

# **Eboracum Lodge No1611**

## **“The formative years”**

### **No3 Micklegate**

### **and the**

### **Queens Hotel**

Presentation produced by David Bowman PPJGD





**No 3 Micklegate  
&  
Queens Hotel**

**Lendal  
Bridge**

**Micklegate**

















Middlethorpe Lodge  
York.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876

Dear Brother

I duly received the application of yourself & other brethren addressed to the Masters of our Masonic Hall, requesting permission for a proposed New Lodge to hold their meetings therein.

A meeting of the Masters was accordingly called for & held today & the following Resolution was passed by them.

"That having carefully considered the question in all its bearing the Masters decline to comply with the wishes of the Memorialists"

Yours fraternally & truly  
James Meek  
Mr. Cornhill Cooper

4<sup>th</sup> February 1876

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The letter from York Lodge No236 in which they refuse to back Eboracums petition to form a new Lodge in York.



# The 1876 minutes of the meeting at the Queens Hotel agreeing to form the Eboracum Lodge

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1. Proposed by Bro G. Balmford, seconded by Bro J. F. Stephenson - That it is desirable in the interests of Freemasonry that a warrant for a second lodge in the City of York be applied for.
2. Proposed by Bro T. B. Whytehead, seconded by Bro H. Churchill, That the name of the new lodge be the "Eboracum" Lodge.
3. Proposed by Bro J. S. Cumberland, seconded by Bro T. Tuke - That the place and day of meeting be the Masonic Hall, Duncombe Place, on the second Monday in the month or the first Tuesday in the month, subject to arrangement with the York Lodge.
4. Proposed by Bro J. F. Stephenson, seconded by Bro T. Tuke - That Bro Tho. Cooper, P.M. be the first Master.



J.C. T.B.W. & J.F.S. masters  
wardens of the 2. Lodge of F.M. on behalf of  
the lodge agree to take for 7 years, lease to  
be renewable on same terms at expiration  
of that period, & Messrs Knowles agree to  
let at an annual rent of £45. the  
house shop & gallery 32, Stonegate

Landlords agree to complete walls  
& put in repair walls & roof, tenants  
to do internal alterations, landlords to  
colour & decorate walls & ceiling. Tenants  
to pay rates. Rent to commence March  
1<sup>st</sup> 1876

1<sup>st</sup> March 1876

Written agreement to rent No 34 Stonegate  
from Mr Knowles (see images for Rohan  
shop.)

Soon after this agreement, room/s became  
available at No3 Micklegate (adjoining the  
Queens Hotel) which were more suitable  
and so this agreement was ended at a cost of  
£20.



Stonegate c1890





56, Micklegate,  
York, 12<sup>th</sup> May 1876.

Oboracum Lodge

Mr. Whytehead

Sir, We hereby offer to  
complete the whole of the works  
as specified in the above for the  
sum of Thirty-five pounds.  
£35. 0. 0

We are, Sir  
Yours faithfully  
John Keswick & Sons  
J. K.

12<sup>th</sup> May 1876

Estimate for work to be carried out at  
No 34 Stonegate. It is not known if the  
work was carried out prior to the  
ending of the agreement.

Private



2 Albany Terrace  
Hull 22 March 76.  
11-30 pm

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Just a line to say  
that the Minerva Lodge  
have recommended the  
Petition, which I shall  
(D.V.) send in the morning  
to the D.P.S.M. Keep as  
quiet as possible about it,  
lest unnecessary opposition

should be caused

Yours faithfully

Mr Peck

Tell Mr. Whytehead, but  
do not else without strict  
charge.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 1876**  
**Letter from**  
**Minerva Lodge of**  
**Hull**  
**recommending**  
**Eboracums**  
**petition to form a**  
**new Lodge**





Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.

Bro. THOMAS COOPER, P.M., Master Elect.

York, May 8, 1876.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

I am happy to inform you that the W. Master Elect has received an official intimation that a warrant has been granted to the York Petitioners, of whom you are one, and that the official number of the Eboracum Lodge will be 1611.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES KAY,  
SECRETARY.

8<sup>th</sup> May 1876

The Warrant has been granted to Eboracum

York, May 8, 1876.

