

E D I C K.

Michael Edick was one of the patentees of Conrad Frank's patent granted in 1765 and Hans Michael Edick Jr., and Jacob Edick were patentees in Staleys First and Second tracts in 1755. Michael Edick was a member of the committee of safety from its first conception. He served in Capt. Marks Petrie's Company in 1757 and in Col. Peter Bellingers Company, 4th Tryon County Militia, during the Revolution he was Captain. Jacob who served in the same regiment was wounded Sept. 1, 1780 and attended by Dr. Wm. Petrie twice a day for forty days. In 1797 Michael Edick and three others, viz. Gen. Michael Myers, Gaylord Griswold and John Frank received \$400 for building the first bridge in the locality, across the Mohawk River at Fort Herkimer. Michael Edick died at his home near Fort Herkimer, Mar. 9, 1806 aged 71 years 8 months, 25 days and Catherine his wife died June 2, 1812 aged 70 years 8 months and 2 days. She was Catherine Orendorf.

The names of Christian, Conrath, Friterick, George, Marks, Jacob, Jacob J., and Capt. Michael Edick are all on the roll of honor of the 4th Tryon Co. Militia in the Revolutionary War. Christian Edick was one of the men in the burning mill at Little Falls and was taken prisoner. Michael died March 27, 1846 aged 74 years 2 months 13 days. His wife Dorothy Flagg died Aug. 9, 1853 aged 80 and rests beside the patentee in the Fort Herkimer Cemetery. The following came to Columbia: George M., Frederick, Nancy, George J., John and Jacob.

When George M. and Fritz Edick came to Columbia there were but two log houses between Mohawk and their destination - Conrad Orendorf's and Conrad Frank's at the foot of the hill on the north side.

Among the children of Captain Michael Edick of the 4th Tryon Co. Militia (born about April 14, 1734) and his wife Catherine Orendorf were: George M., Frederick, Nancy, Jacob C., and Hans Michael Jr. of whom we know somewhat.

Jacob C. Edick born at German Flatts Herkimer Co., N. Y., married a Miss Cronk who died within the year. He married 2nd Susan, daughter of Peter Wolleber, one of the six sons of Nicholas Wolleber. Their children (11) were Ephaw married David Stroup; Betsey married Isaac Fitch; Rudolph; Henry married Mary Margaret Crim; Peggy married George Stroup; Benjamin married 1st Sophia Youngs, 2nd Jane Williams; Katy married Peter Youngs; Jacob Jr. married Almira Youngs; Susan Wolleber Edick died Dec. 22, 1820 ae '49. Jacob C. Edick then married Katherine daughter of Frederick Cristman and their daughter Nancy married Josiah Ackler. Jacob died at Spinnerville, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1844. His 3rd wife survived him and was buried at Dalton, Livingston Co., N. Y.

Of his war record we know that he enlisted in 1779^{1777?} and served two weeks as private in Capt. Frederick Getman's Company and again in June 1778 and served 3 months under Capt. Getman and Frederick Frank and another 3 months under Capt. John Smith and the fourth time he enlisted in 1782 for 3 months under Frank and Col. Marinus Willett.

George M. Edick and his brother Frederick explored the wilds of Columbia, and deciding upon an attractive location the survey was made with a rope and the measurements sent to Albany. A clearing was made and pioneer life inaugurated. The lands cleared and occupied by George Michael Edick are now owned by Rufus Shimsel. His chosen companion was Nancy, dau. of Major Denos Clapsaddle and Barbara Wentz. Their children were: John J., George, L., Michael, Betsey and Katherine.

John J. married a daughter of Jacob C. Folts of Frankfort and a granddaughter of the renowned Melcher Folts who landed in Philadelphia in 1710. Mr. Edick had a fine home at the top of the hill which shelters Richfield Springs on the west. Their only child Mrs. Cornelia E. Llewellyn of Ilion has a son John who is married and has a daughter Esther. Cornelia died Jan. 19, 1924.

