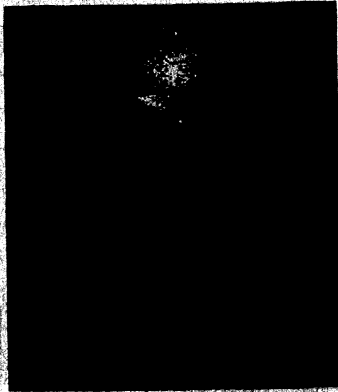
Grand Master of M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Indian Territory.

### BIOGRAPHICAL.

Henry Marshall Furman, the subject of this sketch, was born in Darlington county, North Carolina, in the year 1850. He is a descendant of a long line of Baptist ministers, his father, grandfather and great grandfather were ministers of the old school who worked while they prayed, and left the world better for their living. Judge Furman is modest when it comes to talking of himself or his ancestors, but admits that he

where his natural ability, and indomitable energy soon won for him a high place in the law.

In 1895 Judge Furman moved to Ardmore, where he has since resided, and is regarded as one of the most brilliant members of the Indian Territory bar. But it is not as a lawyer, or as a pleasing speaker, that the judge is best and most favorably known, but as a worker in the ranks of Masonry, to which he has devoted much of his



is proud of the part his progenitor took in the early days of our country, and of one incident in particular in the life of Richard Furman, his great grandfather, who was a special recruiting agent for General Marion in the revolutionary war. This doughty old patriot went about over the country with his Bible in one hand and by his eloquence so stirred up the natives in the cause of liberty, that Lord Cornwallis was constrained to offer a reward of one thousand pounds for the body of Richard Furman, dead or alive. The reward was never claimed, for which the judge is duly thankful.

Judge Furman's parents moved to the state of Texas when he was still a youth, and there he acquired an education in the school of "hard knocks," and learned law while driving a freighter's wagon drawn by oxen across the Texas plains, being finally admitted to the bar in 1874, and settled in Fort Worth

life, and of late years he has had a mission which has become to him a labor of love. It is the establishment of a Masonic Home for orphans in the Indian Territory, and to the accomplishment of this noble work he devotes all his spare time. Two years ago he accepted the position of financial agent for the home from the grand lodge on condition that he should be permitted to labor in his own way for the fulfillment of the plan, and that without pay for his services, and today he is prouder of what has been accomplished for the home than of any other act or labor of his life. Today he sees the fund at the \$10,000 mark, and the success of the enterprise assured.

At the last meeting of the grand lodge held a year ago at Durant, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, an honor that every true Mason prizes, and which he regards as being one of the greatest of his life.

## KATY RUMORS AT CROWDER.

Lengthy Conference Between Katy and Ft. S. & W. Officials Leaves Mergers Impression—Katy is Furnishing Cars for New Road.

### Capital Special.

Crowder City, Aug. 14.—If the Katy has not absorbed the Ft. S. & W. railway it is making an attempt. This is the general belief at this place. For the past three days there has been a conference of officials of both lines held here and their sessions have led the people to believe that the long talked of absorption has been made. This morning several Katy passenger coaches were set off here

for use on the Ft. Smith & Westcott. This one act gives strength to the rumor.

It is also conceded here that Crowder City is now assured the shops and division on the Katy.

That the Katy is to boom Crowder City is now assured, since a car has been set off to carry a Crowder City contingent on the Kansas City excursion next Sunday. Banners will be placed along the sides of the car, and a large delegation will distribute advertising matter en route.

### Want to Buy a Home?

I will sell my home at 320 Adams avenue, home nearly new, splendid water, large bars, lot 100 by 164 feet one of the most desirable locations in the city. W. A. A. Pows.

## The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of Indian Territory Masons Now in Session--Mayor Fielding Lewis Delivers an Address of Welcome--List of Grand Officers Present.

The Twenty-ninth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of the Indian Territory, was convened at 10 o'clock this morning in the Masonic Hall. The Grand Secretary reported representatives present from one hundred and two of the one hundred and eleven lodges in the jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge was opened by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in ample form. The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing in a solemn prayer. Mayor Fielding Lewis was then introduced and delivered a brief address of welcome as follows:

"It is my pleasure to extend to you, on behalf of South McAlester, a cordial welcome to our midst, and in voicing the will of our people in this regard, I do more than offer a formal welcome of our hospitalities. I desire to express to you the high regard with which we recognize this occasion, an occasion that brings to our city and our people an organization whose influence is exerted in every part of the known world, to the upbuilding of mankind; a craft that is never obscured by the darkness of night—the eye of day is ever upon it—and above all its association with human sympathies and charitable institutions.

In the distribution of the beauties of nature, the share of South McAlester is limited, and we are consequently furnished a more extensive field for the employment of the skill and cunning of the craftsman; and had your organization preserved its original "oppressive" features of King Solomon's time, we would offer to you a most varied field of employment. But since you come not boasting superior knowledge and science, but with outstretched hands of brotherly love, and hearts moral and benevolent, we return to you sentiments of human sincerity, reinforced by a warmer love for fellow man.