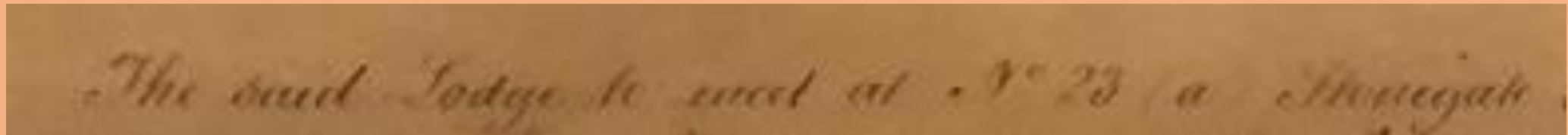
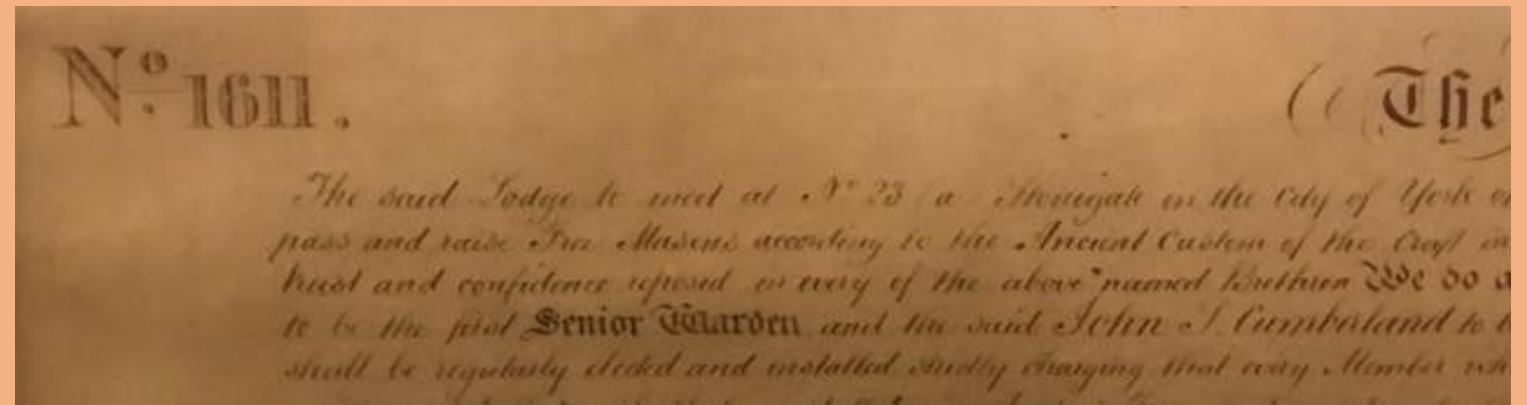
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**The Warrant from the  
Grand Lodge of England  
for the new Lodge was  
dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 1876**



**The address of the Lodge  
meeting place was given as  
23a Micklegate..**





3<sup>rd</sup> June 1876  
How to pronounce  
"EBORACUM"

Gosh, June 3, 1876.

Dear Sir.

You ask a hard question.

In the first place Ebaracum  
is to be preferred to Eboracum.

Then as to the quantity, if you  
follow analogy the word ought  
to be Ebaracum — if you like  
to make it short ~, many persons  
have done so before you. I

pronounce it short so did Mr  
Wellbeloved — there is no classical  
authority on either side, & the question



Provincial Grand Lodge

OF THE NORTH & EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE.

2 Albany Terrace  
Hull 3 June 1876.

My dear Mr. Cooper,

I beg to inform you that the  
Warrant is now ready &  
beg that you will send me a cheque  
payable in London to Mr. John  
Hervey for Sixteen Pounds, six  
shillings for the same (£ 16-6s. 0d)

The particulars being

for Warrant ————— 10-10-0

39 Petitioners @ 2/6 ————— 4-17-6

(these must pay the Lodge at least  
£ 1-1s. each as a joining fee)

1 Petitioner (Mr. Williams) } 1/-  
Scottish Lodge (he must  
repay you this

Book of Constitutions ————— 1-8

£ 16-6-0

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1876

The invoice for the warrant



Waverley House,  
Hull.

24<sup>th</sup> July 1876.  
Monday, 9 AM.

Dear Sir & Brother,

I have this morning  
had the honor to receive  
from Lord Zetland, a  
reply to the Requisition  
to constitute the Eboracum  
Lodge at York.

His Lordship will be  
happy to do so, &  
has fixed Monday,

the 7<sup>th</sup> August, for that  
ceremonial, & hopes that  
day will suit all parties.  
I remain,

Dear Sir & Bro.

Yrs truly & fraternally  
J. M. S. Bell  
S. P. & M.

To Bro. James Kay,  
Am. Sec.

24<sup>TH</sup> July 1876

Lord Zetland agrees  
to Consecrate the  
new lodge on the  
7<sup>th</sup> August 1876



# Eboracum Lodge No 1611

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Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> 1876  
(Consecration)

Present.

Bro. The Right Hon. The Earl of Zetland

J. P. Bell M.A. P.G. & Eng.

The Hon. W. J. (Mr) Poullett

W. Walker

M. C. Peck P.M.

Rev. W. Valentine

J. W. Woodall.

J. Hardy P.M.

R. J. Smith P.M.

C. H. Hunt

J. Dodd P.M.

J. Balmford P.M.

J. Sisson P.M.

Rev. H. V. Palmer P.M.

J. Cooper P.M.

J. Ward

J. Grier

Bro. M. Proctor P.M. 57 P.G. & S.W.

M. Harbord L.A. 57.

M. C. Peck, Secy P.M. 57

R. H. Peacock P.M. 200

G. Wilkinson W.M. 250

W. Vice 250.

L. Fader P.M. 250 P.P.G. & S.W.

F. M. Henry 236 & 237 P.P.G. & S.W.

J. T. Canridge 236 P.P.G. & S.W.

J. W. Wilson 236

G. Garbutt 236

R. W. P. M.

Rev. P. J. M.

P. G. S. W.

P. G. J. W.

P. G. Secy

P. P. G. Chaplain S.W. 236

P. P. G. J. W.

P. P. G. J. D.

P. G. D. G.

P. G. Organist

P. P. G. O. Sec 236

P. P. G. Organist

P. P. G. Reg.

P. P. G. Chaplain

P. P. G. J. Works & C. 236

P. G. P. M. W. C. 236

P. G. Tyler

Bro. J. R. Bell 236

L. A. Banks 236

G. H. Simpson 236

J. Shille 236

H. Churchill 236

G. Lella 236

J. J. Lella 236

J. Kewick 236

G. Battell 236

W. H. Gunforth 236 & 237

J. Ayres 236

## 7<sup>th</sup> August 1876 Consecration of the Eboracum Lodge No 1611

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST  
YORKSHIRE.