George J. Edick

The subject of this sketch married Margaret a daughter of Christian Sharer who resided near Fort Herkimer and was killed at the battle of Oriskany. October 20, 1778, Margaret, aged seven in company with her sister Nancy two years older and Lucinda Bellinger, while gathering nuts were surprised by a half dozen Indians. A female slave who accompanied them gave the alarm and fled for the fort. The girls were up in a tree and hoped to escape notice, but the Tuscaroras led by Flat Head a Sachem, in broken German, ordered them down. The two sisters obeyed, but Lucinda refused and was instantly shot and fell to the ground. As Flat Head was about to scalp his victim, her brother Peter Bellinger heard her scream, appeared in the barn door pitchfork in hand which he raised as if to shoot. This had the desired effect upon the savages. The report of the gun and the screams of the negress had already alarmed and brought out the garrison. The Indians seeing troops approaching, snatched up the sisters and fled to the forest, while the troops fearing an ambush dared not follow. The sisters were taken to Canada enduring many hardships as they journeyed. After becoming footsore they were placed astride an old horse stolen in the settlement, from which Nancy frequently fell, until the Sachem threatened to kill her, but for once, be it remembered, a Tory who joined the party at the Shoemaker place in Mohawk, was instrumental in having her life spared. The Sachem took the girls to his own childless home, where they were well-treated and when ransomed at the close of the war their foster mother came with them as far as Fort Stanwix (Rome) where the parting was very sad, their foster mother telling them if they were not well used they should come back to her. They had been led to believe their own mother dead, had forgotten the German language and Nancy fought bravely to return and positively objected to baths and civilized costume, until they were obliged to tie her hands and use restraint to keep her from attempting to return to the wigwam and the red mother for whom she at times shouted lustily. The feelings of the poor mother cannot be described, but under her loving care and kindness, the restored ones soon again became civilized daughters. Little is known of their after lives until in 1786, Nancy married Peter Fox of Fort Herkimer and reared a family of six children. She died at the home of her son Frederick Fox in Ilion in 1845 aged 75. Some of the family became residents of Columbia where her grandson, the late well known Dr. Eli Fox of Mohawk was born Aug. 12, 1833.

Margaret married George J. Edick as before mentioned and reared a family of eight children, among whom were John G., Peter and Elizabeth. Their house was near the spring in the pasture northeast of the barn on the Delos House Homestead but no trace of it remains.

Frederick Edick another son of Michael, in company with his brother George W. chose the breezy hills of Columbia and selected and cleared the farm later owned by Michael Weaver, and five generations of the Fretts Family. An old well and partly filled in cellar mark the spot where his log cabin graced the landscape between the railroad and Mink creek, where the east and west road formerly were located. Militia trainings were sometimes held on the flat lands of this farm, and the invention of the orders, Hay-foot, Straw-foot and face the hog-pen are attributed to Fritz Edick. Tradition has it that they soon returned to the Mohawk Valley.

Nancy Edick married John Jost Hess and the further history is given under his name.

Henry or Jacob Henry as he was more often called, the fourth mentioned child of Jacob C. Edick, married Mary Grim, born Aug. 7, 1803, died Nov. 20, 1892 (youngest child of Henry Grim of 1761 and his wife Mary Margaret Casler of Andrustown) and had the following children: Jacob Henry Jr., grandson of the old soldier, Jacob C. Edick, born in 1827 married Hannah Gage born 1828 (sister of Abram and Allen Gage) and resided at the old homestead in Spinnerville. And here on a slightly bluff rising abruptly from the roadway, such a spot as he might in life choose to fortify a clean white monument, towering like a sentinel, marks the resting place of the soldier and many of his descendants.

Conrad Edick.

