

## Bethel, CT

It was a sad day for Bethel Masons as demolition of the building began early on Thursday morning. A small crowd gathered like sentries. Throughout the day a revolving group of people stood together and marveled as parts of the building almost refused to be taken apart. They reminisced about local history and the slow but steady disappearance of the homes and buildings that have long defined the character of the town.

...Below is a list of Bethel's earliest Past Masters, provided by Bill Bassett. How many of these gentlemen have had Bethel streets named after them? In what other ways have you known these (or other) Masons to make a difference to Bethel?

1857 John Hart, James Fenning, William Dauchy, Daniel Taylor, James Conlin, **David Hubbell**, John McCorkell, E. Romaine Barnum, Willis Burr, Edwin Oakley, Edward Pelton, Levi Short, Adam Williams, Andrew Patchen, Elliot Smith, Charles Hart, MD, Frederick Richmond, Lucien Judd, Andrew Hallock, Thomas Mansfield