**Londonderry and Coleraine areas**

**Lodge 132**, **Londonderry, County Londonderry**

This warrant is recorded Issued to `Orange Lodge' in Londonderry, County Londonderry, 1 March 1742. The Lodge register records a total of 62 lines recorded in the register, however lines 3 to 12 are blank. The warrant was dormant for a period but it was shown on the 19th November, 1789, as ‘reissued to Henry Dunn, William Spears and William Boyd to revive the Lodge at Londonderry*.* A total of 45 members are recorded as registered up to the 23rd December, 1797[[1]](#footnote-1).

**LODGE 235, Coleraine, County Londonderry.** Records show this warrant Issued to members in Coleraine, County Londonderry, on the 25th June 1753[[2]](#footnote-2) to George Townsend; Georges Norton and Neill Fullerton with a total of 118 members registered up to 31 March 1808. There are few records of any relevance for the 1798 period.

**Lodge 362, County Londonderry.** This warrant was issued to members in County Londonderry.[[3]](#footnote-3) Some 42 members were up to 1787 which is the last data re membership apparently recorded. There does not appear to any relevant records for the 1790’s era and a further entry states that the warrant was cancelled, 6th July 1815 for neglect of duty. There is no evidence that this lodge actually sat in the 1790’s.

**Lodge 423, Moneymore, Londonderry**

Warrant issued to members in ‘Chapel of Artrea’, (i.e. Woods Chapel), Moneymore, County Londonderry, 5 January 1765 a further 45 members registered up to the 22nd July, 1795.[[4]](#footnote-4) Apart from an insertion concerning a church service there are no other records on file and the lodge doesn’t seem to have been represented at any other of the meetings in the Londonderry area during the 1790’s.

**Lodge 531 Moneymore County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members in Moneymore County Londonderry on the 6th June 1776 with a further 39 members registered up to 29th May, 1802.[[5]](#footnote-5) There are no other records apparently held on this lodge during the relevant period of the insurrection.

**Lodge 532 Maghera, County Londonderry.**

Warrant issued to `True Greys Lodge' in Curran, Maghera, County Londonderry, 6th June 1776 with a further 95 members registered up to 26th June, 1804.[[6]](#footnote-6) This lodge was one of the most radical lodges in the County Londonderry area a fact witnessed by their association with many of the radical resolutions as set out in the afore mentioned County Londonderry Lodges.

**Lodge 536 Magherafelt County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members in Magherafelt, County Londonderry, on the 7th November 1776. A further 16 members were recorded registered up to the 26th January, 1779. No other records are held other than a note that it was on the printed list of erased lodges 1801[[7]](#footnote-7).

**Lodge 567 Ballyronan, Magherafelt, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members in Ballyronan, Magherafelt, County Londonderry, 3rd June 1779 with a further 59 members registered up to the 21st September, 1805.The majority of this lodge was undoubtedly within the radical camp having endorsed all the radical resolutions by the County Londonderry Lodges during the period up to the date of the rebellion.

**Lodge 572 Aghadowey, Coleraine, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members at Tamlaght, Aghadowey, Coleraine, County Londonderry, on the 1st June 1780 with a only a further 17 members registered up to 17 October, 1806[[8]](#footnote-8). There are no other records apparently held on this lodge during the relevant period of the insurrection.

**Lodge 573, Maghera, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members in, Maghera, County Londonderry, on the 1st June 1780 with only a further 14 members registered up to 27 October, 1798[[9]](#footnote-9).There are few records concerning this lodge other than its members seem to have supported all the Radical resolutions of the time and appears to have been firmly in the Radical camp.

**Lodge 581 Castledawson, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members, Bros. Samuel Greaves, Master; John Crawford and James Hamersly, Wardens to hold a Lodge in Shanemullagh, (Castledawson), County Londonderry, on the 4th January 1781[[10]](#footnote-10). The Grand Lodge minutes state that the warrant was later moved to Magherafelt. A further 51 members are registered up to 8th October, 1807. The lodge associated itself with a number of the radical resolutions of the time and would certainly have appeared to have been in that wing of the order.

**Lodge 634 Claragh, Kilrea, County Londonderry**

This warrant was issued to members, Thomas Smyth; Daniel McKinny and Paul Smith, in Kilrea, County Londonderry on the 1st July 1784[[11]](#footnote-11). A further 28 members are registered up to 8 December, 1803. The lodge is recorded as moving to Kilrea in 1792. There is nothing to suggest that the Lodge had UIM leanings other than in 1793 the lodge inserted the following slightly radical insertion in the press;

Free Masonry - Kilrea.