Antient Free & Accepted Masons.



CEREMONIAL

To be observed at the

CONSECRATION

OF THE

EBORACUM LODGE, 1611,

YORK,

ON MONDAY, AUG. 7TH, 1876.

Bro. THOS. COOPER, P.M. .. W.M. Designate.



**25th July 1876**  
**Consecration banquet**  
**summons**

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611,  
Of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

BROTHER THOMAS COOPER, P.M., W.M. DESIGNATE.

Clarence Street,  
York, July 25, 1876.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Right Worshipful Grand Master of the North and East Districts has fixed the Ceremony of Constitution of this Lodge, for Monday, the 7th day of August next, at 6.30 p.m.

A Banquet will be held in the De Grey Rooms, York at 4.30 o'clock, Tickets for which, price 6s. 6d. each (exclusive of Wines), can ONLY be had on application to the P.M. Designate or the Secretary on or before Friday, the 4th August, and no brother can be admitted to the Banquet who is not previously in possession of a Ticket.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

JAMES KAY, Secretary.

Brother

P.S.—Brethren contemplating being present are particularly requested to communicate with the Secretary, in order that suitable provision may be made for their comfort.

KINGSTON LODGE OF FREEMASONS,

No.



1010,

HULL, Aug 3 - 1876

My dear May

In consequence of  
the death of my dear little  
girl Edith, and an accumu-  
lation of business difficulties  
mostly in connection with  
machinery I have no  
heart for anything &  
must therefore decline your  
kind invitation for the  
Lodge opening on Monday  
next.

I thank you & the  
Brethren of the Elcoracum  
Lodge for the fraternal  
invitation.

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1876  
Apology from Kingston Lodge  
Hull  
"death of a little girl"



The FREEMASON, Weekly 2d.  
The MASONIC MACAZINE, Monthly 6d.  
The COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET  
BOOK, Annually 2/-

2, 3 & 4, LITTLE BRITAIN,

LONDON July 29 1876

BRANCHES—

138, FLEET STREET, LONDON 2, MONUMENT PLACE, LIVERPOOL 145, ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW.

Mr. May Esq

Dear Sir Bro

In answer to  
your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst the whole  
of the Furniture as per Invoice  
enclosed was forwarded per G.N.  
Luggage Rail, yesterday, with  
the exception of the 2 sets of  
Square & Compasses the latter  
will forward per Passenger Train  
on Monday. Awaiting your  
further Command.  
Yours Obedt  
Geo Kennings

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29<sup>th</sup> July 1876

Delivery note from Kennings  
for furniture, square and compasses



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*R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland,*

AT THE LODGE ROOM, No. 3, MICKLEGATE, YORK,

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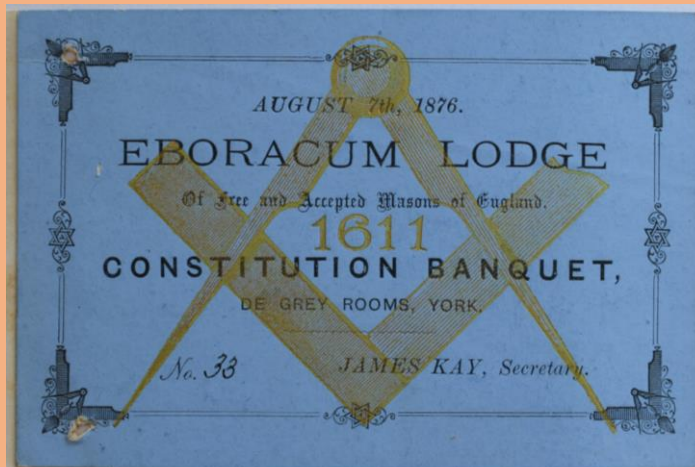
**29<sup>th</sup> July 1876**

**Note the address above**

**The Lodge Room**

**No 3 Micklegate, York**

**No mention of the Queens Hotel**



**Constitution Banquet ticket  
For the De Grey Rooms**

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE



*North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.*

W. SIR AND BROTHER,

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I am, W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

*M. C. PECK,*  
*Prov. Grand Secretary.*

2 Albany Terrace,  
HULL, 29th July, 1876.



MEMORANDUM.

FROM

J. W. KNOWLES,  
STAINED GLASS AND MEDIAEVAL ART WORKS.  
ALL KINDS OF CHURCH FURNITURE IN METAL, WOOD, AND STONE.

Textile Fabrics, Embroidery, Carpets, Surplices, &c.

Stained Glass, Decorations, Encaustic and Art Tiles.

DESIGNS AND ESTIMATES ON APPLICATION.

SHOW ROOMS, 23, STONEGATE, YORK.

To

May 22. 1876

Mr. Brythhead Esq.

Herewith send you sketch for Masonic Chair  
as agreed to make three as each - (two without  
arms) as per designs for the sum of £15. 0-0  
bevel Cushions for seats 12/- ea. extra

J. W. Knowles

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1876  
Order for 3 x chairs.

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The Rohan shop can  
be found in  
Stonegate as per the  
address on the order.



