

HISTORIC RED HOOK



7675
Albany Post Road
Town of Red Hook, NY

A Brief History

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The House

The two-story frame house on one acre at 7675 Albany Post Road owned by Jane Ferguson stands out as the only 19th century house along a stretch of one-story homes from the 1940s to the 1970s. A 1987 inventory of historic houses estimated it was built about 1860 (Figure 1). Research has since confirmed it was built in 1878.

The Ferguson house typifies Italianate architecture in fashion from the 1840s through the 1880s, featuring a hipped roof, ornamented and bracketed cornice, and two-over-two windows. The L-shaped form is asymmetrical, with a wing set back off the south side of the house. The porch, also with bracketed cornice, runs along the front and wraps along the south wing of the house (Figure 2).

The rear additions were later: one of two stories, with a large kitchen downstairs and bedrooms upstairs, and another, the one-story sunroom. Both have expansive views of the farmland and large elms behind the house (Figures 3, 3a). Stately Norway spruces, typically planted in the 19th century as windbreaks, protect the northern exposure. (Figure 4).

Interior alterations have been made over the years, such as the division of the large room north of the entry hall into a living room and adjoining library, as evidenced by awkward adjustments to the ceiling molding (Figure 5).

The basement does not show any evidence of construction earlier than 1878. The beams and posts are rough-sawn, not hand-hewn (Figure 6). There is a barn on the property that appears to be as old or older than the house (Figure 7).

Early History

The house sits on what was once part of a large farm along the busy road connecting New York City to Albany. Early in the 18th century the road was named the Queen's Highway in honor of England's newly crowned Queen Anne. With the later accession to the throne of King George I, it became the King's Highway. However, well before the Revolution, it was commonly known as the 'post' road for the runners who delivered the mail. By the end of the 18th century, there was daily stagecoach service along the Post Road. The circa 1760 Elmendorph Inn was an important way stop, anchoring the small settlement that had grown up around it, now the Village of Red Hook.

In 1751, second-generation German Palatine settler and farmer Hendrick Martin leased from Henry Beekman a plot of land strategically located on the Post Road between the Elmendorph Inn and a grist mill on the Saw Kill. His stone house stands at the end of what is now Willowbrook Lane. Martin later divided the farm between his sons, David and Gottlieb. Gottlieb built his own stone house on the southern part of the farm bordering the Post Road.¹ For generations this house has been known as the Martin-Cookingham house or, simply, the Cookingham house, for the family who succeeded the Martins.

In 1863, John R. Faure is recorded as having sold to David P. Lord (acting on behalf of his younger brother, John H. Lord, a minor) 131 acres of the Martin farm, including the original Hendrick Martin house,² and John H. Lord's name appears on the 1867 Beers map next to the house, then called "Brookside" (Figure 8). Lord then sold the property to Edgar L. Traver for \$14,000 in 1871.³ Both the 1876 Gray map (Figure 9) and James H. Smith's *History of Dutchess County*⁴ cite Traver as resident in the Hendrick Martin House.



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION
& HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
(518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Diane Levitt DATE: 6/15/87

15 Conklin Street
YOUR ADDRESS: New Hamburg, NY 12560 TELEPHONE: (914) 297-3142

ORGANIZATION (if any): Dutchess County Historical Society

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Dutchess TOWN/CITY: Red Hook VILLAGE: Red Hook
3. STREET LOCATION: North Broadway
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: _____ ADDRESS: _____
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

(R1)



Figure 1 - 1987 NYS Building Structure Inventory Form, page 1

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
 d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
 d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
 g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☐
 c. scattered buildings ☐
 d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
 f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
 h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

Structure lies among contemporary homes at the north end of
 the main thoroughfare in the village of Red Hook.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

2 story/hip roof/3 bay/ornamented, bracketed cornice/2-2 sash
 windows/bracketed window heads/recessed double door entry with
 transom/veranda with bracketed cornice

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ c. 1860 _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Vernacular Italianate house

