



Initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1875, Maj.Gen. Gosset rose to become Master in 1881.

WBro. Maj.Gen. J Gosset

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



James William Gosset was born at Saint Saviour's Jersey on 30 December, 1818. He was evidently named for his grandfather James Lempriere Hammond.

A letter dated 21 December 1830 (when James was not quite twelve) advised that he had been placed on the list of candidates for admission to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich (where Royal Engineers were trained). A Gentleman Cadet parchment dated 8 February 1833, when he was fourteen, confirms his appointment to the Royal Engineers.

The choice of a career in the Royal Engineers was a popular one for the Gossets and several family members were also officers in the Royal Engineers.

In 1838 he was promoted to Ensign, in 1840 to lieutenant, in 1847 to 2nd Captain, in 1854 to Captain and in 1858 to Major.

He is known to have served in Mauritius and Ireland and in 1860 took up an appointment at Woolwich with the rank of Brevet-Colonel. He was promoted to Major General in 1867 and retired to Jersey in 1871 at the age of 53.

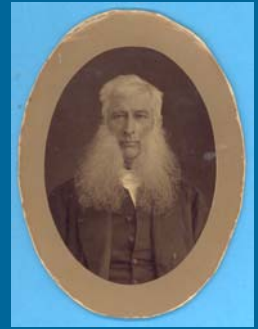
In September 1844 he married Maria Asia Hull Woodriff and they had seven children.

In 1872 he and his family followed the eldest son to New Zealand where they settled in Auckland. He died in 1888.

James was initiated into the Prince of Wales' Lodge on 20 August 1875 and served as master in 1881.

Sources:

Family Tree Research carried out by his great great great grandson, Bevan.



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The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, under the United Grand Lodge of England, was founded on the 18th day of December, 1869, and consecrated on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1871, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes Street, Auckland, by Bro. J.J. Fitzgibbon, Past Master of the Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.

