

# The Ancient Palatine Lodge No 97

Bro Robert Hudson

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## Robert Hudson, Provincial Grand Secretary,

**P G Secy** Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Secy, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Dn. B. England, son of Charles Hudson, youngest brother of George Hudson, the Railway King, was born at Wallon, Yorks. in 1834, and died on May 3, 1903, at the age of 71 years. His association with Sunderland began in 1858 as Traffic Manager for the Sunderland Dock, a position he held until 1881, when he joined his Bro-in-Law, W.G.B. Hunter, as Commercial Manager of their Ship-building enterprise at Wallsend - a post he held until death.

**PALATINE** He was initiated in Palatine Lodge on March 13, 1862, and in the following year was one of the Founders of the Williamson Lodge, becoming one of its first Officers and

**W.M.** serving as N.S.D. in 1870.

In 1870 he joined the Fenwick Lodge, and acted as its Treasurer for 11 years. In 1884, he was one of the Founders and the first N.S.D. of the London City Lodge, and 10 years later, assisted in founding the Caville Lodge, No. 247, becoming its first N.S.D. In Prov. G. S. he held the offices of P.G. Dn. B. 1870-1882, P.G. Secy 1882-1903, and P.P.S.G.W. in 1903. In 1887 he was appointed to the

**Honours.** Doves Point of P.G. Dn. B. England, an honour he was very proud of. He was a Justice in the Durham Assizes and a Member of the Commission of Enquiry into the

19/06

served as a Seward to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Dons and Girls.

DURHAM  
MASONIC  
CHARITIES.

The Durham Masonic Charities are deeply indebted to him for their formation and prosperity. In 1882 he established the "Durham Masonic Education Fund" for the purpose of assisting in the education & maintenance of necessitous children of the Freemasons of Durham, and on SEP. 23 1887 the "Hudson Benevolent Fund" for granting Annuities to Aged Freemasons & Widows of Freemasons. [vide pp.]. The Subscriptions to this Testimonial, over and above 1000 guineas which sum formed the nucleus of the Fund, was devoted to purchasing a Sarcophagus of Silver Plats, which was presented to him as a memento.

OIL  
PAINTING.

At its meeting of P.G.L. held at Bishop's Auckland on Sep. 21 1904, he was presented by Lord Barnard, P.G.M., on behalf of the Brethren of the Province, with his Portrait, in Oils. — life size — in G.L. clothing, finely executed by Bro. Ralph Hedley, of Newcastle.

The following Inscription is neatly affixed: —  
Presented to W. Bro. Robert Hudson,  
P.G. Secy B. Eng., Prov. S.G. W. Durham,  
by the Brethren of the Province of Durham,  
in grateful recognition of his valuable services  
as Prov. G. Secretary for 21 years."

DEATH

Bishop's Auckland Sep. 21 1904.  
He died at his residence, 27 Ho'sour Street, Tynemouth on May 3 1905, after a brief illness, and was interred

at Preston Cemetery, North Shields  
very large number of Brethren.

MANNER.

All who were privileged to come in contact in Business or private life, remain a cheery and courteous manner. He always took a lively interest in his time to time, succeeded in restoring Minute Books to the Palace Lodge, presented Gould's History of Masonry. In addition to the Craft, his progress and Mark Degrees.

ROYAL  
ARCH

In 1863 he was exalted in the Strict and joined the St. John's Chapter at its serving as First Principal in 1871. In 1883 he was one of the founders of St. its first M.E.Z.

MARK.

In 1883 he was appointed P.G. Secy position he retained until death. In 1887 he was honoured with Grand G. P.G. Secy B. Eng. As a Mark Mason, which he became N.W. of the Union Lodge N° 124, in he was a founder of the Angus Mark its first S.P.M. In this Degree he held the rank of Northumberland & Durham.

