

Clayton, Va January 30th 1874  
to the Most Worshipful Master Wm  
and Brothers of the Blue Lodge  
no. 265 1st M.

I Edwin Nicholson being free born  
by birth and of the full age of twenty  
one years do declare that being  
unbiased by the Improper solicitation  
of friends and uninfluenced by  
flattery or other unworthy  
motives I truly and voluntarily  
offer my self a Candidate for the  
Mastership of Freemasonry that  
I am possessed by a fervent  
opinion that as well the Mastership  
has a desire for knowledge that I  
will assiduously conform to all the  
Ancient usages and Customs of the  
Order

Edwin Nicholson

Witnessed by  
Bright Barrett

Wm. J. ...  
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