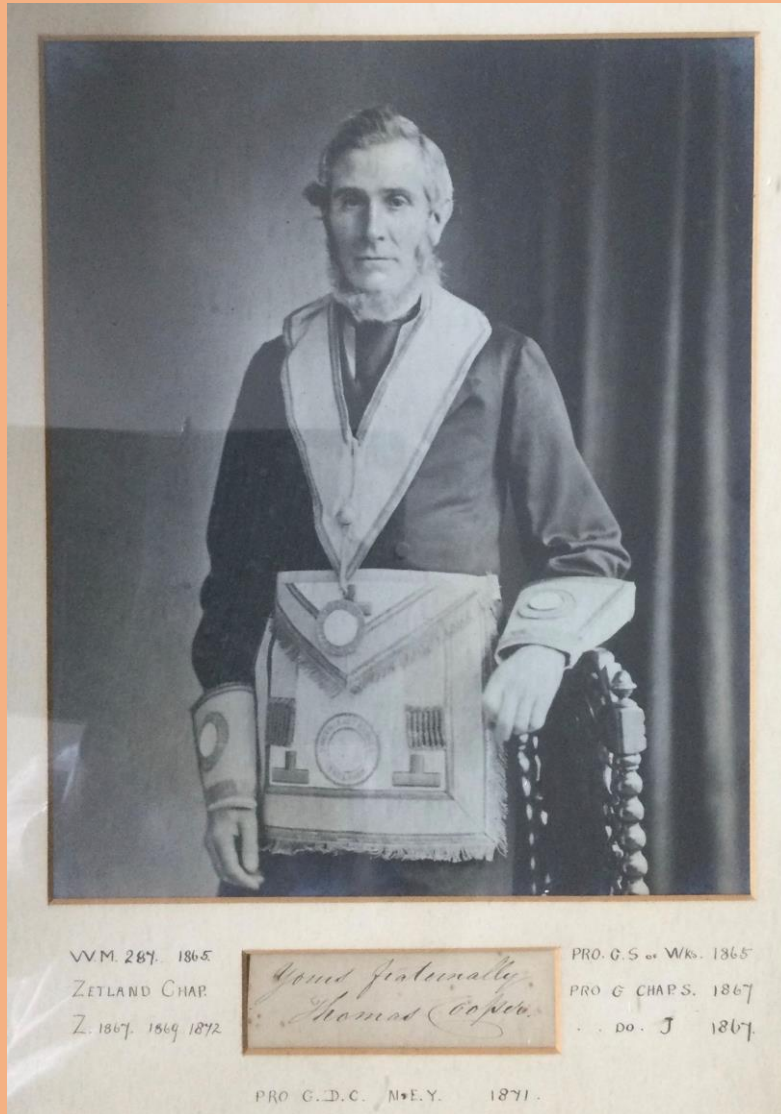




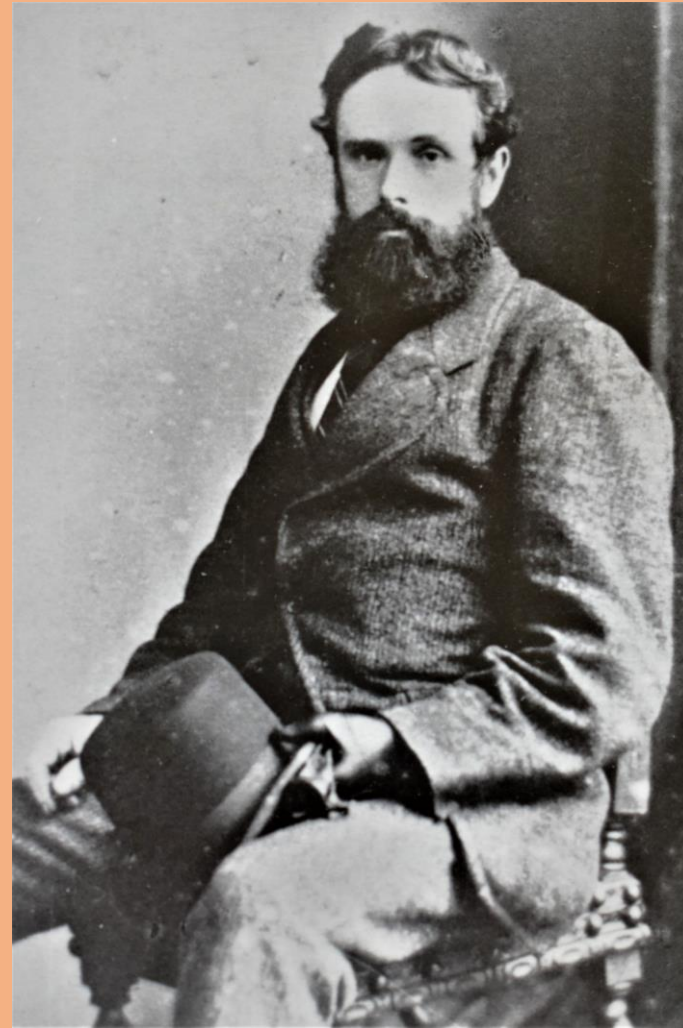
THE EBORACUM LODGE ROOM, QUEEN'S HOTEL.



