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Brother Frederick Guggisberg, of Galt.

Brother Guggisberg was a member of the Galt Lodge, No. 257, and of the Royal Arch Chapter, Galt, and also of the Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment, of Hamilton. His death took place at Toronto on the 25th March, at which place he had been undergoing medical treatment. His remains were removed to Galt, and on their arrival at the Station were met by a large concourse of the Masonic Fraternity, who had assembled to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, and accompanied his remains to the place of interment, and there deposited them with full Masonic ceremonies. Requiescat in pace.

W. Bro. James Parkinson.

This old veteran died at his residence in Sarnia on the 8th inst. was born on the 13th of March, 1791, in the County Down, Ireland. He early connected himself with the masonic fraternity, having joined in August, 1810, and in a short time filled the oriental chair of his mother lodge, 1009, Seaforde. He emigrated to this country in 1819, then a dense wilderness. He brought with him a young and accomplished wife from New York State, and settled down in London township where he took a leading part in all the improvements and developments of the country. It was at this time he received a commission as an ensign in a new regiment of militia and also taught the first school ever opened in the township at Hyde Park, in the year 1824. He also was one of the chief leaders to build the first church north of the River Thames, now know as the St. John Pectory. In July, 1829, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and when the rebellion broke out in 1837, he, as junior officer, was one of the first to take up arms, and march out to his headquarters, and by bravery soon rose to be Captain, which he held during the rebellion. His knowleged of the country and people made him an invaluable officer, and often received the thanks of his superior officers. And so valuable had been his services during the rebellion that he afterwards received the rank of Major, besides a handsome pension for life. Many of the readers will remember our brother as Captain James Parkinson at the annual trainings, and the days gone by, when the yeomen of the country used to gather on the King or Queen's birthday for their annual drills. But in fact it was spent as a day of amusement rather than of military parade.

The deceased was a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 56 Sarnia, and for many years has been a regular attendant at its meetings. His remains were interred with masonic ceremonies by the brethren of Victoria Lodge, the funeral service being read by R. W. Bro. Gowans, D. D. G M. The funeral was largely attended by members of the craft, and the

towns people generally.

Should this meet the eye of the Brother and Companion having in his possession, on loan, a MS. document, he is desired to return it without delay—to the Grand Secretary.