This scion of the Edick family was born at German Flatts, Sept. 20, 1763. He served in the Revolution under Captain Harter, in Col. Peter Bellinger's Regt. and was stationed part of the time at Fort Dayton. He is said to have been in several engagements, and family tradition says that at Oriskany after Herkimer was wounded, and was still directing the battle, seated on his saddle, Conrad Edick filled and lighted his comforting pipe for the brave old General. In the N. Y. Roster of soldiers his name is spelled "Conrath Ittig," and a little later Edee in the application for pension in 1840 Ittig, but it has a more modified spelling in a grand jurors list in 1794. He married Miss Warner of Herkimer and among their twelve children was Nicholas, Christopher, Betsy who married Mr. Dedrick of Frankfort, Polly married and lived in Canada, Margaret never married, and the youngest a son, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and is buried at Sackett's Harbor. He married 2nd Mrs. Coughner of Johnstown, born Nancy Hannah Fikes in July 1775. Their children were: Andrew who was drowned in the Erie Canal, Rhods, Mary Ann, and Barbara born Oct. 30, 1817 married Joseph Barden Sept. 3, 1835. She died July 30, 1886 and he died Jan. 6th 1890. Mrs. Helen Thurston their daughter says, Conrad Edick (Edee) was given 600 acres of land (for his services) situated on Paris Hill or Pompey Hill, which he sold to John Deveraux of Utica. He had another grant of land at Fish Creek which he also sold. The tradition is - he was plowing and had nearly finished a land he had marked out, when one of his horses lost a shoe but as he had only one more furrow to finish, he turned to start that and his plow point broke, so he mounted on one horse and leading the other started for the house, when the horse he was leading was shot. He escaped and the next day he enlisted. Jacob son of Conrad, married Sally Durfee born 1792 in Cannonsville.

John G. Edick, a son of Margaret and George J. Edick, married a Miss Van Deuzen, and their children were Cornelius and Christine who married Mathew Fox. John G. married 2nd Miss Sternberg and their children were Maryann and George. John was at the raising of the present Reformed church in 1840. He was assisting, up in the steeple when a support gave way, and he fell to the ground floor, a fellow workman striking upon him and he was instantly killed. His funeral was attended by a vast crowd at his home north of Philip Crewells where a vigorous growth of lilac, in the field west of the road, unerringly marks the sight of that early habitation. He was 45 years old, Cornelius married successively, Almira and Cornelia, two daus. of Warner Getman, and a son John and a grandson Cornelius reside at South Columbia. Maryann married Mr. Brown and had a daughter Viola, she married 2nd Charley Smith and lived at Richfield Springs. After his death she married Mr. Hook, lived and died at Cassville. George married Euphemia Seckner and their daughter married James son of Milo Brown.

George L. Edick married Abigail, dau. of Samuel and Submit (Webster) Hatch and settled on lands adjoining his father's farm on the west, where he built the house now occupied by Newell Orendorf. Their two sons were George Latrobe, a bachelor, and Samuel Stearns, a lawyer, and Judge of Otsego County. The latter married Evelyn Tunnicliffe and had two sons - Samuel and Stearns. George L. Edick and Abigail died in early life.

The church records show that Sept. 10, 1834 Michael Edick age 27 married Maryann Haner aged 22, school teacher and daughter of Jonas Haner and Lydia Hill. Michael Edick purchased land adjoining his father's farm on the east and built the house now owned by W. W. Hopkinson. Tradition has it that this was the first house in town to be provided with blinds. They had one son Alonzo, who died in 1907. During the celebration of the formal opening of the N. Y. Central Railroad in the late summer of 1836, Governor Marcy, who was one of the prominent men who made the famous ride over the road, consented to make a flying trip up over the hills to Richfield Springs. So a delegation of prominent men with a coach and four brought him to Conrad Helmers' Tavern where fresh horses were in waiting to continue the famous ride. Michael Edick in faultless attire, and shiny silk hat was one of the favored few, and doubtless was justly proud in pointing out his attractive home as they passed. His bride and a number of the ladies were on the lawn and waved a salute to the merry company. When they returned, the Governor requested permission to stop and meet the ladies, which was most cheerfully granted and that call from the highest state executive was ever after referred to as a noteworthy event. Their next home was in Richfield Springs next to the Presbyterian Church now the home of J. D. Ibbotson. They next built the house on the corner of Main and Elm streets which they sold to Monroe Hyde and moved to Fulton where they passed the remainder of their lives.

