

[Steele, Mary Edick]

Mary Edick Steele Removed by Death at Daughter's Home

Herkimer, April 23—Mrs. Mary Edick Steele, ??, mother of Mrs. Charles [Carrie] Bell, (304?) N. Prospect street, died last night at the home of her daughter after a brief illness. Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Steele had maintained her faculties to a remarkable degree and had been more or less active until quite recently.

She was born July (1?), 1832, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Edick in Burnetsfield Patent, German Flats [Flatts], which was deeded to her great-great-grandfather, Johann Michael Edick. Her girlhood was spent in that vicinity and in (1856?) she was married to Jeremiah J. Steele, whose death occurred in 1906.

During her marriage her home was located in Fort Herkimer and since Mr. Steele's death it had been her custom to spend each summer on the homestead farm, making her home with Mrs. Bell during the winter months.

She was a member of the Fort Herkimer Dutch Reformed Church and of the Herkimer Universalist Church. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the latter church.

Her ancestry was traceable directly to the first settlers of German Flats [Flatts], all of whom were prominent in Revolutionary history and chronicles of the early days of settlement in this section. Her grandfather, Michael Edick, served as a captain with Continental troops during the war for independence.

Her daughter, Mrs. Bell, and a granddaughter, Miss Kathlyn Bell, survive. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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