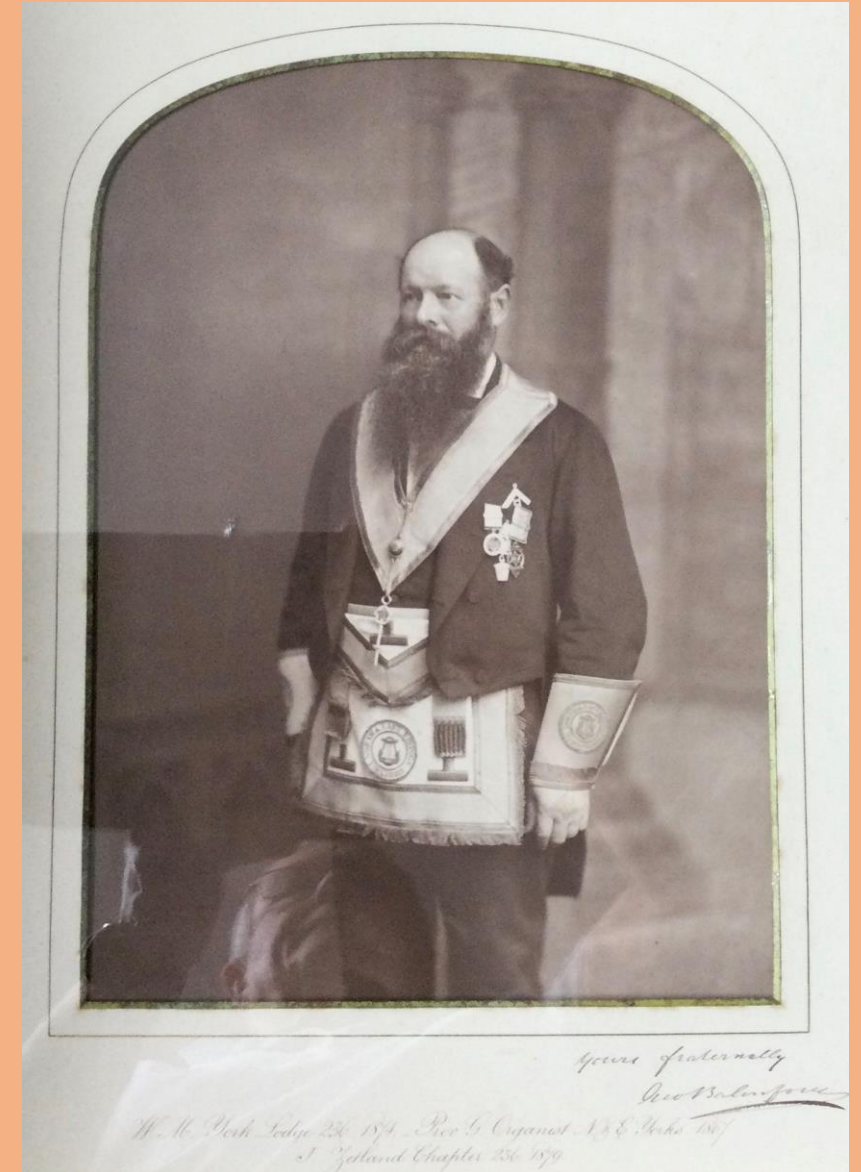
**W.Bro.Thomas Cooper**  
**First Worshipful Master in 1876**



**W.Bro.Thomas B. Whytehead**  
**Senior Warden in 1876**



**W.Bro.George Balmford**  
**Treasurer in 1876**





## FREEMASONRY.

### OPENING OF A NEW LODGE IN YORK.

On Monday last (Bank Holiday) a ceremony took place in the old city of York, fraught with the greatest interest to all brethren of the Royal Art. This was nothing less than the consecration and constitution of a new Masonic Lodge, a ceremony which had not been witnessed within the walls of York for ninety-nine years previously, the last occasion being the consecration of the York Lodge No. 236, then known as the Union Lodge, No. 504, in the year 1777. York is in its history and associations very closely linked with Freemasonry. Traditionally it has been the scene of much that is interesting to the Order. It was, according to the cherished legends, in York that the Athelstane charter was granted, in the year 926; it was in the ancient crypt of York Cathedral that the ancient brethren met for the celebration of their rites and ceremonies, and from that time to the present the history of York has been more or less interwoven with that of Freemasonry. Several years ago the propriety of the promotion of a movement for a second lodge in York was discussed, but it was not until the commencement of the current year that a number of brethren, all deeply interested in the progress of masonry and the welfare of the craft, forwarded a petition to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant for a second lodge in York, to be called the Eboracum Lodge. In due course the petition was granted and the warrant issued, the number of the lodge on the grand roll of England being 1611. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland appointed Monday, the 7th August, as the day for the consecration ceremony, and accordingly every preparation was made by the brethren for the successful celebration of the event. We are happy to know that their efforts were crowned with success, and that the day passed off without a single drawback, the R.W.P.G. Master and his Deputy both expressing their great satisfaction at every thing connected with the ceremonial.

The Lodge Room is attached to the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, and is a very handsome apartment, eminently suited for the purpose. It is lofty and spacious and its decorations, which have been executed by Messrs. Hartley & Son, are tasteful in the extreme. The chairs and pedestals, which are remarkably handsome, and executed with minute correctness in the style of the three principal orders of architecture, have been made from designs from the studio of Messrs. Knowles, of the Medieval Art Works, Stonegate. The collars, jewels, &c., have been supplied by Kenning, of London, and are both massive and chaste in execution. The carpet has been supplied by Mr. T. G. Turner, Parliament-street, and a very handsome pedestal in the form of a double cube, of old oak, together with the dais, &c., are from the workshops of Messrs. Keswick & Sons. The candlesticks, which are of oak and nearly five feet in height,

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At 2.30 p.m., the brethren assembled, and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been formed into procession in an adjoining room, the lodge room was entered, and Provincial Grand Lodge opened in ample form by the the R.W. Worshipful Prov. G.M. In addition to the Earl of Zetland there were present, members of the Prov. Grand Lodge; Bro. J. P. Bell, D. Prov. G.M.; Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. W. Waller, P.G.J.W.; Bro. M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. Rev. W. Valentine, P. Prov. G. Chaplain and S.W. 236; Bro. Woodall (Scarbro'), P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. George Harvy, P.M., P. Prov. G. Junior Deacon; Bro. R. G. Smith (Hull), Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; Bro. C. H. Hunt, Prov. G. Organist; Bro. J. Todd, P. Prov. G.O. and Sec. 236; Bro. G. Balmford, P. Prov. G.O.; Bro. T. Sissons, P. Prov. G.R.; Bro. Rev. H. V. Palmer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.C.; Bro. T. Cooper, P.P.G.Sup. Works and D.C. 236; Brother J. Ward, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Bro. Thos. Crier, Humber 57, Prov. Grand Tyler; and many others. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical portion of the service being most ably performed by a choir of Masonic vocalists from Leeds and Bradford, under the direction of Bro. Thornton Wood, the music being the composition of Bro. Atkinson.

