

out the country, owing to the alleged abduction and murder of a member of the Craft, named Morgan, in the State of New York, who is said to have contemplated the publication of a book containing an exposure of the secrets and mysteries of Masonry. Very little credence was placed in the story by intelligent persons at the time, but a popular prejudice was conceived against the fraternity by the people in general, and on this account the lodge meetings were not held as regularly as formerly, greater secrecy being observed and little record kept. It is likely, however, that the lodge did continue meeting, during these three years, in the house of Bro. George Ridout, as he was an enthusiastic Mason, and would no doubt see that the interest of the lodge was well looked after.

According to the records, the lodge met in the Market Lane Hall, on the 28th December, 1829, the day adopted for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th happening to fall on Sunday. Bro. Thomas Carfrae was acting as W.M.

The Market Lane Hall in which St. Andrew's Lodge met for many years, and in which some of the brightest Masons of past days first received Masonic light, was erected by Royal Arch Lodge, No. 16, about the year 1819 at a cost of \$500. This building was situated on Market Lane, now Colborne Street. The building was about "sixty-five feet long, thirty feet wide, and about twenty-five feet in height. It was constructed