Not being a member of your organization of Freemasonry, its virtues are not for me to discuss, but for those who are studied in its history, its legends, its antiquity and development. Yet this much is manifested to all, that so far back in the history of time does it run, (immemorial tradition alone, bears testimony of its origin, that it is practiced in every clime by every civilized race of people, that its influence is for the ennobling of man, and that it has allied itself with human development and social order.

Therefore we are proud to welcome you, and cherish the hope that when you have ceased the deliberations for which you are assembled, you will find that South McAlester has other charms and attractions than of a social order. That a vast store of crude material

have been secured here by the deft hand of nature, awaiting the force and energy of man, to be developed into the modern vehicles of knowledge, entertainment and wealth. To these do I invite your inquiries and tender the city's joys.

If the Bible, is your authority and guide, you will find on the site of this future great city many evidences of scriptural attributes, that may lend inspiration in your deliberations.

The edifice built on the scriptural rock, shall endure forever—and the city built on this rock, by the enterprise and determination of its builders is destined to be a factor in future history. And when you have all gone back to your various homes, and are fast traveling the trail of time—and South McAlester looms foremost in the van of progress, we want you to look back to this day with tender defenses and agreeable memories of the youthful city just emerging from the mould of obscurity, to carve its future on the monument of time.

This town extends to you the hand of brotherly love, and bids you welcome."

The roll call showed the following grand officers present:

- Henry Marshall Furman, Grand Master.
- Royal Johnathan Allen, Deputy Grand Master.
- Phillip Doddridge Brewer, Grand Senior Warden.
- Wilson Otho Bruton, Grand Junior Warden.
- Leo Edmond Bennett, Grand Treasurer.
- Joseph Smith, Grand Secretary.
- Benjamin Gardner Martin, Grand Lecturer.
- Harry Wilfred Pickings, Grand Orator.
- J. G. Forkner, Grand Chaplain.
- H. J. Robinson, Grand Pursuivant.
- J. W. Boozman, Grand Senior Steward.
- E. S. Burney, Grand Junior Steward.
- Christopher Springer, Grand Tiler.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

- John Henry Connolly, Cherokee District.
- J. B. Morrow, Muskogee District.
- W. H. Ritchie, Choctaw District.
- Henry Thomas Long, Chickasaw District.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Star Chapter will meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning in the Odd Fellows Hall.

The Grand Master then delivered his annual address which appears elsewhere in this paper which occupied the balance of the session; until noon, when the Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshments.

Grand Secretary of M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Indian Territory.

### BIOGRAPHICAL.

Joseph S. Murrow was born in Louisville, Georgia, June 7, 1835. His grandfather was one of Marion's men in the Revolutionary war, and a brave and daring soldier. He was educated at Mercer University, Georgia, and on leaving school, in 1857, immediately came west under the appointment of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as a missionary to the Indians of the Indian Territory.

He was knighted in Parsons, Kansas, in 1867. He has also received the Scottish Right Degrees up to the 82nd and the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Murrow organized the first



He has been engaged in this work ever since, nearly forty-four years. There were no railroads west of the Mississippi River when he came. No white settlers in the territory. He says if any one that had told him he would build railroads off through this territory and go to bring to people doors instead of having to go in ox wagons one hundred to three hundred miles, over mountain and stream and scarpely any roads to haul supplies, his reply would have been, "Do you expect me to live a thousand years?" He is not the oldest in years, but the oldest in service of all the missionaries in the territory, and is a living history of the country.

Mr. Murrow received the first degrees of Masonry in Andrew

Masonic lodge in the Indian Territory after the war closed in 1865. He served two years as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and could have served longer if he had not positively refused to be re-elected. He served as Grand Secretary twenty-two years. He was elected the first Grand High Priest at the organization of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and served one year when he was elected Grand Secretary and has filled that office ever since—eleven years. He is also Grand Recorder of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery.

Mr. Murrow is justly called the father of Masonry in Indian Territory.

## MOSELY ELECTED GOVERNOR.

Twenty Candidates for Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Succumb by a Slender Majority.

Capital Special.

Tishomongo, I. T., Aug. 14.—The Chickasaw election is over and ex-Governor Mosely is elected by a small majority. The fight was the hardest ever known in Chickasaw politics. The grossest charges were preferred against both

candidates Byrd and Mosely. Byrd made an aggressive fight against the treaty and the result, like that in the Choctaw nation, is a victory for the pending treaty.

Tishomongo went for Mosely. The friends of Mosely were surprised at the remarkable strength shown by Byrd, but claim that the gentlemen used every effort to influence the defeat of their candidates.

Official returns from all counties give Mosely a majority of votes. The result means the ratification of the treaty.