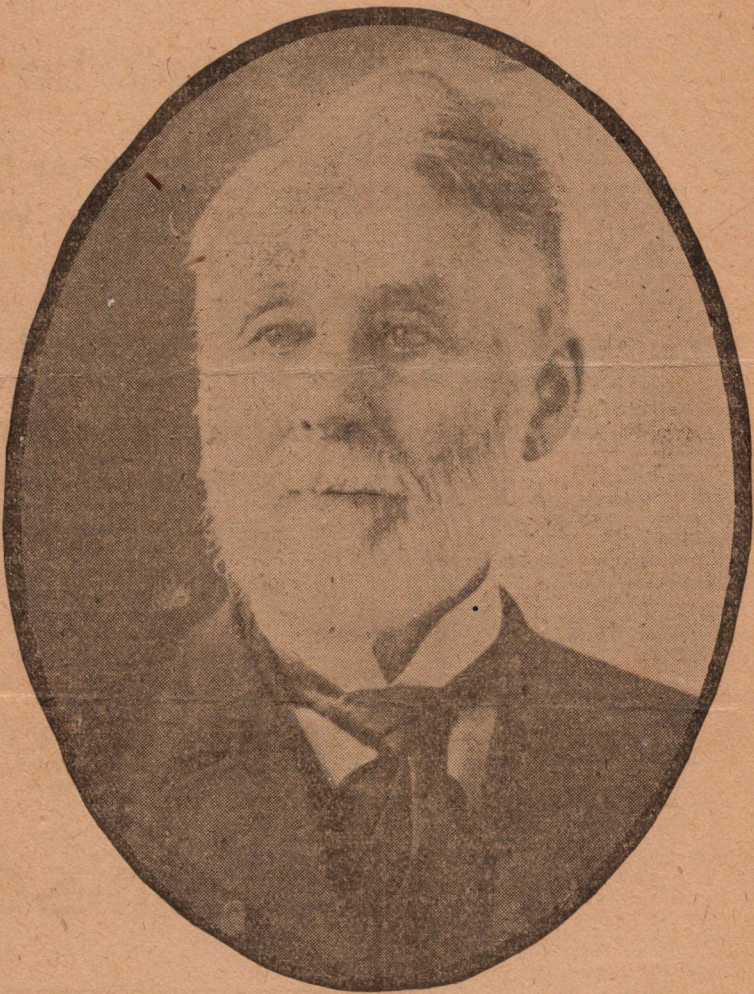


DEATH OF JACOB W. ELSEFFER.

Jacob W. Elseffer, son of John Elseffer (Member of Assembly from this district) and Katharine Whiteman, died at his home in Red Hook Friday afternoon. He was born September 6th, 1822, at Red Hook, N. Y., and at his death was in the 86th year of his age. His ancestors had been early settlers in Dutchess County, and for one hundred and fifty years prominent in local history. After an academic course of three years at Claverack, Columbia County, N. Y., he passed the examinations to enter Williams' College, but instead of pursuing a college course he commenced the study of law with Judge Rowley, at Upper Red Hook, N. Y., and was admitted to practice at the January term of the Supreme Court at Albany, A. D., 1845, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest lawyers in Dutchess County. He was admittedly

who died April 20th, 1907. Mr. Elseffer had been a resident of Red Hook during his entire business life and took great interest in all local affairs. He had a large circle of friends in Dutchess, Columbia and Ulster Counties. In politics Mr. Elseffer was an earnest and consistent Democrat of the old school. While never holding any public office, yet he was a representative man of his party. Mr. Elseffer was of a social nature, and very fond of entertaining friends at his home, "Mapleton," in Red Hook. His demise will be keenly felt by the people of his native place and the surrounding community. Mr. Elseffer was a man of intellectual power, brilliant in conversation, courteous in manner, and a man who made friends and kept them.

Mr. Elseffer was a member of the fraternity of F. & A. M. In April, 1855, at the first meeting of Monumental Lodge, No. 374, after its organization, he petitioned for membership, and at once became an ardent and zealous member.



THE LATE JACOB W. ELSEFFER.

successful in the practice of law, and his first and earliest clients, as well as their descendants adhered to him until the last. He organized the First National Bank of Red Hook, and was elected President of the same. He was continued as a Director from year to year, and was also attorney for the bank for a long time, and much credit has been awarded to him for the favorable condition of its affairs.

October 5th, 1847, he married Delia Eliza Bonesteel, of Clermont, N. Y., by whom there survive their son, John H. Elseffer, of San Diego, California, and daughter, Katharine, wife of William P. Adams, of Cohoes, N. Y., and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Platt Adams and Katharine Elseffer Adams. Mrs. Elseffer died October 20th, 1888, and November 11th, 1890, Mr. Elseffer mar-

During the year 1860 he served the lodge as its Master, and much of the early prosperity of the lodge was due to his activity and zeal. During the Civil War, when for various reasons the lodge was at low ebb, and a majority of the members were inclined to surrender the charter, it was by Mr. Elseffer's timely advice and action that such a course was averted, and the lodge removed to Tivoli, where it has since prospered. At the time of his death Mr. Elseffer enjoyed the proud distinction of being its oldest member and the Senior Past Master.

His funeral will be held at his late residence on Monday, at 2 p. m. after which his mortal remains will be borne to the Lutheran cemetery and there deposited in their final resting place, with the highest Masonic honors which can be paid to a Master Mason. Monumental