



WILLIAM GAYLE ENGLAND

07-24-1853 -- 03-26-1931

GREENWOOD CEMETERY, SECTION 1,
GREENWOOD DRIVE AT EAST AVENUE
CEDARTOWN, GA

NAME: WILLIAM GAYLE ENGLAND

PERSONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION(S): PHYSICIAN

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

MASONIC INFORMATION

LODGE(S): CALEDONIA #121 1880

STATE OFFICES HELD: GRAND MASTER 1918 ; GRAND TREASURER 1923
GRAND MARSHAL 1908

CHAPTER(S): ADONIRAM #41

STATE OFFICES HELD: GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1912

COUNCIL(S): JASON BURA #13

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

COMMANDERY(IES): ROME #8

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

OTHER MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS: _____

OTHER MASONIC STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

NATIONAL MASONIC OFFICES HELD: _____

MASONIC AWARDS: _____

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

William G. England



William Gayle England was born in Marion, Alabama, in 1853. He moved to Cedartown in 1875 and started practicing medicine. Here he married Miss Nellie Ward. Four children were born of this union, William, Lucille, Georgia and Marie. Some years after the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Emma Elliott.

Dr. England was indefatigable in all his undertakings, personally investigating and performing to the most menial jobs. He was very active in his church and took a prominent part in the general betterment of the community. He was city physician for years.

Dr. England's Masonic career began in 1880 when he was made a Master Mason. The following year he was appointed Junior Deacon; in 1882 he was appointed Senior

Deacon; in 1884 he was elected Senior Warden; and in 1885 he was elected Worshipful Master. Brother England was Worshipful Master of Caledonia Lodge in 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1893, 1897, and 1910.

Few men have so devoted their lives to Masonry as did Brother England. He was a close student and an ardent worker in the Craft; he always took an active part in all proceedings, and his opinions and decisions were generally accepted as of the highest authority.

The general and continued esteem Caledonia Lodge held toward Brother England showed the merits of his works. The following actions of the Lodge show some of these manifestations. In 1924 he was presented a loving cup showing his Masonic history, which he cherished among his most precious possessions; in 1925 he was made a life member of the Lodge; and on December 4th, 1931, the Lodge ordered a silver plaque struck in his honor.

His Masonic activities took him further afield, and he became a commanding figure in the Grand Lodge of Georgia. He held the

following offices in this body: Grand Marshal, 1908-1909; Junior Grand Deacon, 1910; Senior Grand Deacon, 1911-1912; Junior Grand Warden, 1913-1914; Senior Grand Warden, 1915-1916; Deputy Grand Master, 1917; and Grand Master, 1918. Owing to his health and other pressing duties, he declined further nominations of Grand Master which were pressed on him.

In 1923 he served an appointment as Grand Treasurer. For years he served on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home; and for a long time he was also House Physician of this institution where he especially endeared himself to the children.

As Grand Master during the World War period, Brother England performed his heavy tasks in a masterly manner. This period brought on excessive work with peculiar questions and situations. He not only promptly executed the problems confronting him but undertook additional labors for the comfort and convenience of our Masonic brethren in service.

Brother England went into all the higher bodies of Masonry where he likewise identified himself prominently. He went through the chairs of Adoniram Chapter No. 41 and served as High Priest for eight years. In the Grand Chapter of Georgia he held the following offices: Grand Master Second Veil, 1904; Grand Master Third Veil, 1905; Grand Royal Arch Captain, 1906; Grand Principal Sojourner, 1907; Grand Captain of the Host, 1908; Grand Scribe, 1909; Grand King, 1910; Deputy Grand High Priest, 1911; and Grand High Priest, 1912.

He was prominent in the organization and forwarding of Cedar-town Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and served as Grand Patron of this organization. Brother England likewise prominently identified himself in other bodies of Masonry.

Brother England died March 26th, 1931, following a series of illnesses. His death was most probably accentuated by his refusal to rest from his duties he felt calling him. He was buried the following day. Grand Lodge convened to tender him final Masonic honors. A great host of friends came from long distances to pay their last respects; however, the then continuous inclement weather and much prevailing illness prevented many from attending the funeral.

Among the Grand Officers present, some of whom got out of sick beds to attend, were: Grand Master W. G. Mealor; Past Grand Master F. O. Miller; Past Grand Master Chas. L. Bass; Past Grand Master Thos. H. Jeffries; Past Grand Master J. D. Hamrick; Deputy Grand Master Joe A. Moore; Grand Secretary Frank F. Baker; Junior Grand Warden E. D. Thomas.

The resolutions adopted by various bodies, including Caledonia Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Georgia, the Order of the Eastern Star, and others are too numerous to mention here; however they all convey the heartfelt love and esteem for our Brother England, and partly enumerated his wonderful spirit and deeds. The Masonic Messenger of April, 1931, carries his funeral tribute from his pastor, Rev. B. E. Jones.

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