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THE MARTIN HOMESTEADS.

Two Houses in Dutchess County Built in the Eighteenth Century.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 9.—Edward Martin who died at Red Hook a few days ago, was one of the last of an illustrious line of patriots of that name whose history is closely identified with Dutchess County from and prior to its incorporation to the present time. Now that Edward Martin is dead the only male survivor of the family is Henry Gilbert Martin, who, at the age of ninety years, is now living in Middlesex County, N. J. He and his wife have spent seventy-two years of married life together.

The first Martin to settle in Dutchess County was Hendrick Martin, who came from Holland in 1727. He built a house on the Sawkill, near the New-York and Albany Post Road, which structure still stands, although it has been somewhat altered in form. The original part of it is easily distinguished from the rest. It is still strong and substantial, bearing its 160 years without apparent signs of weakness.

When Gotlob Martin, son of Hendrick Martin, was married, he built another house near by which was finished in 1776. It was into this house that John Martin of the third generation of Martins moved when he married pretty Isabella Fulton, a relative of the distinguished inventor of steamboats. Much of the furniture used in the latter house in pre-Revolutionary times is still preserved in good condition. It was in this house that the late philanthropist Edward Martin passed his declining years. He slept in the bedstead used by Robert Fulton when he was living in Paris, before he built his first steamboat.

The old house and all its wealth of colonial and Revolutionary relics will descend to Miss Serena Martin, who for some years has acted as housekeeper for her uncle Edward.

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