At a Meeting of **Lodge No. 634**, held at the House of John Hunter in Kilrea, on Thursday the 27th December, 1792.[[12]](#footnote-12)

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

Resolved, That in the present state of public affairs, we deem it incumbent upon us as a body of men ever loyal to our King, and attached to our Country, to declare our unalterable determination to stand forth in support of the laws, and in defence of our right and lawful Sovereign Lord George the 111d. against all his enemies foreign and domestic.

Resolved, That the spirit of tumult and disorder hath already affected, and if not timely resisted, must ultimately tend to the utter subversion of the rising Manufactures, Commerce, and Prosperity of this Kingdom.

Resolved, That we will therefore at all times, collectively and individually, resist this spirit of tumult and disorder, and the instigators and abettors thereof; and that we will to the extent of our power, support the civil Magistrate in the due execution of the laws of the land and be ready to unite for the safety, peace, and subordination of society.

Resolved, That at the same time we will also be ready to co-operate with our Fellow Citizens in every legal and constitutional means for the purpose of obtaining a more equal Representation of the People in Parliament.

Resolved, That the above Resolutions be signed by our Secretary, and published thrice in the Belfast News Letter.

John Hunter, Secretary[[13]](#footnote-13).

There are no other records apparently held on this lodge during the 1790’s Period.

**Lodge 639, Dungiven, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members, Robert Edwards, Matthew Edwards and Henry McGee in Dungiven, County Londonderry on the 2nd December 1784[[14]](#footnote-14) A further 19 members were registered up to the 4th April, 1803. There are no other records for this lodge held for the 1790’s period.

**Lodge 640`St. Columb's Lodge’, County Londonderry.**

Grand Lodge records show that this warrant was issued to members, George Picken, Robert Bell and Alexander Craig hold a Lodge named,`St. Columb's Lodge' in the City of L. Derry, on the 10th February 1785 which being recommended by the

Lodge No. 346 and was unanimously Granted[[15]](#footnote-15). A further 92 members were registered up to 11th April, 1807. There are no records for the 1790’s shown in the records.

**Lodge 647, Ballyronan, Magherafelt, Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members, Richard Adams, Robert York and John York in Salterstown, Ballyronan, Magherafelt, County Londonderry, on the 3rd November 1785. A further 28 members were registered up to 18th August, 1797[[16]](#footnote-16).

The lodge associated themselves with all of the fairly radical Castledawson resolutions as set out at lodge 387 and as such it could be assumed that at that time quite a few of the members would have held radical views. There are apparently no records covering the 1798 era on file.

**Lodge 669, Dungiven, County Londonderry.**

This lodge was warranted on the 3rd, May, 1787 to James Smith, William Kane and Edward Boner to hold a Lodge in the town of Dungiven, County Derry[[17]](#footnote-17). A further 60 members are shown as registered up to the 7th May 1808. There are no records shown for the complete 1790’s period.

**Lodge 691, Castledawson, County Londonderry**.

This warrant was issued on the 1st October 1789 to Shelley Wade, Thomas Benney and Henry McPeake to hold a Lodge in the town of Castledawson, County Londonderry[[18]](#footnote-18). A further 70 brethren registered up to 31 January, 1808. The records of this lodge merely consist of insertions in the press concerning church services and both Royalist and radical resolutions. I believe that the majority of the lodge appears to have fallen within the Royalist fold.

**Lodge 701, Moneymore, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued on the 1st October 1789 to. Michael Kane, John McGillian and Alexander McKenny to hold a Lodge in the town of Moneymore County L. Derry[[19]](#footnote-19). A further 50 members are recorded as being registered up to 5th June, 1807. This lodge was one of the lodges that were present when the radical resolutions were adopted and printed on the 31st December, 1792[[20]](#footnote-20) but there are no records of any of its activities from then on over the 1790’s period.

**Lodge 728, Draperstown, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to Hugh O’Neill; Dennis Hagan and John Malone on the 2nd December 1790 to hold a Lodge at Cahore, Draperstown, County Londonderry[[21]](#footnote-21). A further 65 members are registered mainly registered in batches, the largest being 35 on 9th April, 1796 up to 2nd February, 1804. The lodge associated itself with all the early radical resolutions of the early 1790’s and the only other entries are church insertions attended with other lodges the latter being as late as 1796 at which the usual fairly neutral loyalty resolutions were added to the press insertions. There are no other records.

**Lodge 779, Garvagh, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued on the 4th April, 1793 to Stephen Church; Mark Mooney and Henry Mullan to hold a Lodge in Garvagh, County Londonderry[[22]](#footnote-22).A further 64 members are registered up to 6th November, 1807. There are no other records apparently held on this lodge during the whole 1790’s period.

**Lodge 781, Annaghmore, Magherafelt, Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to Neil Develyn; Michael Develyn and William Norwell on the 4th April, 1793 to hold a Lodge in Annaghmore, Magherafelt, County Londonderry[[23]](#footnote-23).