Bro. Thomas Cooper, P.M. 236, was then duly installed First Master of the Eboracum Lodge, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. T. B. Whytehead, 1338 and 236, Senior Warden; Bro. J. S. Cumberland 178, Junior Warden; Bro. Geo. Balmford, P.M. 236, Treasurer; Bro. James Kay, 1010, Secretary; Bro. T. Tuke, 236, Senior Deacon; Bro. Matthew Cooper, 236, Junior Deacon; Bro. C. G. Padel, 236, Organist; Bro. Seller, 236, Inner Guard; Bro. J. Redfare, tyler, *pro tem*.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. then gave a long and elaborate address, in the course of which he traced the history of Freemasonry in its connection with the city of York, and expressed his satisfaction at the very auspicious manner in which the Eboracum Lodge had come into existence, anticipating for it a very prosperous future. The W.M. Bro. Cooper then proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Sec., and the P.G. Officers who had attended on the occasion, and announced that the R.W.P.

## Newspaper report on the Consecration

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The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the De Grey Rooms, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Mr. J. Toes, in his well known style. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the Prov. G.M., the Dep. Prov. G.M., the Prov. G.S.W., the Prov. G. Sec., &c., &c.; and the following toasts were duly honoured:—"The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, with the other members of the Royal Family," "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. G. Master, with the Grand Officers," "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire," "The W. Bro. J. P. Bell, Esq., M.D., J.P., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Dep. Prov. Grand M. of N. and E. Yorkshire," "The W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "The Tylers Toast," "The York Lodge 236," "Prosperity to the City of York," &c.

An object of great attraction to the brethren in the lodge room was an interesting Masonic relic in the shape of an ancient Bible, bearing on its flyleaf the following inscription: "This Bible belongs to the Freemasons meeting at Mr. Howards' 1761." This valuable memento of the craft and of a lodge now extinct has been generously presented to the Eboracum Lodge by Mr. Carter. In possession it has remained for many years.

Amongst the brethren, members of the lodge, and visitors present on the occasion we noticed Brothers W. Waller, P.M., Marwood 1244 P.J.G.W., F. Fearnside, Royal St. Edmunds 1008, P.P.G.O. Suffolk, Dr. Ivor Murray, Zetland 525 and Denison 1248, P.P.G.S.D., China; F. M. Herring, York 236 and De Grey and Ripon 837, P.P.S.G.D., West Yorkshire; P. H. Rowland, P.M., Cambrian 364, P.P.J.G.W. East Division South Wales; J. W. Woodall, P.M. Old Globe 200, Royal 643 and Denison 1248, P.P.G.S.W.; J. L. Atherton, P.M., Scientific, 439 (Bingley); F. C. Atkinson, Pentalfa 974 (Bradford), P.P.G.O. West Yorkshire; J. M. Moore, W.M. Barnard 1230 (Barnard Castle); R. E. Brown, W.M. Harbour of Refuge 764, West Hartlepool; M. C. Peck, P.M. Humber, 65 (Hull); R. H. Peacock, P.M. Old Globe 200 (Scarbro'); T. S. Camidge, York 236, P.P.G.O.; Jno. Kitchin, W.M., Denison 1248; C. Foster, P.M., Minerva



9<sup>th</sup> July 1879

Bro. Thomas Cooper dies  
The annual picnic has been postponed

*Queen's Hotel, Micklegate,  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1882.*

*Dear Sir and Brother,*

**EBORACUM LODGE, 1611.**

*It is proposed to have a Picnic to Helmsley  
and Ribbault on Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, when the  
pleasure of your company will be esteemed by the  
W. M. of the above Lodge.*

*Each Brother is entitled to invite one or more  
Ladies.*

*The expenses will not exceed 10s. per head.*

*Carriages will be ready at the above Hotel at  
Eight a.m. on the day named.*

*In order to complete arrangements, it is  
requested that your reply may be sent not later than  
Thursday next, at Noon, to*

*Yours faithfully and fraternally,*

**THOS. HUMPHRIES,**

*Acting Secretary.*

**EBORACUM LODGE, NO. 1611.**

*Dear Sir and Bro.,*

*In consequence of the death of Bro. Thomas  
Cooper, P.M., the projected Lodge Pic-nic has  
been postponed for the present.*

*The Lodge will go into Mourning for Three  
Months—Tassels and Rosettes to be covered with  
Grape.*

*By Order of the W.M.,*

**JAMES KAY, Secretary.**

*York, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879.*



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The following persons assembled in  
Middletown, N. H. and Choking at the  
O. P. R. 1891.

Officers	
Pres. J. A. Cypresland	W. M.
" J. P. Mytkens	J. P. M.
" G. Balford	S. W.
" J. Kay	S. W.
" J. Humphries	as Secy
" H. Churchill	as S. D.
" J. D. Smith	J. D.