21. SOURCES:

22. THEME:



Figure 2 - Exterior view, southeast elevation



Figure 3 - Exterior view, west elevation and close-up of additions



Figure 3a - Exterior view, west elevation and close-up of additions



Figure 4 - Exterior view, north elevation



Figure 5 - Interior, front living room



Figure 6 - Basement beams



Figure 7 - Barn west of the house

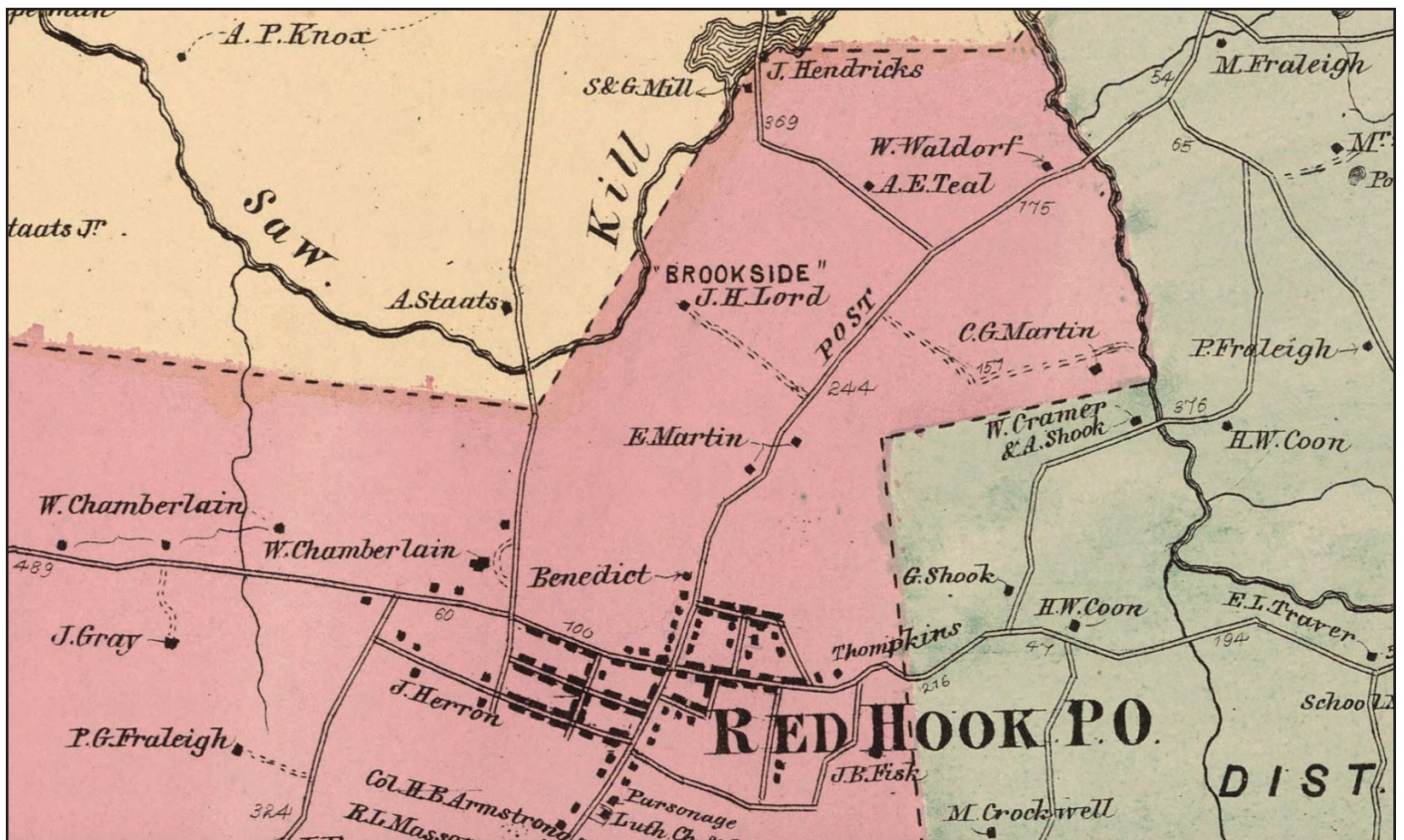


Figure 8 - 1867 detail of Frederick W. Beers map of Dutchess County



Figure 9 - 1876 detail of O. W. Gray map of Dutchess County

Edgar Lewis Traver (1829-1905)
Owner 1871-1878



Figure 10 - Evert Traver, father of Edgar Traver

Edgar Traver was born to Evert Traver and Helen Shook Traver in 1829 (Figures 10 & 11). A prosperous farmer and landowner, he eventually owned several other parcels in the area.

The farm he purchased from Lord is listed in the 1875 New York State agricultural census with a value of \$14,000, including \$3,000 in farm buildings, \$1,500 in livestock, and \$1,600 of gross sales (Figure 12).



Figure 11 - Helen Traver, mother of Edgar Traver

IV. Agricultural Statistics			of that portion of		The Second District of the															Page 1								
Town of Red Hook in the County of			Dutchess		N. Y., taken by me, on the 7 th day of June, 1875.															Richard C. Barringer		Enumerator.						
Name of owner, agent, or manager of Farm.	Acres.			Cash value.					Acres plowed.		Grass Lands.					Spring Wheat.		Winter Wheat.		Oats.		Winter Rye.						
	Improved Land.	Unimproved Land.	Total.	Of Farm.	Of Farm Buildings value that have been.	Of Stock.	Of Tools and Implements.	Of gross value from Farm in 1874.	In 1874.	In 1875.	Acres in pasture.		Meadow.			Acres sown.		Double harvested.	Acres sown.		Double harvested.	Acres sown.		Double harvested.				
											Acres.	1874.	1875.	Acres.	1874.	1875.	Acres.		1874.	1875.		Acres.	1874.		1875.	Acres.	1874.	1875.
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
1 Robt & Helen Loun	110	20	20	1300	2000	1450	500	1000	30	35	15	15	30	30	60								10	10	300	10	10	100
2 Robt C. Martin	20			1200	100	75							20	20														
3 Wm C. Donaldson	200	40	40	40000	5000	1500	800	1000	35	25	150	100	100	100	140								18	14	650	9	11	60
4 Herb Jm L. Aspinwall	200	200	100	40000	12000	3000	600	400	15	30	150	100	75	75	150								20	30	200			
5 George L. Hicks	80	26	26	6000	1000	100	150	1000	40	40	8	8	35	35	60								35	5	50	30	200	
6 Louise L. Hunt	200	200	200	40000	2000	1000	300	150	30	30	25	25	125	125	100								10	14	150	15	150	
7 Nichol J. Chapman	63	10	10	7500	1200	1000	300	600	20	20	10	10	30	30	70					2	3	22	8	15	300	20	20	200
8 Cyra Myers	80	27	27	7500	600			200	20	30	10	5	60	60	75								7	7	150	10	10	100
9 George Lutton	128	8	8	10000	500	700	200	800	32	32	14	40	40										10		12			
10 Edgar L. Traver	120	10	10	14000	3000	1500	800	1000	50	50	15	15	30	30	80								10	10	400	12	8	250
11	100																											
12	10																											
13																												
14																												
15 Edward Martin	120	30	30	14000	4000	2000	2000	1800	35	25	10	10	30	30	75								4			25	240	15
16 John F. Cookin & Son	100	14	10	15000	1200	1000	1000	1500	50	50	20	25	40	60	75								25	25	550	40	25	730
17 Peter C. Allendorf	53	23	15	4000	700	600	200	300	25	20	15	15	40	40	20								9	10	150	10	9	100
18 John W. Allendorf	81			4500	300	450	200	100	10	10	8	4	7	10	8								5	5	50	5	5	80
19 George H. Chapman	164	6	6	7000	1000	1000	200	600	15	15	15	15	75	75	75								5	5	200	15	15	200
20 Herb Jm L. Shook	117	10		11700	1000	600	400	700	40	30	30	20	30	60	80								10	20	250	30	20	400
21 John W. Froemaker	29			2500	400	400	10	100	6	5	7	8	5	5	10								6	6	100	4	3	80
22 John Wilson	180	50	30	2000	1000	1000	500	2500	80	80	10	40	60	30	50								10	30	450	30	10	450
23 Henry & Wm. Schaffer	130	15	15	15000	3000	1000	500	1000	12	15	12	12	20	20	00								15		20	400	23	
24 Peter T. Schaffer	100	8	8	7000	13500	400	300	500	20	20	20	10	60	60	00								10	10	200	10	9	100
25 George Thompson	40			7000	1600	700	400	700	8	17	5	10	40	30	70								8		8	8	100	25
26	200	30	30	15000	6000	2000	600	1500	30	25	30	30	130	130	150								18	20	600	25	20	800

Figure 12 - 1875 NYS Agricultural Census

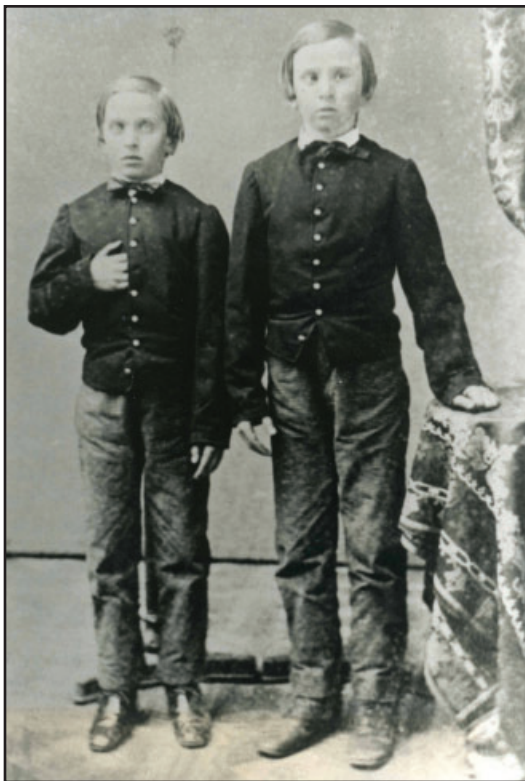


Figure 13 - Arthur and Ranson, sons of Edgar and Anna Margaret Traver

Traver was married three times – first to Anna Margaret, who bore their two sons, Seth Arthur and Ranson (Figure 13) and died in 1865. In 1866, he wed Catharine E. Benedict, who passed in 1895. Lastly, he married Mary Piester in 1897. He died on July 16, 1905 and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery in the Village of Red Hook.⁵

**Lyman Westfall (1815-1902)
and Catharine (Hoyt) Westfall (1822-1903)
Owners 1878-1899**

The first deed to the one-acre Ferguson lot records the sale by Edgar and Catharine Traver to Catharine Westfall (wife of Lyman Westfall) in 1878.⁶ The transaction was noted in the *Red Hook Journal* (Figure 14). Although not documented, we surmise the Travers and the Westfalls were related, hence the transaction.⁷ According to his obituary, Lyman, a riverboat captain, was “one of the best known steamboat men on the river” (Figure 15).

