

Somewhere about the year of 1820, Brother Cornick received his discharge from the Army, and settled at Wootton under Edge in Gloucestershire which place he made his residence for the next twelve years.

In 1832, he emigrated to Canada and first settled in the County of Peterboro, afterwards removing to the town of Niagara.

In the year 1843 he came to the Grand River and took up his abode in the village of York, where he carried on business for some years, afterwards removing to Caledonia, and subsequently returning to York, where he remained until the death of his wife, about three years since.

Soon after this event he came to reside with his son in Dunnville, and lived there until his death on the 28th of July last.

Brother Cornick assisted in forming the first Masonic Lodge which ever existed in the County of Haldimand. This Lodge was opened at York under the title of St. John's Lodge G. R. of England. The seven charter members were Brothers Cornick, Myers, Lester, Mussen, Nellis, Humphrey and W. Young.

Brother Cornick was elected Worshipful Master, being thus the first Master of the first Masonic Lodge in this County.

Of the seven founders of this Lodge we believe that Brother Wm. Young is the only one now remaining, the others *are at rest*.

Brother Cornick maintained his strong attachment to Freemasonry to the very close of his existence.

Up to within a few months of his death, he regularly attended both Lodge and Chapter, and always evinced a lively interest in everything relating to the Craft.

It was only when his last illness so enfeebled him as to prevent his walking to the Lodge Room, that he ceased to meet with his Brethren.

He was not one of those who are Masons only in name, the solemn mysteries of the order were, to him something more than mere forms. He understood and appreciated the sublime truths which they inculcate, and felt in his heart and practiced in his life the sentiments of brotherly love and charity which they so powerfully teach. Like a true and faithful workman he sought to perform his allotted task, and when, at the end of his long career, the sound of the gavel called him from labour to repose, he was not found unprepared or with his work unfinished. His resignation and fortitude in the last and greatest trial were such as became a Mason and a Christian. On the morning of that Sabbath day which witnessed his departure, he was asked by the Pastor of his Church if his trust in God remained firm and sure. With a broken and a faltering voice, but in the most decided and positive terms he answered that he did. And as long as he retained the power of speech he expressed again and again, his unshaken faith in the Most High. Though in the last stage of bodily weakness and decay, the spirit within seemed to be cheered and sustained by a more than earthly power, and it was evident, to those around him that even in the hour of his approaching death, he still knew in whom he had believed.

On Tuesday July 30th, his remains were laid beside those of his late wife in York Churchyard. A great number of Masons assembled on the occasion to pay the last tribute of respect to their aged Brother.

The funeral service of the Wesleyan Church of which Brother