Bro J. Blakie, Inner Guard.  
" P. Platoon Sgt  
" " "

Mrs. Stewart, Chaplain and Surgeon. G.

Mrs. Marshall, Blacktown, Abbey,  
Bryce, Spring, Kithleen, Aikman  
M. Gowan, H. Jackson, J. R. Jackson,  
Gibson, Nor, York, Revirk,  
J. C. Le, and Wellington.

Visitors W. M. S. Patrick's Military  
 Bro. Hantley Ligo Ligo do  
 Gorman, 236, Ballygo 236 and  
 Niskey  
 Bro. J. B. Whipplehead ably directed the ceremony.

He Lopez was opposed in the 1848 campaign during which time the Gaule played the 1st of March.

W. M. Keen gave an opening  
Address and at the conclusion he  
called upon the Masters for Honors  
This time

The Chaplain offered up a short  
Prayer. The Brethren formed into  
Procession preceded by the Tyler, &  
marched three times slowly round

Bro. Healey, W. M. Spartans Military Lodge, in a few words added his testimony of the worth of the demand, and particularly mentioned the great kindness shown to his Lodge by the Rev. Bro. Cooper.

He then asked questions were then asked and the moral of the proceedings which were clearly depicted upon each Brother's face, were brought to a conclusion.

*S. Cumberland*  
*W. M.*

Read & confirmed  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1899

**10<sup>th</sup> July 1879**  
**W.Bro. Thomas Cooper**  
**dies**



EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.



BRO. J. S. CUMBERLAND, W.M.

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In Memoriam.

**Bro. Thomas Cooper, P.M.,**

Born 1813. Died 1879.

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Dear Sir and Bro.,

*It is with feelings of deep sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of our late Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., P.P.S.D.C., which took place on Monday, the 7th inst.*

*A Lodge of Sorrow will be holden at the Lodge Room, Queen's Hotel, York, on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Two p.m. promptly, whence the Brethren will proceed to the York Cemetery to perform the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. In remembrance of the deep veneration in which our late Brother was held by the Fraternity at large, and especially as the Father and First Master of this Lodge, the W.M. trusts to see a large assemblage of Brethren on this mournful occasion.*

*By Command of the W.M.*

JAS. KAY,

*Secretary.*

*York, 8th July, 1879.*

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*The Brethren will appear in Masonic Mourning Dress,  
White Gloves and White Tie.*

**9<sup>th</sup> July 1879**  
**Bro. Thomas Cooper dies**

## FREEMASONRY.

### EBORACUM LODGE, YORK.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The W.M. Bro. The Cooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C., was in the chair, and the whole of the officers were in their places. The business consisted of an initiation and a passing, which were thoroughly well worked, and a successful ballot was taken for two candidates. The names of four gentlemen were proposed and seconded as candidates for Freemasonry. Just before the closing of the lodge, Bro. M. Millington rose, and said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to hand over to the W.M. a cheque for ten guineas for the purpose of endowing the Master's chair in perpetuity with a vote in one of the Masonic Charities. He said that since the Lodge was consecrated last August, up to the end of the year 1876, there had been fourteen initiations, and it had been the wish of those fourteen brethren to join together in some movement which should show to the Lodge the satisfaction which they felt at having been admitted into Masonry, and the admiration which they cherished for its teachings, but especially as a kind of testimony to the gratitude which they felt towards the W.M., whose uniform kindness had been thoroughly appreciated, and whose excellence as a man and a Mason was so universally acknowledged. Mr. J. Morgan, Bro. A. T. B. Turner, and Bro. T. D. Smith, all subscribers to the fund, added some remarks, all dwelling upon the warm fraternal feeling with which they regarded their excellent W.M., who was ever found so kind and ready, and who was so bright a Mason. The W.M. replied, thanking the fourteen brethren, in the name of the Lodge, and on behalf of himself, and moved that the gift be accepted, and that a record thereof, and of the names of the brethren, be placed on the minute. This was seconded by the Treasurer (Bro. G. Balmford P.M.), and was carried by acclamation. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren, numbering nearly forty, met at refreshment, there being present numerous visitors from the York Lodge, 236, Stockport, Selby, Newcastle, and from the Regiment of the 6th Carabineers, quartered in York Barracks. A very pleasant and social evening was spent.—*Freemasons Chronicle.*

**Press cutting from sometime in  
the first year of the Eboracum  
Lodge.**

**Actual date unknown**



PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

From Lodge Wakefield

No. 495

Getland Street  
Wakefield 4 Oct 1876

W. Sir and Bro.

Mr. William Coggin, Wakefield

being a Candidate for initiation into Freemasonry in our Lodge, <sup>I have filled in</sup> ~~will you be good enough to fill in~~ replies to the following questions, in accordance with Bye-Law 47, page 28, of the Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws, a copy of which is annexed, ~~and return this form to me at your earliest convenience.~~

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. B. Alderson

W. M. 495.

Secretary.

To the W.M. of Lodge Exoracum

No. 1611, York

INITIATION.

Answers.

Do you consider him highly respectable and in reputable circumstances?

I do.

Is his Character such as to render him an acquisition to a Lodge?

Yes.

Do you know any Masonic objection to his being admitted?

No.

Has he applied and failed to gain admission to your or any other Lodge?

He has, see Explanation

Date

4 October 1876

Address

King Street

Signature

Wakefield

Secretary

W. B. Alderson

Explanation

Mr. Coggin sometime ago applied to be admitted into our Lodge, and the only reason why he was not admitted was the he being an Hotel Keeper, some of our Members had, still have, an objection to any one being admitted who is either a Publican or Hotel Keeper.