Born in Rensselaer County, Catharine and Lyman were married in Brooklyn in 1844 and raised two children there, Alice August and Samuel DeWitt. The *Red Hook Journal* reported that the Westfalls broke ground for their new house in June 1878 (Figure 16). They first appear living in Red Hook in the 1880 Federal Census (Figure 17). The 1892 New York State Census lists the Westfalls and Theodore and Anna Cookingham as neighbors (Figure 18). (Cookingham descendants recently sold the Martin/Cookingham farm to the Town of Red Hook).

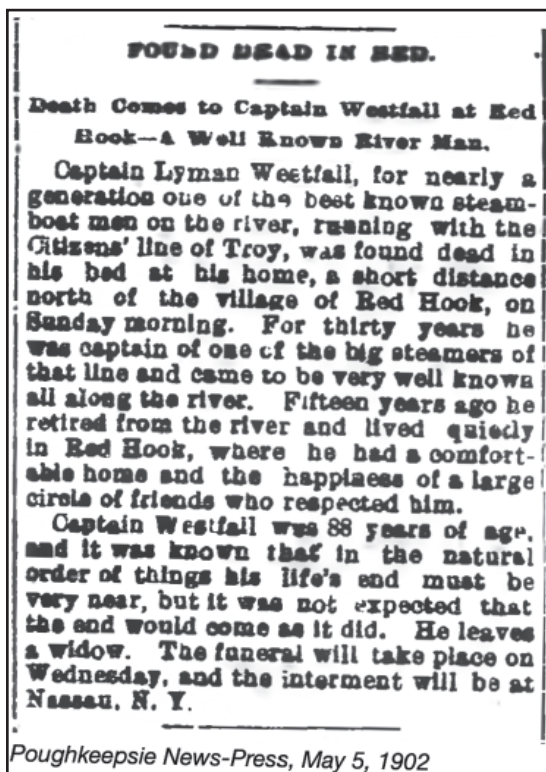


Figure 15 - Poughkeepsie News-Press, May 5, 1902, Lyman Westfall obituary

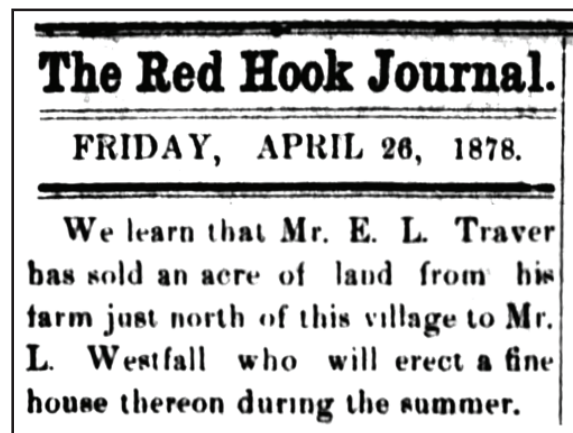


Figure 14 - Red Hook Journal, April 26, 1878

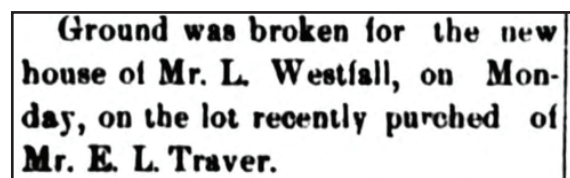


Figure 16 - Red Hook Journal, June 21, 1878

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Enumeration Dist. No. 64

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in town of Red Hook, in the County of Dutchess, State of New York
enumerated by me on the 14th day of June, 1880.

A. B. Hendrick

Enumerator.

In Cities.												Enumerator.													
Name of Street. House Number.		Description.		Permanence.		Condition.		Occupation.		Health.		Education.		Station.											
		The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1900, was in this family.		(Color-White; N.; Black; B.; Chinese, C.) Indian, I.	(Male, M.; Female, F.) Age of last birthday at time of enumeration, give months if less than one year. If born within six Census years, give the month.	(Single, S.; Married, M.; Widowed, W.; Divorced, D.) Married during Census year, /	(Physically sound, P.; Physically disabled, D.) Profession, Occupation or Trade of such person, make or female.	(Sound mind, M.; Insane, I.) Is the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or infirmly disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or industry, when in the station or disability?	(Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.)	(Blind, B.; Deaf and dumb, D.; Idiots, I.; Insane, In.)	(Attended school in this Census year, / Can read, R.; Cannot read, /; Can write, W.; Cannot write, /)	(Place of Birth of this person, State or Territory of United States, or Country, if of foreign birth.	(Place of Birth of the father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or Country, if of foreign birth.	(Place of Birth of the mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or Country, if of foreign birth.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
308	352	Dexter Helen	B F 40				Wife	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Corn. Charles A	M M 11				Son	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Dexter Robert A	B M 12				Son	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Edw B	B F 12				Daughter	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Phyllis J	B M 7				Son	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Bernard S	B M 6				Son	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Minnie	B F 7				Daughter	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
309	355	Foster Eggs L	M M 57				Wife	/				Farmer					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Catherine	B F 52				Wife	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Herbert	M M 8				Son	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Anna	B F 3				Paul Day	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
310	376	Steeble Oscar	B M 35				Wife	/				Bookkeeper					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
310	376	- Emma M	B F 30				Wife	/				Bookkeeper					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Higgins Arthur	B M 16				Son	/				Iron factory					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
311	357	Duffall Lyman	B M 64				Wife	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Catharine	B F 57				Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Ruston Elizabeth	B F 60				Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
15		311 357	Duffall Lyman	B M 64			Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
16			Catharine	B F 57			Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
17			Ruston Elizabeth	B F 60			Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
314	361	- Etta	B M 57				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Lyon William	B M 57				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Gertrude	M F 57				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Sarah	B F 77				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Vincent Louise L	B F 40				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Willie B	B F 34				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Andrews Eda	B F 26				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Frederica	B F 18				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Cobb Mary	B F 20				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Elonah Leonard	B M 22				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Schuyler Simon	B M 26				Coachman	/				Coachman					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
315	363	Ostrowski Anna	B M 65				Wife	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Sarah	B F 41				Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Charles	B M 6				Son	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Ellen	B F 31				Servant	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Stephen J	B M 17				Son	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Thomas R	B M 7				Son	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
316	363	Boyle Lillian	B M 52				Wife	/				Farmer					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- David L	B F 47				Wife	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Lizzie E	B F 12				Daughter	/				At School					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Brimble John	B M 21				Son	/				Iron factory					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Siden Elizabeth	B F 24				Wife	/				Servant					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
317	364	Shook Thomas	B F 50				Son	/				Keeping House					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Anna J	B M 23				Son	/				Iron factory					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		- Edward L	B M 25				Son	/				Iron factory					New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						
		Lathrop Catharine	B F 77				Wife	/									New York	N.Y.	N.Y.						

