

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Henry Miller

Born Aug 16, 1844 Died Feb 26, 1915

Red Church Cemetery, Tivoli

Etched stone about a foot tall with tilting top-flag and marker for veteran's grave-in Section B, Plot 88, three rows east of cemetery's north-south road, near intersection with southern entrance's east-west road into cemetery. Adjacent (just south) to St. Sylvia's Church burial grounds fence.

Wife: Eliza Wheeler Miller, Born 1852 Died 1906

Merchant & Union Veteran

Sometimes an obituary of the time sums up a lifetime of achievements:¹

"DEATH OF PROMINENT VETERAN OF MADALIN

Henry Miller died at the home of his son, William H. Miller, in Madalin in the village of Tivoli on February 26, 1915, aged 71 years. He had been feeling rather better than usual during the present winter, and on the above date went up to the street a short distance after his newspaper, as was his custom, returning about 4:10 p.m. A few minutes later he had a stroke of apoplexy, from which he did not rally, and passed peacefully away about six hours later.

He was born in New York, August 16, 1844, and when a small child moved with his parents [Andrew and Catherine Miller] to Madalin, which has ever been his home.

In his early life he was a horticulturalist, and later for many years a well known and successful merchant.

In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, 128th N. Y. V., and served through the entire war, returning with an honorable record for bravery and fidelity.

He married Aliza Almira Wheeler, daughter of the late William Wheeler, of Pine Plains, and to them were born nine children, five sons and four daughters. His wife died in 1906, the children all surviving.

He was a member of Armstrong Post, G. A. R. of Rhinebeck, and had represented that organization at many State Encampments, Niagara Falls, Rochester, and other places. He had served in various official capacities in the village, in every instance discharging his duties with zeal and fidelity. For the nine years he was a member of the school board, and its president for several terms. Besides this, he was a member



of the Board of Health, and held town offices at different times.

Some years ago he retired from active business because of failing health and afterward became blind for about three years. Two years ago an operation was performed which restored his sight to a considerable extent, so that he was about to read and to do other things.

He is the first of a family of eight, all over sixty years old, to answer the summons of the dread destroyer, leaving one brother and six sisters. Mrs. James McLernon, of 53 Lent street, Poughkeepsie, is a sister.

Funeral services at the Madalin A. E. Church on Tuesday, Rev. H. Comford officiating. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors who met to pay the tribute of respect, among the number being comrades of Armstrong and Tappan Posts G. A. R."

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