

[Devendorf, Jacob W.]

JACOB W. DEVENDORF

Was Descendant of One of Original Palatine Settlers of Fort Herkimer

Mohawk, Feb. 17.—Jacob W. Devendorf, one of Mohawk's oldest residents died at the home of his son-in-law, D. C. Ford, West Main street, at 1 o'clock this morning following a confinement of 12 weeks. Mr. Devendorf, due to the infirmities of old age, had not been in good health in the past two years. He was 85 years of age and had lived in the house where he died 51 years.

Mr. Devendorf was the son of the late John Devendorf and Mary Doxtader of Fort Herkimer. Mr. Devendorf's grandfather was one of the original Palentine [Palatine] settlers of Fort Herkimer. He was born in the family homestead which is located just across the corporation lines to the east. After the birth of Jacob W. Devendorf the family moved to Hartwick. From there they returned again to the homestead. Young Devendorf lived in Mohawk, Ilion and Herkimer and spent two years in Illinois. Sixty-one years ago he married Harriet Sherman of Ilion. In 1864 they settled in Mohawk. His wife died 30 years ago.

Mr. Devendorf was a woodworker by trade. He opened a shop in a building on Canal street and continued in business until the present time, although for the past few years he was unable to do much active work on account of his infirmities. Besides his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Ford, the deceased is survived by a sister, Catharine Devendorf of Fort Herkimer; two brothers, Cornelius Devendorf of Fort Herkimer and John of Ilion, and several grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Devendorf was a steadfast Democrat. He was a member of the Mohawk Universalist Church. The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home in Main street.

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