NOTE D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.

NOTE 1.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.

NOTE 1.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.

Figure 17 - 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Catharine and Lyman Westfall

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Enumeration of the Inhabitants living in the Fourth Election District of the Town of Red Hook, in the County of Dutchess, N. Y., on Feb. 16, 1892.

Daniel Van De Bogart Enumerator

NAME.	Sex or Rank.	AGE.	Color.	IN WHAT COUNTRY BORN.	Color of Hair.	OCCUPATION.	NAME.	Sex or Rank.	AGE.	Color.	IN WHAT COUNTRY BORN.	Color of Hair.	OCCUPATION.
Martha Rhynsdere.	F	47		America.	C								
Carrie Rhynsdere.	F	27		America.	C								
Edward Rhynsdere.	M	75		America.	C								
Harry Rhynsdere.	F	68		America.	C								
Sydney Rhynsdere.	M	31		America.	C								
Catherine Rhynsdere.	F	25		America.	C								
Theodore Rhynsdere.	M	6		America.	C								
Anna Cook.	F	17		America.	C								
Ezra Cook.	M	2		America.	C								
Andrew Cook.	M	2		America.	C								
Eveline Cook.	F	2		America.	C								
Ada Seal.	F	17		America.	C								
Ina Seal.	F	17		America.	C								

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the City of Boston for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven											
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No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES, SURNAMES, AND COLOR OF GROOM AND BRIDE. (Official name of bride, if a widow.)	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each in years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (Official name of mother.)	WHAT MARRIAGE WAS IT, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c.	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.	
3241	July 24	July 26	Charles Noreby Anna Olson	Boston Boston	29 27	Engineer. Domestic	Sweden Sweden	Petter + Ida Christiana + Johanna	Second First	A. W. Sundelo Clergyman	Boston
42	July 20	July 22	Arthur Mahood. Mary Murphy	Boston Boston	21 18	Laborer at home	Boston Boston	John + Isabella John + Margaret	First do	Lidney Lawrence, Justice of the Peace	Boston
43	August 13	Aug 13	Daniel Howe Kittie McKillick	Boston Boston	26 26	Bookbinder waitress	Jamaica Vt. Woodstock Vt.	Alonzo + Maria Thomas + Margaret	First do	Daniel F. Mahoney, Justice of the Peace	Boston
44	August 5	Aug 7	Fred R. Ischek Alice M. Farrington	B. Framingham B. Framingham	21 17	Last Turner at home	Lowville Medfield	Joseph R. + Margaret John A. + Sarah A.	First do	Lidney Lawrence, Justice of the Peace	Boston
45	August 5	Aug 9	Edwin Lane Ida L. Ford	Montpelier Vt. Chesham (Mass.)	61 42	Lumber merchant at home	Barre Vt. Lowville Vt.	Willis + Laura Isaacson + Louisa	Fourth Second	Geo. T. Pack Minister	Boston
46	August 3	Aug 5	Lyons B. Lawton Margaret L. Turner	Boston Boston	30 32	Salesman Dressmaker	Wilmington Vt. Charlottesville Vt.	Francis B. + Maria William + Margaret	First do	J. A. McElwain Minister of the Gospel	Boston
47	August 6	Aug 7	Edward J. Brooke Amy Hewson	Boston Boston	25 19	Upholsterer -	London Eng. Liverpool Eng.	John + Amy Michael + Sophie	First do	Lidney Lawrence, Justice of the Peace	Boston
48	June 8	Aug 6	James D. Hall Lillian A. Lewis	Boston Chelsea	39 24	Musicians stenographer	Newburyport Malone N.Y.	Thomas + Elizabeth Frederick M. + Sarah D.	First do	William W. Woodman Justice of the Peace	Boston
49	July 7	Aug 6	Michael Corrigan Elizabeth Corrigan	Boston Boston	28 24	Waiter Domestic	Ireland Ireland	Stephen + Catharine James + Bridget	First do	Dennis J. Keegan Clergyman	Boston
Aug. 5	Aug. 9	William K. Niver Marietta Squire	Syracuse N.Y. Boston	61 57	Coal dealer						
53	July 7	Henderhook Fulton	Henry M. + Phoebe Alanson + Martha	Second Second	Wm. S. Kelsey Minister of the Gospel						
54	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	William L. Young Elizabeth L. Gayland	Boston Boston	29 25	Teacher at home	Boston Halifax	James A. + Sarah J. Richard + Sarah	First do	Robert Godman Jr. Pastor St. John's Ch. (Am.)	Boston

The Westfalls sold their house to William K. Niver of Syracuse in 1899.⁸ The 1900 Federal Census still lists Lyman, age 84 and Catharine, age 76, at the property, so perhaps the new owners leased it back to them. Upon Lyman's death at 88 in 1902, Catharine returned to her Rensselaer County hometown of Nassau. They are buried together in the Nassau-Schodack cemetery.⁹

**William Kingman Niver (1835-1907)
and Marietta Squire (1835-1905)
Owners 1899-1902**

Kinderhook native William Niver was a prominent Syracuse businessman with substantial holdings in railroads and coal. He and Marietta, his second wife, were married in Boston in 1897, two years before he bought the house in Red Hook, when he was 61 and she 57 (Figure 19). There is no evidence that they ever lived in the house before selling it less than three years later. After a series of financial reverses and a debilitating illness, Niver was

declared a 'lunatic' by the Onondaga County Court and his possessions sold at auction. He died in 1907 and is interred under a large monument in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse¹⁰ (Figures 20-23).

**WILLIAM K. NIVER IS
DECLARED INCOMPETENT**

William K. Niver, a prominent business man of Syracuse, formerly superintendent of the Binghamton & Syracuse railroad and well known in this city, has been declared incompetent. He has suffered financial reverses lately and his health has been poor. The estate is valued at \$144,000.

Figure 20 - Press and Sun Bulletin (Binghamton, New York), Feb 16, 1906

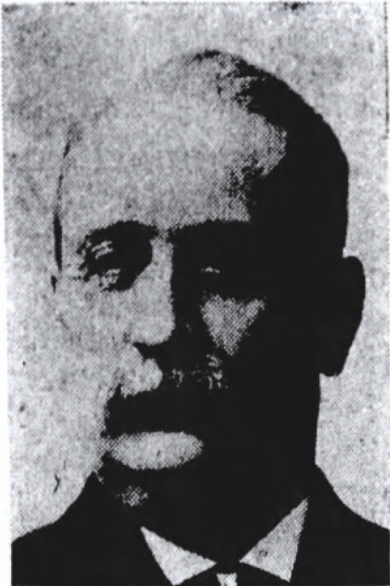
The Post-Standard (Syracuse, New York) • 20 Feb 1907, Wed • Page 11

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF
the Special Term of the Onondaga County Court, duly granted on the 8th day of February, 1907, I, the undersigned committee of the person and estate of William K. Niver, a lunatic, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the new Court House in the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, on the 28th day of February, 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, all of the stocks, bonds, notes and accounts receivable, and other personal property belonging to said lunatic, now in my hands, consisting of stock and bonds in the Onondaga Vitrified Brick Company; International Contracting Company; Skaneateles Railroad Company; Greenlawn Cemetery Association; Syracuse Shoe Manufacturing Company; Phoenix Hardware Manufacturing Company; National Web Tile Sewer Company; Syracuse Cigar and Tobacco Company and miscellaneous notes and accounts receivable.

