

Below is information found doing a search on the Internet further demonstrating how for near 100 years Acacia Lodge No. 16 has been an integral part of Historic Clifton Virginia's Community. The information speaks for itself.

Titanic Mail Clerk A Virginia Freemason

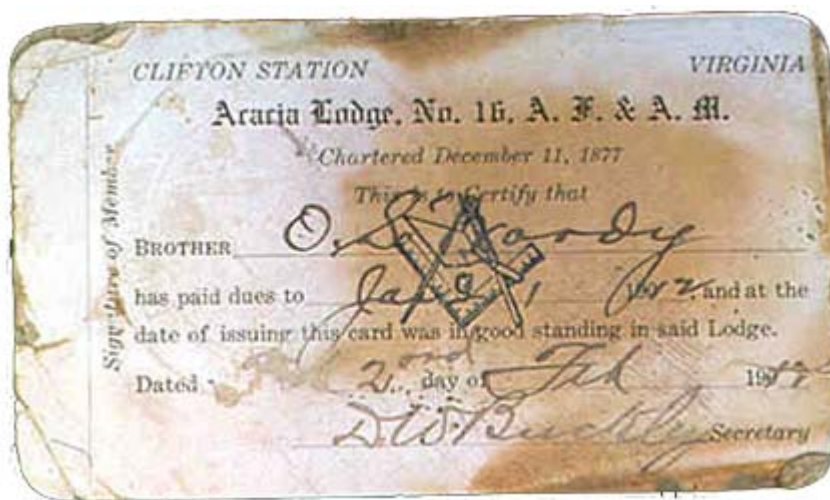
As the *Titanic* sank into the Atlantic on April 15, 1912, one of four postal clerks attempting to save the ship's mail was Brother Oscar Scott Woody, a member of Acacia Lodge No. 16, then located in Clifton Station, Fairfax County, Virginia. Brother Woody was raised in that Lodge on August 30, 1903, and was age 44 when he perished with 1,513 other victims of the world's most famous shipwreck.

The May 27, 1912, minutes of Acacia Lodge indicate a resolution on his death was drafted to be presented to his widow and published in the *Fairfax Herald*. The Lodge purchased a wreath of flowers with Masonic emblems for Brother Woody's subsequent burial at sea.

A week after the *Titanic* collided with an iceberg on its maiden voyage to New York City, Bro. Woody's body, kept buoyant by a cork life preserver, was recovered. Among the artifacts retrieved were a watch, a Post Office Department letter assigning him to the *Titanic*, a key chain, mail-routing slips from the ship's post office, a canvas bag stenciled "No. 167," and two pens and cuff links carrying Masonic symbols.

Woody would have celebrated his 44th birthday aboard *Titanic*. Mr Woody died in the sinking. His body was recovered (#167) and buried at sea. Woody, who married about 18 months before the accident and apparently also had a home in Clifton in Fairfax County.

Bills and resolutions H.R. 3740 Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building, Roxboro, NC



Reference

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Clifton Presbyterian Church

Genealogy will be the topic of the OWLS July 10 luncheon meeting. The speaker will be Suzanne Levy of the Fairfax County Library system, whose topic is "Free Genealogy and Local History Resources." Lunch, at the Acacia Lodge across from the Hermitage, will begin at 12:30 and costs \$6 to be paid at the door. Call the church office, 703-830-3175 or Bette Petersen by July 7 for reservations. In August our second Monday date will be changed to a Saturday for a cookout at the Petersens. Stay tuned, more details available soon. <http://www.cliftonpc.org/newsletter/index.htm>

we've had to have Sunday-morning, adult education in a room at the Hermitage or the Acacia Lodge [across the street] and meetings in the manse

<http://www.cliftonpc.org/building/cviewaddition.htm>

The Acacia Lodge remains unusable due to flood damage and a venue for future lunch meetings is undecided as we await permission to occupy our new facilities.

<http://www.cliftonpc.org/announcements/announce071606.doc>

Clifton Baptist Church

The cornerstone of the present building was laid on November 24, 1910 in a Masonic ceremony conducted by Clifton's Acacia Lodge #16, A.F. and A.M. Construction was completed in 1912.

<http://www.cliftonbaptist.com/History.dsp>

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