

[Simms, Mary Ecker]

DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Ecker Simms, 97, died March 18 at [a] Ft. Plain private nursing home where she had been a patient for two years.

She was the daughter of Levi and Christina Sluyter Ecker, members of pioneer families whose ancestors had come from Holland to settle in the Hudson Valley under the Patroon system.

Mrs. Simms was a niece of the late Mrs. Delina Ecker Filkins who died at the age of 113 and whose hand painted colored portraits at the age of 109 now hang in Van Hornesville Central school and the Canajoharie Art Gallery.

Mrs. Simms had lived for 75 years at the home of her husband, the late C. [Charles] R. Simms in Newville. This home had been built on land purchased in a land grant in 1797 by his ancestors.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. R. [Grace] Balding Sr., of Geneseo, [and] Mrs. O. B. [Edna] Deyo of Little Falls and Homestead, Florida. Four grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, March 20, with Rev. Leland Stewart of the Universalist Church officiating, in the C. Newitt Funeral Home in Little Falls. Interment was in Newville.

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