A schedule showing the number of shares of stock and the amount of bonds in each of the aforementioned companies, and the notes and accounts, together with the terms upon which said sale will be made, will remain on file in my office, No. 24 Syracuse Savings Bank Building, Syracuse, N. Y., where it can be seen and examined up to the time of sale.

Dated Syracuse, N. Y., February 16th, 1907.

*Figure 21 - The Post Standard (Syracuse, New York),
Feb 20, 1906*



**Well-known Railroad Man Dead at His
Home in Syracuse.**

William K. Niver, a well known railroad man who had his headquarters for a number of years in Buffalo, and a former Mayor of Syracuse, died in Syracuse yesterday at the age of 72. Mr. Niver was a native of Kinderhook and had been an assistant division superintendent of the Lackawanna and superintendent of the Syracuse, Binghamton & New York.

Afterward he was general superintendent of the western division of the Lehigh, with headquarters in Buffalo, relinquishing this position to become general agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal Company, with an office here. He was in this city for about six years in the 90's.

Mr. Niver held the position of a vice-president of the Boston & Maine and later organized the corporation known as W. K. Niver & Company, dealing in coal. Mr. Niver was ill for 16 months before his death.

*Figure 22 - The Buffalo News, April 1, 1907,
William K. Niver obituary*

Buffalo Courier (Buffalo, New York)
1 Apr 1907, Mon · Page 1

EX-MAYOR AND CAPITALIST DEAD

William K. Niver of Syracuse Passes Away After Illness Lasting More Than a Year — Lost \$500,000 on a Trolley Deal.

CONNECTED WITH MANY RAILROADS

(By Associated Press.)

Syracuse, March 31.—William K. Niver, former mayor, died today aged 72 years. Mr. Niver was born in Kinderhook and for twelve years was manager of a transportation company with headquarters in New York. He was later an assistant superintendent of a division of the D., L. & W. Railroad, and superintendent of the Syracuse, Binghamton & New York. Afterward he was general superintendent of the western division of the Lehigh Valley and also general agent for the Reading Coal Company. For a time he was vice president of the Boston & Maine Railroad and upon leaving this office organized the corporation of W. K. Niver & Company handling coal with offices in Boston, Baltimore, Syracuse and Oswego.

Mr. Niver had been ill for sixteen months, his mind having weakened after he had backed a local trolley enterprise for \$500,000 and which proved a failure.

Figure 23 - The Buffalo Courier April 1, 1907,
William K. Niver obituary

Nathaniel L. Morehouse (1852-1914) and Henrietta
Rowe Morehouse (1856-1921)
Owners 1902-1921

The next owner, Milan farmer Nathaniel Morehouse married Henrietta Rowe in 1893 (Figure 24) and bought the property in 1902.¹¹ (Figure 25). The Morehouses were active in Red Hook social circles (Figures 26 & 27) and Nathaniel was a director of the Rhinebeck Bank. A 1905 *Red Hook Journal* article recounts an amusing incident near the house reflecting the early days of automobiles on the Post Road (Figure 28).

Red Hook Journal.

—o—
Red Hook, N. Y.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1893.

ROCK CITY.— Nathaniel Morehouse and Henriette Rowe were married at the residence of Lewis Near, Tuesday, November 14th. Their friends wish them every blessing possible...

Figure 24 - Red Hook Journal, November 24, 1893

The place of the late Lyman Westfall, north of this village, has been purchased by Mr. Nathaniel Morehouse, of Milan, for \$1,500.

Figure 25 - Red Hook Journal, May 23, 1902

The Thimble Society were entertained by Mrs. Nathaniel Morehouse Tuesday. The next meeting will be at Mrs. E. C. Perrine's house.

Figure 26 - Red Hook Journal, November 4, 1904

Mrs. Theodore F. Cookingham and Mrs. Nathaniel Morehouse visited New York this week.

Figure 27 - Red Hook Journal, November 25, 1904

Cited by the 1910 Federal Census as retired ("depends on his own income"), he grew despondent after a long illness and committed suicide in 1914 (Figures 29 & 30). Nathaniel had bequeathed the house to Henrietta and when she died in 1921, the property went to her sisters, Mary S. Rowe and Julia C. Rowe.

While Mrs. James Tiffany was driving accompanied by Mrs. Calvin Hapeman, on the old post road near Red Hook Saturday, they met an automobile occupied by four people. The driver disregarding Mrs. Tiffany's signals to stop his machine came right on at rapid speed. The horse was frightened and jumped over a fence. The horse, wagon, harness and occupants of the wagon were injured. The auto had not the number in sight as the law requires and when Nathaniel Morehouse demanded to see it the driver of the auto reluctantly showed it to him. The woman giggled and acted as if she was witnessing a huge joke. The guilty party should be made to pay full damages. Such conduct makes automobiles unpopular and should be punished.

Figure 28 - Red Hook Journal, June 6, 1905

Poughkeepsie Eagle-News

23 Oct 1914, Fri · Page 5

TAKES LIFE AT RED HOOK

Nathaniel Morehouse, 60 Years Old, Goes to His Barn and Shoots Himself in Head—Ill Health the Cause.

WAS WELL KNOWN

The lifeless body of Nathaniel Morehouse, a director of the Rhinebeck Bank, was found with a bullet wound in the head in the barn at the rear of his residence, a mile north of the village of Red Hook at five o'clock Thursday evening by his wife. Continued ill health it is supposed led Mr. Morehouse, who was sixty years old to shoot himself. Coroner Harry J. Selfridge of this city returned from the scene late Thursday night and pronounced the death a suicide.

Mr. Morehouse retired from active business several years ago and lived with his wife on a small place a half mile beyond the Hoffman Inn on the left hand side of the road. The couple keep no servants and it has been the habit of Mr. Morehouse to attend to the duties at the barn while his wife did the housekeeping.

Worried over his continued absence, Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Morehouse, went out to the barn and there found the body of her husband, dead upon the floor. Nearby lay the revolver with which he shot himself.

She later declared that she had heard no sound from the barn during the afternoon.

About three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse moved to Red Hook from Milan. Up until within the last few months Mr. Morehouse has been in good health but of late has appeared low spirited and melancholy. Dr. H. L. Cookingham has been attending Mr. Morehouse and he was called by Mrs. Morehouse immediately following the discovery of the body. When he arrived, however, it was found that Mr. Morehouse had died instantly and Coroner Selfridge was notified.

Mr. Morehouse is survived by his widow, a step brother, Ezra L. Morehouse of Milan, a political figure who is well known all over Dutchess County and a brother Rush, who resides at Rock City.

Arrangements for the funeral and for the burial will be announced later.

Mr. Morehouse came down to the village of Red Hook Wednesday and in conversation with John Troy, brother of Peter H. Troy of this city, said that he had not been feeling well of late. He appeared somewhat depressed but gave no hint of any intention to end his life. He was also down to the village again Thursday morning.

