

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Edward Hunter Ludlow

August 3rd, 1810–November 27th, 1884

Elizabeth Livingston

November 10th, 1813–December 25th, 1895

St. Paul's Episcopal Church cemetery, Tivoli

The Ludlow vault along the row of vaults between the cemetery and the church

Many of the men buried in the vaults in this cemetery were wealthy and noteworthy; though he's not a household name these days, Edward H. Ludlow was no exception. Serving as president of the Real Estate Exchange in New York City, Ludlow was a real estate magnate in the gilded age. He was active in business to the end, living to 75 and passing away at his residence in Manhattan in 1884. Though his funeral was held at Zion church in Manhattan (where one of his pallbearers was James A. Roosevelt), he was interred here in his vault at St. Paul's alongside his wife's Livingston family and close to his daughter's Hall family.



*Dr. Edward Ludlow painted by William Page
(NY, 1811-1885), wikimedia*

Ludlow's ancestry in America was involved in law, politics, and the American cause during the Revolutionary war. Having been raised with privilege, he was able to study medicine at the institution that would become Columbia University, but only practiced for a year before switching to real estate. He retired after only nine years to spend his time as a country gentleman in the Hudson Valley. The Ludlow estate "Pine Lawn" in Tivoli was one of five subdivisions of lands owned by Edward P. Livingston given to Ludlow's wife Elizabeth Livingston and was next door to her brother's home "Northwood". Like most of its neighbors, Pine Lawn's acreage stretched down to the banks of the Hudson. Country living must not have been satisfying enough for him, because after five years of rest, Ludlow dove back into work in 1850. It was said that he did very well in business and would have been even richer if not for his "liberal-

ity and benevolence.”

In 1833 Ludlow married Elizabeth Livingston, born in Clermont in 1813. Her father was at one time a lieutenant governor of New York State and her mother Elizabeth Stevens Livingston was a daughter of Chancellor Livingston. The couple had two children who lived to adulthood, Edward Philip Livingston Ludlow who married Margaret Tonnele Hall, and Mary “Molly” Livingston Ludlow who married Margaret’s brother, Valentine Gill Hall, Jr. The Ludlows’ two other offspring, Elizabeth and Augustus, were children when they passed away.

Though he achieved great wealth, his greatest legacy is thanks to his daughter Mary Ludlow Hall, and her daughter Anna Hall Roosevelt, and her daughter, First Lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt.



Elizabeth Livingston Ludlow, uploaded to Find-a-Grave by user #50193198

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