

1809  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

whose death took place in Albany, February 11, 1844, in the sixtieth year of his age.

W. . Brother Cowen's funeral took place in the hall of the Capitol, and was attended by the clergy of the city, the Governor and State officers, both Houses of the Legislature, the judges and members of the bar, the corporation of the city and a large body of citizens who accompanied his remains part way to Saratoga Springs, where he was buried on February 15th. The bells of the different churches were tolled and all the stores and shops closed while the procession was in motion, and during the ceremonies at the grave.

Brother Gideon M. Davison of this Lodge, whom I well remember, and who lived directly opposite the present Lodge Rooms, said on the occasion of Brother Cowen's death, "He was my early friend and benefactor, the one who, when I needed aid, kindly took me by the hand and led me through various trials, the one, in fact, who laid the foundation of all I have of earthly possessions."

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Among other resolutions passed by the Legislature regarding his death was the following: "Resolved, That as a mark of respect for his great learning, varied acquirements, simplicity of manners, unostentatious deportment and integrity of character, the members of the Legislature will wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days."

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RISING SUN LODGE, No. 103, F. & A. M.

The Master, prior to and at the time of removal of the Lodge to Saratoga Springs, was Cornelius J. Swartwout, a learned man and first Commissioner of Schools in the Town of Wilton, after its separation from the Town of Northumberland.

W. . Brother Cowen's successor was Dwight F. Lawton; then came William A. Langworthy, who served five years and until the forfeiture of the Charter. W. . Brother Langworthy was one of the early merchants of our village, being engaged in the hardware business. He was the first Justice of the Peace elected in Saratoga Springs; was also a Trustee of the Village as well as one of the incorporators of the Saratoga and Schenectady Railroad, the second one built in the State of New York. Dr. John H. Steele and Gideon M. Davison of this Lodge were also among its incorporators. The members of Rising Sun Lodge have ever been foremost in all good work.

It was during this period that the Morgan excitement became quite violent and through the social ostracism and denunciation of Masonry, it became impossible in this centre to keep up the Lodge. One meeting was held in 1828, one in 1829, two in 1830, one of which was an emergent meeting called to