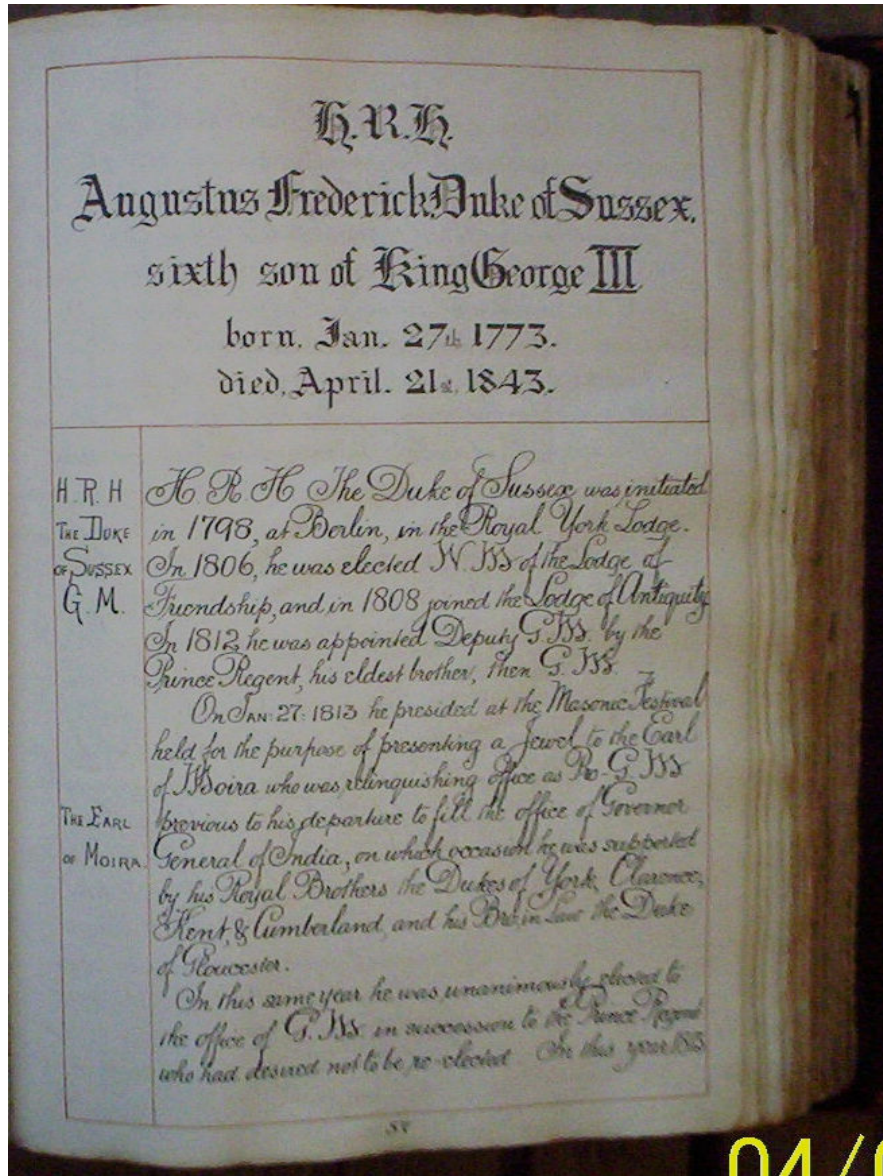


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The Duke of Sussex
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H. R. H.
 Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex,
 sixth son of King George III
 born, Jan. 27th 1773.
 died, April. 21st 1843.

H. R. H.
 THE DUKE
 OF SUSSEX
 G. M.

H. R. H. The Duke of Sussex was initiated in 1798, at Berlin, in the Royal York Lodge. In 1806, he was elected W. M. of the Lodge of Friendship, and in 1808 joined the Lodge of Antiquity. In 1812 he was appointed Deputy G. M. by the Prince Regent, his eldest brother, then G. M.

On Jan. 27. 1813 he presided at the Masonic Festival held for the purpose of presenting a jewel to the Earl of Moira who was relinquishing office as P. G. M. previous to his departure to fill the office of Governor General of India, on which occasion he was supported by his Royal Brothers the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent & Cumberland, and his Brother-in-law the Duke of Gloucester.

In this same year he was unanimously elected to the office of G. M. in succession to the Prince Regent who had desired not to be re-elected. In this year 1813

THE EARL
 OF MOIRA.

Edward, Duke of Kent and Father of our late beloved Queen Victoria, was installed as G. M. of the Athol Masons, and it was due to the combined efforts of the two Royal Brothers that the United Grand Lodges - Ancients & Moderns - were united under our present Banner, - "The United Grand Lodge of England" - a Union fraught with inestimable benefits to Freemasonry. The Articles of Union were ratified by the Dukes and on Dec. 27. 1813 - St John's Day - the Duke of Kent proposed "his illustrious and dear relative" as Grand Master, which office he most worthily filled up to the time of his death, 30 years after.

On completing 25 years' service as G. M. he was presented with a 'piece of Plate' weighing 1800 ozs, which, by voluntary subscriptions of Brethren & Lodges in all parts of the World, had been purchased. In 1845 this magnificent gift was presented to the Grand Lodge by the Duchess of Inverness, and is still in its possession but only exhibited at the annual Festival of York.

In the following year a Marble Statue of H. R. Highness was executed, at the command of G. L., by Bro E. H. Bailey R. A., and placed in Freemasons' Hall.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, which

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provides Annuities for Aged Freemasons, is perhaps the noblest memorial to H. R. H. among Freemasons, for it was due to his ability and wise counsel that the Fund first commenced its beneficent operations. The Engraving of H. R. H. which hangs on the Lodge Room wall, is by John Harris, in 1835. The Chair in which he is seated, was made in 1791 for the Installation of George IV, then the Prince of Wales, and is still in use, having been used for the Installation of every Grand Master since that time. The sword is the State Sword of the Grand Lodge, the blade of which belonged to Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden. The veneration and attachment of the first Earl of Durham to H. R. H. The Duke of Sussex is said to have been more of the nature of a dutiful son than merely the homage of a devoted servant or even of an affectionate friend. [History of Freemasonry.]

ENGRAVING
OF
DUKE OF SUSSEX

EARL OF
DURHAM

[Extract from Cash Book. -
"April 15. 1837
By Cash towards the Memorial
to H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex £2.50"]