

**Individual Narrative of Maria⁷ Rapelye Riker [173]
Daughter of Daniel Riker and Dorothy⁶ Leverich [64]
Wife of Samuel Valentine**

Maria Rapelye Riker was born on 22 Dec 1795 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Daniel Riker and Deborah Leverich.^{1,2} Maria Rapelye Riker was baptized 21 February 1796 at the Newtown Dutch Reformed Church.³

Maria R. Riker married Samuel Valentine on 2 Nov 1825 at Jamaica, Queens Co, New York, at the Dutch Reformed Church.^{4,5}

Samuel Valentine was born 30 August 1792 at Flushing, Queens Co, New York. Samuel was the son of Jeremiah Valentine and Mary Van Velsor.^{6,7}

Maria R. Riker Valentine and Samuel Valentine had one child Maria Valentine who died as an infant 4 September 1828, age 11 months and 21 days. She was buried at the Riker Family Cemetery in Bowery Bay.^{8,9}

Maria R. Riker Valentine died on 3 Mar 1828 at Queens Co, New York, at age 32. Maria was buried in the Riker Family Cemetery at Bowery Bay.^{10,11,12,13,14}

Samuel Valentine married for a second time Mary Mott circa 1830 in Queens Co, New York. The marriage date is a calculated estimate based upon the 1832 birth date of their first child George Valentine.^{15,16}

Samuel Valentine, age 58, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Flushing, Queens Co, New York. The household includes wife Mary, age 50; and children George, age 18; Martha, age 15; Mary, age 11; Elizabeth, age 7; and Frederick, age 2.¹⁷

Samuel Valentine, age 65, is recorded in the 1860 US Census in Flushing, Queens Co, New York. The household includes wife Mary, age 54; children Martha, age 25; Mary, age 20; Elizabeth, age 16; and Frederick, age 13.¹⁸

Samuel Valentine died 24 January 1865 at his residence on Jager Avenue in Flushing, Queens Co, New York. Samuel was buried at the Grace Episcopal Church Yard in Jamaica, Queens County.^{19,20}

Widow Mary Mott Valentine died 8 August 1889 age 84 (hence born c 1805) probably in Piscataway, Middlesex Co, New Jersey. Mary was recorded in the 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census residing in Piscataway. Mary was buried at the Grace Episcopal Church Yard in Jamaica, Queens County, New York.^{21,22,23}

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