Figure 30 - Poughkeepsie Eagle-News, October 23, 1914, Nathaniel Morehouse Obituary

STATE New York

COUNTY Dutchess

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Red Hook Township

NAME OF INSTITUTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 26 DAY OF April 1910

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 5

ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 80

WARD OF CITY 4 + 5

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Figure 29 - 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Nathaniel and Henrietta Morehouse

**Annie Elisabeth (Sheehan) Cotter,
(1857-1930)
Owner 1923-1930**

In quick turn, the Rowe sisters sold the house two years later to Annie Cotter ¹² (Figure 31), widow of Rock City farmer Lawrence Cotter (1843-1907). They had four children: George P., Lawrence E., Margret M., and Alise A. In the 1925 NYS Census, Annie is listed as head of household, age 67, living with her 25-year-old daughter Alice (Alise), whose occupation is listed as 'bookkeeper' (Figure 32).



Above, Figure 31 - Annie Cotter

Second son Lawrence Edward went to medical school, endearing himself over the ensuing decades to Red Hook as, simply, Doctor Cotter. In her own right, Alise became locally famous as the longtime editor and general manager of the *Red Hook Advertiser*, serving from 1926 to 1966. As reported by her paper, she married Donald ("Don") Norton in 1929, celebrating their wedding reception in the house (Figure 33). The 1930 Federal Census lists Annie living with Alise and Don, values the property at \$12,000, and also notes that they have a 'radio set' (Figure 34).

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State of New York, June 1, 1925.

County Dutchess
Enumeration of the Inhabitants of Block No. _____, Election District No. 4, Ward No. _____, City or Village Red Hook
Town Red Hook, Assembly District No. 1
Name of Institution _____ Enumerator Roy Proper 15560077

PERMANENT RESIDENCE		NAME of each person whose usual place of abode on June 1, 1925, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Exclude every person living on June 1, 1925. Omit children born after June 1, 1925.	RELATION Relationship of each person to the head of the family	COLOR, SEX AND AGE			NATIVITY If born in this country, write "United States"; if of foreign birth, write name of the country.	CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION Trade or profession of, or kind of work done by, each per- son enumerated. If naturalized, write date and where.	FOR INMATE INSTITUTIONS, INSTANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE	
Street	House Number			Color or Race	Sex	Age in last birthday		Native of United States Born	Other or else		Year	Year
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
North Broadway	X	Bellew Elizabeth	Head	W	F	67	U.S.	67	cit.	Housework	W	
North Broadway	X	Pulver William F.	Head	W	M	35	U.S.	35	cit.	Chauffeur	W	
"	X	Pulver Lottie M.	Wife	W	F	35	U.S.	35	cit.	Housework	X	
"	X	Pulver Arnold L.	Son	W	M	14	U.S.	14	cit.	School	X	
"	X	Pulver Sylvester B.	Son	W	M	12	U.S.	12	cit.	School	X	
"	X	Pulver Katherine E.	Daughter	W	F	9	U.S.	9	cit.	School	X	
"	X	Pulver Raymond W.	Son	W	M	6	U.S.	6	cit.	X	X	
"	X	Pulver Ivan M.	Daughter	W	F	15	U.S.	15	cit.	X	X	
30	R. F. D.	X	Cotter Annie E.	Head	W	F	67					
31	" " "	X	Cotter Alice A.	Daughter	W	F	25					
32	Albany Post Road	X	Quacock John L.	Head	W	M	54	U.S.	54	cit.	grocery store Prop.	
33	"	X	Quacock George W.	Son	W	M	22	U.S.	22	cit.	College	X
34	"	X	Quacock Edward T.	Son	W	M	20	U.S.	20	cit.	College	X
35	"	X	Quacock Katharine E.	Daughter	W	F	15	U.S.	15	cit.	School	X
36	Albany Post Road	X	Teal Ada M.	Head	W	F	65	U.S.	65	cit.	Housework	X
37	Albany Post Road	X	Cookingham Theo. F.	Head	W	M	65	U.S.	65	cit.	Farmer	X
38	"	X	Cookingham Carrie J.	Wife	W	F	40	Canada	18	cit.	Housework	X
39	R. F. D.	X	Crookwell Michael	Head	W	M	60	U.S.	60	cit.	Farmer	X
40	"	X	Crookwell Katharine D.	Wife	W	F	58	U.S.	58	cit.	Housework	X
41	R. F. D.	X	Best Samuel E.	Head	W	M	59	U.S.	59	cit.	Farmer	X
42	R. F. D.	X	Best Ada	Wife	W	F	54	U.S.	54	cit.	Housework	X
43	R. F. D.	X	Spencer Newton J.	Head	W	M	53	U.S.	53	cit.	Miller	W
44	R. F. D.	X	Spencer Lulu M.	Wife	W	F	50	U.S.	50	cit.	Housework	X
45	R. F. D.	X	Shepherd Adrian G.	Head	W	M	20	U.S.	20	cit.	Garage Mechanic	W
46	R. F. D.	X	Shepherd Harold W.	Head	W	M	29	U.S.	29	cit.	Plumber & Helper	W

Figure 32 - 1925 New York State census, Annie Cotter

Popular Couple Wed At Red Hook Last Saturday

Miss A. Alise Cotter Became Bride of Donald E. Norton in Impressive Ceremony Held at Church of St. Christopher.

A very pretty wedding service was solemnized at St. Christopher's church of Red Hook when at 6 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, Miss A. Alise Cotter, daughter of Mrs Annie E. Cotter of Red Hook became the bride of Donald E. Norton, son of Mr and Mrs Edward F. Norton, also of Red Hook, at a ceremony at which the Rev. Cornelius Fitzsimmons, rector of the church, assisted by the Rev. William E. Gill, rector of the Church of Good Shepherd of Rhinebeck, officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs Malcolm R. Grahame of Poughkeepsie, Mr Grahame acting as best man. John H. Cotter and Edward Norton, both of New York city, acted as ushers.

The bride was attractively attired in a bouffant gown of imported white Swiss lace over white satin with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of Easter lillies and lillies of the valley. Her attendant wore "orient chiffon" with picture hat to match and carried rose gladiolas.

Percy Barnes, organist of St. Paul's Lutheran church, rendered the incidental music and played Lohengrin's wedding march when the bridal party entered the church, the bride appearing on the arm of her eldest brother, George P. Cotter, who gave her in marriage. Prior to the ceremony, Mrs Lawrence E. Cotter rendered the vocal solo, "I Love You Truly," following it with "O, Promise Me," as the ceremony itself took place. Mrs Cotter is possessed of a voice of wonderful purity and richness and to which her selections proved admirably adapted.



Following the ceremony a reception, together with a catered luncheon, were held on the lawn of the Cotter home, about forty guests attending. At the conclusion of the reception the happy couple left for a motor trip through northern New York and Canada.

The groom's gift to the bride was a white gold bracelet set with sapphires.

The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a pearl and crystal necklace. The groom's gift to the best man was a wallet and to the ushers, cigarette cases.

This ceremony, the second of its kind to be held in the auditorium of St. Christopher's, was perhaps one of the most impressive as well as one of the most beautiful that the vast throng which packed the interior of the church has ever witnessed, the quietly impressive ceremony and the beautiful floral decorations of gladioli and potted ferns all combining to give the occasion an air of dignity and impart to it an impressiveness that one would find hard to equal.

