

[Steele, Irving]

AGED MOHAWK MAN DIES

Irving Steele Was Well Known Down in the Mohawk Valley

Mohawk, April 10—Irving Steele, one of the oldest and best known residents of Mohawk, passed away at his home in East Main street this morning at [?] o'clock. He had been ill for some time and his health had failed rapidly in the past few months.

Irving Steele was born in historic Fort Herkimer on June 5, 1839, the son of John A. and Phoebe Evergreen Steele. At the age of 14 he came to Mohawk where he resided until the time of his death. At one time he conducted a crockery business in Little Falls with his brother, the late John E. Steele.

[On] December 14, 1876 he married Miss Ella A. Devendorf of Mohawk. Previous to this, in 1874, he had opened a grocery store in Mohawk, this firm being known as Steele Bros., and continued for many years. He had been retired for 17 years.

Mr. Steele was a Democrat in politics and attended the Universalist church. He occupied the office of village treasurer for several years. The deceased is survived by, in addition to Mrs. Steele, one brother, Charles C. Steele of Mohawk, one sister, Mrs. Julia Davis of Mohawk, and a niece, Miss Grace Davis, also of Mohawk.

The funeral will be held from the home in East Main street Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment will be made in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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