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*Dear Brethren :-*

This is a Masonic example that reads like a fairytale; a dairy maid named Sarah Nelmes and her cow Blossom, a little boy named James Phipps, and the man that saved him, and millions of others -

**Worshipful Brother Edward Jenner , M.D. F.R.S .**

Edward Jenner was born in Gloucestershire on May 17th, 1749. As a country doctor for 25 years, Jenner regularly observed the deadly disease of smallpox, and made the connection with cowpox (which Sarah Nelmes had caught from her cow Blossom). On May 14th, 1796, Jenner transferred cowpox fluid to James Phipps, who became immune. Jenner freely published his details of vaccination (although he was offered a great deal of money if he kept the process private) for the world to use .

Dr Jenner became admired by the establishment for his work, praised by Napoleon, and was presented to the Czar and the King of Prussia.

WBro Jenner was initiated at the age of 53 in the Lodge of Faith and Friendship No. 449 in 1801, raised in 1802, and was Worshipful Master in 1821. He received no English decorations, apart from the Freedom of the City of London and being made a Fellow of the Royal Society. WBro. Jenner, however, did receive many foreign medals and accolades from all over the world; his most prized gift was a Wampum belt (which he wore in front of his Masonic apron), given to him by the Iroquois Six Nations after he sent vaccination material to their Council at Fort George.

WBro Jenner went to the G.L.A. in 1822.

A fitting epitaph -

*“ Edward Jenner , has probably saved more human lives and reduced more human  
suffering than any man who has ever lived “.*

Leading to the eradication of small pox throughout the World in 1977 <sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> A.Q.C 1991 .p144.

*We have WBro. Edward Jenner to thank for the concept of vaccination for preventing many of the scourges that have attacked our health in our lifetime: polio, through influenza and recently ebola . James Phipps grew to manhood and his cottage is now the Jenner Museum*

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