The following were present at the reception and luncheon: Mr and Mrs

Donald E. Norton, Mrs Annie E. Cotter of Red Hook, Dr. and Mrs John H. Cotter of Poughkeepsie, John H. Cotter of Red Hook, Dr. and Mrs Lawrence Cotter and son of Brooklyn, Mr and Mrs Malcolm R. Grahame of Poughkeepsie, Dr. and Mrs George Shelham of Brooklyn, Mr and Mrs Jas. Shehan of Brooklyn, Mrs Norah and Miss Mae O'Neill of Rhinebeck, Miss Charlotte Dolger of Rhinebeck, Mrs John Kerley of Cleveland, Mr and Mrs Edward Norton of Red Hook, Mr and Mrs William Norton of Red Hook, Mr and Mrs George Norton and Mr and Mrs John Norton of New York city, Mr and Mrs Robert Ivers of Red Hook, Miss Anna Baxter of New York city, Mrs James Baxter of Red Hook, Mr and Mrs William Houghton of Red Hook, and the Rev. Cornelius Fitzsimmons of Barrytown.

Figure 33 - Red Hook Advertiser, August 15, 1929 Wedding Reception

State <u>New York</u>		Incorporated place		Department of Commerce-Bureau of the Census		Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930		Enumeration District No. <u>14-7E</u>		Sheet No. <u>4A</u>									
County <u>Dutchess</u>		Word of city		Block No.		POPULATION SCHEDULE		Supervisor's District No. <u>19</u>		485									
Township or other division of county <u>Red Hook township</u>		Unincorporated place		Institution		Examined by me on <u>Apr 9 1930</u> <u>K. A. M. M. M.</u>													
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17 Jun 1930, Tue

MRS. E. A. COTTER DIES AT RED HOOK

**Pneumonia Attack Proves Fatal
To Stanfordville Native;
Funeral Thursday**

(Special to The Eagle-News)
Red Hook, June 16—Mrs. Annie E. Cotter, 73, died today at her home in Red Hook after an illness with lobar pneumonia.

Mrs. Cotter, who had been a resident of this village for approximately seven years, was the widow of Lawrence Cotter. She is survived by three sons, George P. Cotter,

of Lawrence Cotter. She is survived by three sons, George P. Cotter, Red Hook; Dr. Lawrence E. Cotter and John H. Cotter, Brooklyn; two daughters, Mrs. Malcolm Grahame, Poughkeepsie and Mrs. Donald E. Norton, Red Hook; two grandchildren, Margaret Grahame, Poughkeepsie and Lawrence E. Cotter, 3rd, Brooklyn; two nephews, Dr. George A. Sheehan and James E. Sheehan, Brooklyn.

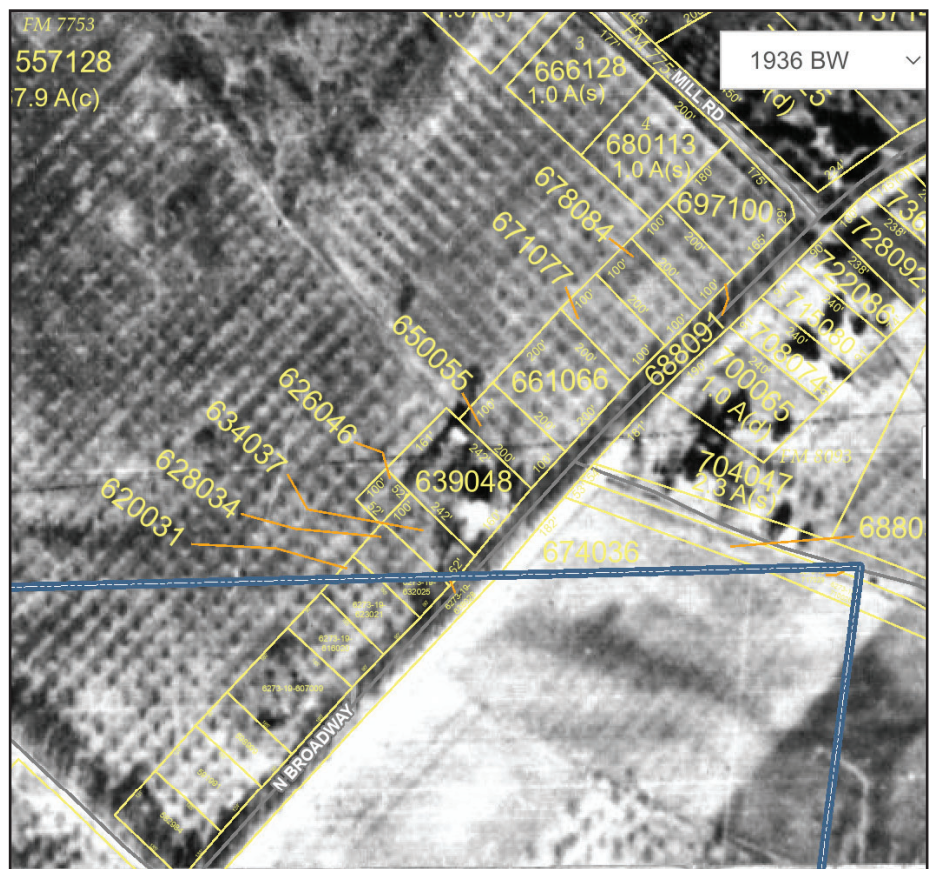
Born in Stanfordville, July 24, 1856, a daughter of James and Bridget Sheehan, Mrs. Cotter spent most of her life in Milan. The funeral will be held at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning from her home and at 10 o'clock from St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church, Red Hook, where a mass of requiem will be celebrated by the Rev. Cornelius Fitzsimmons. Interment will be at St. Peter's Cemetery in charge of Carroll & Son, Rhinebeck.

Figure 35 - Red Hook Advertiser, June 19, 1930, Annie Cotter obituary

After Annie's death in 1930 (Figure 35), her son George, as executor, sold the house to Louis William Dillman.¹³ Of interest here is Dutchess County's 1936 aerial photo of Red Hook, showing the house, alone, surrounded by the expansive Cookingham farmland. (Figure 36).

Right:

Figure 36 - 1936 aerial map showing farmland around property



Frank Anthony Mancari, Jr. (1916-2006)
and Alice (Murray) Mancari (1919-1987)
Owners 1959-1979

The senior Dillmans sold the house to Frank and Alice Mancari in 1959.¹⁴ Frank, of Cold Spring, had married Alice in 1945 in Philipstown. He was Superintendent of Highways for Dutchess County and died in 2006 (Figure 40). Their daughter Alice was married to Dr. Dillman's son, Randy, so again we see family connections in the house's provenance.

Poughkeepsie Journal
5 Sep 1961, Tue · Page 24

Louis Dillman, 75, Red Hook Resident

Louis W. Dillman, 75, a retired New York City fireman, died Saturday night at the Northern Dutchess Health center, Rhinebeck, where he had been a patient for two weeks. His late residence was 44 North Broadway, Red Hook.

Born April 25, 1886, in Brooklyn, he was the son of the late John G. and Mary Schramm Dillman. He married the former Miss Lillian Vogel in New York. After Mr. Dillman's retirement from the New York City Fire department, in 1932, the couple moved to Red Hook.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Red Hook, and of Hillside lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Brooklyn.