Betsy married John Oxner and resided at the Oxner homestead in Columbia. Their one child George M. Oxner married Alice, dau. of James and ----- (Shaul) Yule, and their child, Burton J. Oxner married Florence, dau. of Fayette and Clara (Burrill) Getman and has a son Myron and daughter Alberta and Esther and they reside at the Oxner homestead. The past generations of these people are resting in the Columbia Cemetery.

Henry Edick born Aug. 6, 1802 died Aug. 16, 1878

Mary Margaret Crim " Aug. 12, 1803 died Nov. 20, 1892

Children

Mary Edick	born Nov. 26, 1823	- m. David Ackler
Susanna "	" June 14, 1825	- m. Dennis Dager (she d. 1916)
Jacob A "	" Apr. 8, 1827	- m. Hannah Gage (he d. May 9, 1910)
Philaney "	" July 30, 1829	- m. Elijah Smith
Emily C. "	" April 22, 1831	- m. Jacob Ackler
Eve Ann "	" Apr. 25, 1833	- m. George Ible 1918)
John C. "	" Oct. 26, 1835	- m. Margaret Heavener (he d. 1/11/
David "	" Feb. 14, 1837	- m. Amanda Pangburn
Saphrona "	" Apr. 12, 1839	- m. Nicholas Ackler
Cornelia "	" Sept. 14, 1841	- (d. Feb. 7, 1844)
James "	" Dec. 17, 1844	- m. Janet Spear
Alonzo "	" Feb. 4, 1848	- m. Lettie Davis.

Henry Edick was the son of Jacob C. Edick and Susan Woollever and grandson of Michael Edick and Catherine Orendorf. (This was copied from a bible record, not in Mrs. Hatch's writing).

Mary Margaret was a little woman. The descendants of Mary Margaret Edick, held a picnic in David Edick's woods, now Brennan Woods on her -- birthday and gave her a very handsome arm chair.

Katherine Edick (dau. of George M.) married Absolum Myers and they were the great grand parents of Newell Orandorf of Columbia and Albert Freeman of Richfield Springs. The wife of George M. Edick, after a long and useful life through all of which ran an undercurrent of toil, self denial and deprivation, was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed in Mohawk, was brought to the house of her daughter, Mrs. John Oxner, and buried in the Columbia Cemetery. George M. Edick died July 4, 1830 ae 64-9-6
Nancy Edick d. Oct. 4, 1843 ae 72-1-16

Jacob Edick Jr. born in Columbia in 1807 married Almira Young born 1809. They had eight children. He was a prominent figure in the courts in the middle of the century in ejectment suits brought to settle lines between patents and farm lots with which he was very familiar on the south side of the River, in Staley and Frank's patents. He was a recruiting officer in the Civil War.

The following is on a separate piece of paper and does not seem to belong anywhere but later may be connected with some of the other accounts.

Peter Woleben

He was stationed at Fort Herkimer and tradition and history credit him with firing the first shot from Fort Herkimer that killed an Indian. He was at the battle of Oriskany. In the war of 1812 he was a substitute for one of the neighbors who paid him \$8.00 per month for his services. His devoted wife Susan knit him a pair of mittens, from wool raised on the farm and spun by herself, the night before he went to war. His daughter Susan Edick Paddock, was a real daughter in Col. William Floyd Chapter of D.A.R. She died Aug. 31, 1906.

He was a blacksmith and a drovier. He served as constable twelve years and commissioner of highways six years. Their children were: Wellington, Henry, Charles L., Jane and Edward.

Wellington married Rachel Smith (dau. of Abram Smith and Electa Gage and granddaughter of the centenarian soldier Thomas Smith and his wife Gertrude) and their two children were Lida who married Alanson Eygabroat and has a son Charley Eygabroat and Ada who married Claude Holmes and is dead. Henry married Elizabeth Barger and lives at Herkimer, Charles L., a blacksmith is dead, Jane married Charley Haggerty and their daughter married Mr. Bokler. Edward, the younger was riding a spirited horse home from the North Columbia Church in 1873 when he was thrown and killed almost instantly.

