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RICHARD ELLIOTT, caretaker of the Public building in this town, died Tuesday morning, aged 69 years, 9 months and 1 day. Mr. Elliott had been in poor health for the past year and a half, but his decline for a year back was very noticeable, and his demise was expected. He suffered from kidney and heart trouble. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon from his residence to Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. Thos. Natross officiated, speaking briefly and the beautiful service of the Masonic Order was given at the residence and by the grave. Mr. Elliott was born in Halifax, 15th August, 1835, in the barracks, his father being a British soldier, who afterwards was transferred to Amherstburg and was buried in the old Christchurch burial ground. The subject of this memoir lived in Toronto and Haldimand county, successively in his youth and was a school mate of the Hon. Richard Harcourt. He moved from the latter place to Iowa, where he lived for a few years before coming to Amherstburg in 1861, living here ever since. He early took an interest in military affairs and was color sergeant in the Essex Rifles, being called out in 1866. He received a veteran's medal and a deed for a grant of 160 acres in New Ontario. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss McCalro. Their union was childless. His second wife was Eliza Haines, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Haines, of this town and the marriage was solemnized in 1876. They had six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Mary, William, James, Eva and George. Until 1897, Mr. Elliott worked at his trade as shoemaker and carried on business in partnership with the late John Brett. In May 1897, he was appointed caretaker of the public building by the Laurier government, and he proved himself an impartial and painstaking official and it will be difficult to replace him with one who has a higher sense of duty. He was true to his word, and true to his friends. He was assessor of the town for several years, and a public school trustee for a long term. His last election in 1904 was by acclamation and the Public schools closed the afternoon of the funeral out of respect for his memory. Mr. Elliott was the oldest member of Thistle Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M., in good standing, having been initiated in 1865. He was secretary for a number of years and was appointed tyler of the lodge in 1895, holding that office to the day of his death. He was also a member of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, R. A. M., and for 25 years a member of Lorne Lodge, No. 11, A. O. U. W., holding a \$2000 benevolence certificate in same. The original Elliott family comprised three members, —himself, Mrs. John Brett and Mrs. Richard Huddy, of Brantford, the latter being now the only one living.