W. B. Alderson

W. M. 495

4<sup>th</sup> October 1876

Application for membership refused due to being an  
INN KEEPER

29<sup>TH</sup> October 1876

Letter from William Coggin

It is not known if his ballot was successful



STRAFFORD ARMS HOTEL, WAKEFIELD.

W. COGGIN, PROPRIETOR.

29 October 1876

Dear Sir,

I am glad to have the  
honor of a ballot for your  
Lodge - age 39, profession  
Hotel Keeper,

Yours Truly

Full name William Coggin

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29 October 1876

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Yorkshire Fine Art and Industrial Exhibition York.

7 Stonegate York

8<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Laying of Corner Stone by the Right Hon:  
the Lord Mayor, April 22<sup>d</sup>

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee propose that  
in connection with the above ceremony a  
Procession shall be formed to escort the Right  
Hon: the Lord Mayor to the Site.

It has been resolved to invite the  
Corporation in State, the Artillery and Rifle  
Volunteers with their respective Bands, and  
the various Friendly Societies to take part  
therein -

We shall be glad to be informed if it will  
be agreeable to the Members of your Lodge to  
comply with the Invitation -

The favour of your early reply will  
oblige

Yours faithfully

(for Self and Colleague)

Edward Lupton

Hon Secy

8<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Invitation to march with  
Lord Mayor, Artillery, Rifles and  
bands.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY,

No 101, of the

Order of the Temple and Malta.

E. SIR KNT. THE REV. WM. VALENTINE, E.P.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A Party of American Masons purpose visiting the City of York on the 25th Instant, and arrangements have been made by the Knight Templars of that City to entertain the Visitors at a Banquet at the STATION HOTEL, York, at SEVEN o'Clock p.m. on that day.

In order to give every Mason an opportunity of meeting our American Brethren, it has been arranged that all Masons who choose may be present, and may each have the privilege of introducing a Lady.

Tickets—Single, 6s.; Double (to include a Lady), 10s. 6d. (exclusive of Wines)—may be obtained of me *not later than MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.*

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD,

*Registrar A. E. P., 101.*

SOUTH PARADE, YORK.

JULY 16TH, 1878.

N.B.—Jewels, Collars, and Sashes of any Masonic Order may be worn.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1878

American masons to visit York

JULY 1878.

RECEPTION IN YORK

OF THE

American Masonic Pilgrims.

*From the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 3rd August 1878.*



## The Dutch Flagon

### EBORACUM LODGE, 1611.

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Dear Sir and Bro.,

Some months ago the W.M. bought in York an ancient Masonic flagon, and a desire was expressed by many of the brethren to purchase the same for presentation to the Lodge. With this view a subscription list was opened, and a number of brethren have already signified their intention of contributing to the purchase of this interesting relic of the old Masonic Guilds. An elaborate stand has been constructed for the flagon, and it has been arranged that the names of the subscribers shall be engraved on a series of silver shields surrounding the carriage. If it is your wish that your name should be engraved as one of the donors, I shall be glad to hear from you to that effect as soon as possible, and to receive your contribution, which is estimated at five shillings.

I am,

Dear Sir and Bro.,

J. S. CUMBERLAND.

York, September 6th, 1878.

S.W

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# The 1694 Dutch Flagon





*Queen's Hotel, Micklegate,*

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1882.*

*Dear Sir and Brother,*

**EBORACUM LODGE, 1611.**

*It is proposed to have a Picnic to Helmsley and Ribbles on Monday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, when the pleasure of your company will be esteemed by the W. M. of the above Lodge.*

*Each Brother is entitled to invite one or more Ladies.*

*The expenses will not exceed 10s. per head.*

*Carriages will be ready at the above Hotel at eight a.m. on the day named.*

*In order to complete arrangements, it is requested that your reply may be sent not later than Thursday next, at Noon, to*

*Yours faithfully and fraternally,*

**THOS. HUMPHRIES,**

*Acting Secretary.*

**24<sup>th</sup> June 1882**  
**Picnic to Helmsley and Rivea**

# 1882 Summons & Installation banquet





## Blue printing block and summons









Mauor House  
York

9 Mar 1882,  
Dear Bro Wychethead, With regard to the  
Application of the Standing Committee  
of the Thoracum Lodge to be allowed  
to hold the meetings of the Lodge in  
the Masonic Hall, Duncumb place,  
I am directed to inform you  
that the York Lodge decided

German

Yours faithfully & fraternally

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Bro E B Dwyer and P. M.

Secy 286

**9<sup>th</sup> Mar 1882  
York 236 refuse  
to allow  
Eboracum to use  
Dumcombe  
Place for their  
regular  
meetings**

## The Queen's Hotel c1960





## Demolition report in the Press

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### THE PRESS



MICKLEGATE JUNCTION - 1974 - remember when it looked like this?

By Odele Ayres

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WHO remembers when this corner of York's city centre looked like this?

During the Seventies, developments to the former Queen's Hotel in Micklegate were causing huge problems to both drivers and pedestrians.

In this 1974 picture, you can see the scaffolding placed around the hotel in preparation for demolition.

The protective hoarding was not only considered an eyesore but also juttred out into the road, obstructing the footpath.

Regarded as one of the finest examples of 18th-century architecture, the hotel and its adjoining shops at No.3 and No.5 Micklegate were demolished in 1975.

The Queens Hotel was demolished in 1974  
The site is now occupied by “Langleys Solicitors”  
This entrance is named “Queens House”

