

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of Rabun Gap Lodge
No. 265 F & A. M. :

Brother John Sutton Dickson was borned on the third day of October 1834 and passed from labor to refreshment on the 23rd. day of April 1913.

He was made a Master Mason in Rabun Gap Lodge on July 8th. 1870, and but for the exception of a few years dimission, was an active member the remainder of his life.

He was a native of Rabun County and became a member of the Baptist church in early life and for fifty years was a minister of the Gospel. During this long ministerial life he served as pastor practically all the churches of his denomination in the county and many in adjoining counties. No doubt he attended more funeral, marriage and baptismal services than any predacessor or successor. Under his leadership many were brought from darkness to light. He loved humanity and the one great desire of his life was to see the mass of mankind lifted up toward his Savior. As a minister, his sterling character inspired confidence. He was devoted to the duties of his calling and the influence and example of such a man are of great value to any and all communities.

He was honored by his fellow citizens by election to the office of Ordinary for the term 1886 to 1900 which he filled with honor and satisfaction, after which he voluntarily retired to private life.

As a member of this lodge he was ever ready to perform any service and to offer his best counsel and advice when called upon. Altho unobtrusive, he was ever firm and consistent, and faithful in the performance of duty.

Therefore, be it resolved by Rabun Gap Lodge No. 265 Free and Accepted Masons,

- (1) That in the death of Bro. John Sutton Dickson the lodge deeply feels its loss of a loyal and faithful brother.
- (2) That this community has lost a noble, energetic and unselfish citizen who was devoted to its interest.
- (3) That the Order has in his excellent character an example worthy of emulation.

page of our minutes be set apart for a permanent record of same.

J. C. Doves

E. B. Norton

Committee

Clayton, May 16th. 1913