

[Dibble, Lydia P. Merriman]

Mrs. Lydia P. Dibble

Mrs. Lydia P. Dibble of Batavia, died at the home of her son, Leo. A. Dibble, in Summit street, Monday morning from the infirmities of age and the grip [influenza], aged 88 years. Mrs. Dibble was born in Byron. Her people were among the first to settle in that town, she being born in the first double log house in that section. Her grandfather, Josiah Merriman, was private and corporal in General Washington's staff¹ and a personal friend of Washington. George Washington often visited at the home of her parents, and at the close of the war presented her mother with a cloak that is now in possession of Dr. Jennie Schofield of Buffalo, who is a descendant of Mrs. Merriman.

On December 25, 1849, Lydia P. Merriman was married to R. [Remember] Colby Dibble, of Byron, and they began housekeeping on the old Dibble homestead now owned and occupied by Mr. Charles Dibble and family. Later they moved to the Hosmer farm in Byron, now occupied by George Dillingham, and in the spring of 1854 they purchased a farm in Clarendon where they lived until 1894. Since the death of Mr. Dibble in 1900, Mrs. Dibble has lived with her sons.

Besides her son in Batavia, Mrs. Dibble leaves another son, Merriman C. Dibble, of Byron, from whose home the funeral was held yesterday afternoon, Rev. Harry M. Wright of the Universalist church, Lockport, officiating. Interment was made at Hillside cemetery, Holley.

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¹ during the War of the Revolution