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SURVIVORS, in addition to his wife, include a son, Dr. Louis G. Dillman, of Red Hook; two grandsons, Randall and Barry Dillman, Red Hook; and several nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. Dillman were conducted at 2 p.m. today at the Burnett and Rockefeller Funeral home, Red Hook. The Rev. Paul E. Henry officiated. Burial was in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery.

The Hendrick Hudson lodge, F and AM, acting on behalf of the Hillside lodge, Brooklyn, conducted memorial services at the funeral home at 8 o'clock last night.

Figure 38 - Poughkeepsie Journal, Sept 5, 1961,
Louis Dillman obituary

Poughkeepsie Journal
17 Dec 1962, Mon · Page 18

Rites Tomorrow For Mrs. Dillman

Funeral services for Mrs. Louis W. Dillman, 71, of 44 North Broadway, Red Hook, who died Saturday at Vassar hospital after a brief illness, will be conducted tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Burnett and Rockefeller Funeral home, Red Hook, by the Rev. Paul E. Henry, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Red Hook.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Dillman was the former Lillian Vogel, daughter of John G. and Mary Sick Vogel. She was the mother of Dr. Louis G. Dillman, a dentist in Red Hook, and the wife of Louis W. Dillman who died in 1961. Mrs. Dillman was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Red Hook, the United Lutheran Church Women Group II of the church, a charter member of the Red Hook American Legion auxiliary, and a member of the Red Hook Garden club, the Red Hook Grange, and the Hendrick Hudson chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving, in addition to her son, are two grandchildren, Randall and Barry Dillman, Red Hook, and several nephews.

Interment will be in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery, Red Hook. Friends may call at the funeral home tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock. The Red Hook American Legion auxiliary will meet at the funeral home tonight at 7:30 o'clock and the Order of the Eastern Star will conduct services at 8 o'clock.

Figure 39 - Poughkeepsie Journal, December 17,
1962, Lillian Dillman obituary

Poughkeepsie Journal
2 Mar 2006, Thu · Page 4B

Frank A. Mancari

RED HOOK - Frank A. Mancari, age 90, a long time resident of Red Hook, NY, formerly of Cold Spring, NY died on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 in Coventry, RI.

Born in Cold Spring on February 20, 1916, he was the son of the late Frank and Elizabeth J. (McIlravy) Mancari.

Mr. Mancari was a retired Superintendent of Highways for the State of New York in Dutchess County. A U.S. Army Veteran serving from 1941-46 attaining the rank of Captain. He had been a resident of Red Hook since 1960, coming from Cold Spring, a Parishioner of St. Christopher's Church in Red Hook, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Elks Lodge in Red Hook and the Red Hook Golf Club.

He was predeceased by his wife Alice (Murray) Mancari, she died March 30, 1987. He is survived by two daughters, Alice Dillman of Niskayuna, NY and Jane M. Knowles of Warwick, RI. Five grandchildren also survive. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by four brothers, Edward W., Charles P., Marcellus B. and Joseph A. Mancari, and by four sisters, Eleanor Zeliph, Rosalie Harvey, Elizabeth Mancari, and Louise Mancari.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 11 am at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Fair St., Cold Spring, interment will follow in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to call at the Clinton Funeral Home, Corner of Parrott and Pine St. (21 Parrott St.) Cold Spring on Saturday morning from 9-11 am prior to the Mass.

Figure 40 - Poughkeepsie Journal, March 2,
2006, Frank Mancari obituary

Jane (Hough) Ferguson
Owner 1979-present

Dr. Jane Hough, a pediatrician, and husband John B. Ferguson, Bard College Professor of Biology, together bought the property from the Mancaris in 1979.¹⁵ When the Fergusons divorced in 1987, Jane became sole owner. Thanks to more than forty years of her careful, discerning stewardship, the house continues to reflect the deep connections of time, place, and family that make Red Hook, “our” town.

Endnotes

- 1 National Register of Historic Places documentation, 2007
- 2 1863 Deed 122:672
- 3 1871 Deed 161:539
- 4 James H. Smith, *History of Dutchess County, 1683-1882*, p. 186, published 1882.
- 5 findagrave.com/memorial/119745494/edgar-lewis-traver
- 6 1879 Deed 195:528
- 7 Edgar Traver's oldest son, Seth Arthur (1851-1925) married Martha H. Westfall (1865-1937) in 1882. findagrave.com/memorial/102950679/martha-a-traver
- 8 1899 Deed 308:80
- 9 findagrave.com/memorial/95936246/lyman-westfall
- 10 findagrave.com/memorial/83953493/william-kingman-niver
- 11 1902 Deed 320:378
- 12 1923 Deed 510:210
- 13 1936 Deed 553:322
- 14 1959 Deed 999:451
- 15 1979 Deed 1507:253

Year	Sale date	Recorded	Acres	Liber/Page	Grantor	Grantee	Notes
1987		3/23/1987	one acre	1750:0148	John B. Ferguson & Jane H. Ferguson	Jane H. Ferguson	
1979	5/1/1979	5/1/1979	one acre	1507:253	Frank Mancari & Alice Mancari, his wife	John B. Ferguson & Jane H. Ferguson	
1959	6/26/1959	6/26/1959	one acre	999:451	Louis W. Dillman & Lillian Dillman, his wife	Frank A. Mancari & Alice M. Mancari, his wife	Mentions Annie E. Cotter died intestate on June 16, 1930 and left as her only heirs and next of kin George P. Cotter, Dr. Edward Cotter, John H. Cotter, Margaret Grahame, and Alise Cotter Norton. Being the same premises conveyed by George P. Cotter and Sadie Cotter, his wife, Dr. Edward Cotter and Marguerite Cotter, his wife, and Alise Cotter Norton and John H. Cotter and Margaret Grahame to Louis V. Dillman and Lillian Dillman, his wife
1936	7/20/1936	7/27/1936	one acre	553:322	George Cotter etc.	Louis Dillman tc.	
1923	1/24/1923		one acre	510:210	Mary S. Rowe & Julia C. Rowe of Bridgeport, Conn	Annie E. Cotter of Red Hook	via will of Morehouse to his wife, Henrietta R. and then from Henrietta to her sisters, Mary and Julia Rowe.
1902	5/24/1902	5/29/1902	one acre	320:378	William K. Niver and Marietta Niver of Syracuse	Nathaniel L. Morehouse of Rock City	
1899	6/14/1899		one acre	308:80	Catharine Westfall of Red Hook	William K. Niver of Syracuse	
1878	6/15/1878	3/26/1879	one acre	195:528	Edgar L. Traver & Catharine E. Traver	Catharine Westfall (wife of Lyman Westfall, late of the Town of Milan)	
1871	3/8/1871	6/15/1871	131 acres	161:539	John H. Lord	Edgar L. Traver	\$14,000 parcel and farm bounded on north by J. Hendricks (owns grist and flour mill) to Post Rd. south by Edward Martin, west by Sawkill. Being the same farm & premises which John R. Faure conveyed to David P. Lord, Trustee. And lands along Sawkill as described in deed Hendricks to Faure L105:619 Faure to Hendricks L105:617 and Hendricks to Faure L112:138.
1863	2/2/1863	2/3/1863	131 acres	122:672	John R. Faure	David P. Lord (trustee for brother John H. Lord a minor)	