 A further 19 members were registered up to 4th December, 1806. There are no other records apparently held on this lodge during the whole 1790’s period.

**Lodge 769, Moneymore, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued to members, Andrew Sands; Henry Porter and George Huey on the5th July, 1792 to hold a Lodge in Lecumpher, Moneymore, County Derry[[24]](#footnote-24). A further 12 members were registered up to 22nd December, 1803. There are no records of this lodge’s activities during the 1798 era.

**Lodge 777, Magherafelt, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued on the 7th February, 1793 to Anthony Magee, William Magee and Robert Cousley, to hold a Lodge in Magherafelt County Londonderry[[25]](#footnote-25). A further 19 members are registered up to 27th June, 1807. There are no other records for this lodge held for the 1790’s period.

**Lodge 821, Tamlagh, County Londonderry**.

This warrant is recorded to have been issued on the 7th January, 1796 to James Dripps, Andrew Pollock and George Marks to hold a Lodge in Tamlagh in the County of L. Derry. There are no records at all on file and the warrant is shown as having been cancelled on the 7th October 1813[[26]](#footnote-26).

**Lodge 824, Maghera, Londonderry**

It would appear that this warrant was issued by Grand Lodge on the 7th January, 1796 to Joseph Steel, Hugh McMullan and William Gibson to hold a Lodge in Crew, Maghera, in the County of L. Derry[[27]](#footnote-27). However there are no records at all concerning the activities of the lodge and the warrant is shown as cancelled on the 7th, October, 1813.

**Lodge 826, Littlebridge, Moneymore, County Londonderry.**

This warrant was issued on the 4th February, 1796 to Richard Adams, Robert Simpson and Samuel Morrow, to hold a Lodge in the town of Littlebridge, Moneymore in the

County of L. Derry[[28]](#footnote-28). The register only shows one more member a James Sanford registered. There are no records on file for the lodge during the 1798 era.

**Lodge 844, Garvagh, Londonderry**

This warrant was issued to members**,** Hugh McLarry, John McWade and Arthur Kerr to hold a Lodge in Garvagh, County L. Derry on the 7th July, 1796[[29]](#footnote-29). A total of 35 members registered up to 6th February, 1817. There are no records on file for the lodge during the 1798 era.

1. Series One & Vol. 2 of the G.L. Register shows the first registration 19 November, 1789. From the Minutes of Grand Lodge **Lodge 132,** Crossle Vol. 3.p. 435. Vol. 11.p. 464, 466, 475, 479, 484, 488, 489, 492, 494, 510, 514, 520, 524, 529, 542, 551, 556. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Volume 1 of the Grand Lodge Registers record six members registered 1753, Geo. Townsend; Georges Norton; Neill Fullerton; Wm. Carr; Danl. Brady and John Carr. Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro. F.C. Crossle – c. 1889. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Volume 1 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Second series Vol. 3 of the G.L. Register, Crossle Vol. 6.p. 143, 304. Vol. 7.p. 19, 64, 88. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Volume 2 of the extant Grand Lodge Register [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro F.C. Crossle – c. 1889. Volume 2 of the extant Grand Lodge Register [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Volume 2 of the extant Grand Lodge Register records only 3 members registered 7 November, 1776, Robert. McMurdy, Master; John McMurdy and Michael Stanly, Wardens.Crossle Vol. 1. p. 18. Vol. 5.p. 363, 372. Vol. 6.p. 297, 304, 29b?. Vol. 7.p. 64, 150. Vol. 8.p. 24. Vol. 10.p. 85. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Ibid, Second Series Vol. 3 of the G.L. Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Ibid. Volume 2 of the extant Grand Lodge Register [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro F.C. Crossle – c. 1889. Volume 2 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro F.C. Crossle – c. 1889. Crossle Vol. 6.p. 145. Vol. 7.p. 161. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Vol. 7.p. 161 & NP. Vol. C.p. 156. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. BNL 8-11, January, 1793. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Ibid., Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges, compiled by Bros. J.J. Nesbitt and William Scott for Bro F.C. Crossle – c. 1889. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Ibid.,Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Ibid; Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Ibid; Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Registers. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Ibid; Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. See Londonderry Lodge 387. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Ibid; Volume 3&4 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Ibid, Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Ibid., Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Ibid, Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. Ibid, Volume 3 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. Crossle Vol. 6.p. 386. Vol. 8.p. 249. [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. Ibid, Vol. 5 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. Ibid, Vol. 5 of the extant Grand Lodge Register. [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. Vol. 5 of the extant ,Grand Lodge of Ireland – Roll of Lodges [↑](#footnote-ref-29)