

**Augusta County Historical Society**  
**Acc #393**  
**Staunton Lodge No. 13 A.F. & A.M. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**(1786-1986)**

**Size:** 1 folder

**Scope & Content**

Three of the items pertain to the celebration of the Lodge in 1986. The book and the newspaper article describe the history of the Lodge in Staunton along with the names of all the men who served as Masters during the 200 years. Special mention is made of Meriwether Lewis who joined the Lodge in 1799.

**Historical/Biographical Note**

In 1786 Dr. Alexander Long and William Chambers received authority from Edmund Randolph, governor of Virginia and deputy grand master of the Grand Ledge of Virginia to conduct a Masonic lodge in Staunton. It is believed that a lodge had been meeting in Staunton for several years, having probably been organized through the voluntary efforts of Masons who had come together in the frontier outpost

**Organization/Arrangement**

1. Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration Book (2 copies)
2. Article from Daily News Leader, Wednesday, May 28, 1986 (2 copies)
3. One page description of the Masonic rooms
4. Copy of Mason certificate for Meriwether Lewis dated 1799

**Miscellaneous**