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Augustus Martin

MARTIN, Augustus 1-15-1875 Died Barrytown Jan 14, age 66 yrs 1 mo 1 day. (Obit. p2 col3)

Will probated February 1875

Bequeaths all furniture, plates, etc. and property (approx. 6 acres, house, improvements, etc. to his two daughters, Ella and Serena, if they are unmarried at the time of his death. If one dies after his death, everything goes to the other one. These two daughters will pay third daughter, Isabella, 100 dollars per year as long as she remains unmarried.

1850 federal census – listed as merchant with family and next to brother Joseph, also a merchant. Very near Franklin Delano.

1836 appointed Barrytown postmaster, taking the place of his brother Michael, the first Barrytown postmaster (appointed 1830).

The late Augustus Martin was born in Red Hook, New York, 13 Dec 1808, and although his early educational opportunities were limited to the common schools of that town, his fine mental endowment enabled him to acquire a wide and liberal education through the channels of observation and private reading. While a young man, he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the State Assembly and was a member of that body for two years (1852 & 1853) under Gov. Seymour. In local affairs, he held a prominent place and was chosen to many positions of trust, including that of supervisor, and his interest in educational affairs, and desire that children of all classes should have ready access to the paths of knowledge, led to years of faithful service as a school trustee. He was an active helper in religious movements, and was a trustee of the Lutheran Church at Red Hook of which he was a member."

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Augustus Martin was born January 14, 1808 in Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, the seventh of nine sons and the eighth child born to John Gotlop Martin and his wife, Isabella Fulton Martin. He married Lydia Maria Benner on August 7, 1832, probably in Red Hook.

They had four daughters: Cora, born in 1838; Ella, born in 1840; Isabella, born in 1843; and Serena (called Teenie) born in 1845. Ella and Teenie never married, but lived together at Woodlandside, a house built by their father in 1860 at Barrytown-on-Hudson.

These were the "aunties" who Dorothy Beck would visit and correspond with as a child. Isabella married Luther L. Stillman and lived in Red Hook, and Cora married John Burkhart Scott.

Augustus Martin represented Dutchess County in the New York Assembly in Albany during the years 1852 and 1853. He listed himself as a merchant with a net worth of \$1000 in the 1850 census.

Lydia Maria Benner was born December 8, 1811, the eldest child of Jacob Benner and Margaret Feroe Benner in Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York. She had two younger brothers. Henry, born February 19, 1815, and Robert, born February 1, 1818. Her mother died in 1824 when she was only 12, and her father married Helen Moore, with whom he had another daughter, Margaret.

Lydia died February 25, 1864 in Red Hook, and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery there. Her husband married her half-sister, Margaret Benner, and lived until 1875. He is buried with Lydia.