*Mary Hess wife of Augustinus D. March 31 - 1831 - 73 yrs 1 mo. 24 days
Mary Hess Edick April 21, 1846 - John Hess Edick
53 yrs.*

We are unable to learn just how this man was related to the before mentioned Edick's but he was of the same clan. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Augustinus Hess, and resided in the old house in the Haner settlement, nearly opposite the present house of Olden Miller. Their children were Denus, Peter, John, Eve, Marks, Conrad, Christian, Henry Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary. Denus married a daughter of Frederick Getman and had two daughters: Marks resided in Syracuse, his daughter Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Fretts, died at the home of her son, Mead Fretts and family in South Columbia. Christian married Miss Cloys and died at Brigewater. Henry J. married Dorothy Miller and they have seven children: Sophronia, Alvin, Andrew M. Mary M., Francena E., Henry W., and Charles P. Sophronia married Wm. Casler and their children were Morris, Maggie, Jessie and Willie.

Alvin married Sarah Casler and were parents of Harvey, Emma, Frank, Charley, Clarence and Florence.

Andrew Edick married Cyrena Terpenning and their children were Ernest and Newell.

Mary M. Edick married Nelson Shaul and their daughter Cora, unmarried, resides with her widowed mother at Columbia Center.

Francena Edick married Peter I. Terpenning and their family record bears the names: Curtin (deceased), Fannie (deceased), and Lee W. Terpenning.

Henry W. married Alice W. Gamwell and was the father of Fannie, Willie, Earl, Gazena, John and Charles.

Charles F. Edick, married Fannie E. Fort and their small family consisted of Lina and Neland.

Abram Woleben.

The Woleben emigrated from Germany and located on the west side of the Hudson in 1710. From there they moved to Schoharie and thence to German Flatts.

Nicholas Woleben was a Patentee in Burnettsfield and in the first and second Staley's tracts. He was prominently identified with the Fort Herkimer church. He died in 1773, leaving six sons Henry, Peter, Richard, John, Abraham and Jacob; and six daughters Catherine, wife of Frederick Shoemaker, Mary Saphronia, wife of Peter Flagg; Elizabeth who married Frederick Schute; Lana, wife of Frederick Bellinger; and Hannah, wife of John Empe. This last named was a Tory and took his family to Canada.

Peter Woleben, who was born March 9, 1732 was wounded and taken prisoner during the French and Indian War, in Nov. 1757, and was sent to England for exchange. The four brothers, Peter, Richard, John and Abraham were in the battle of Oriskany, Aug. 6, 1777 where Richard and John were killed and Peter again wounded. Peter lived on a farm in Manheim, later known as the Cristy place, but then belonging to Joseph Brant, who becoming incensed at his patriotic principles, after the battle, sent him word that if he did not leave the farm at once, he would come and tomahawk him, so he moved back to Fort Herkimer.

His children were: Peter born Aug. 1, 1769 married Elizabeth Small in 1793. He died Aug. 2, 1861. Children: John, Henry, Elizabeth, who married Frederick Shoemaker, Katherine married Garret Van Slyke (whose father John Van Slyke was killed at Finks Flatts during the Revolution), Susan who married Jacob Edick, Hannah who married James Furman, Mary who married Mr. White and Eve who was the wife of Stanton Fox.

This Peter was with Augustinus Hess when he was shot while they and their families were fleeing to the Fort in July 1782. Jacob the youngest brother of Peter, shot and killed the Indian who killed old Mr. Hess.

Peter Woleben was also at the burning of the Mille at Little Falls, an account of which is given in the biographical sketch of Gershom Skinner, the miller. Peter Woleber was the first shoemaker in German Flatts, and was working at his trade previous to 1790. He died Nov. 17, 1829 aged 97 years and 8 months.