

MRS. FRANCIS MASTERS DIED IN NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Ella Rodney King Masters, widow of Francis R. Masters, whose gift of land formed the nucleus of the Taconic State Park, died Sunday at her home, 1140 Fifth avenue, New York City.

She was well known in this county, where she had a summer home at Copake Falls. She was active in the social and community affairs of Hillsdale, where she was a member of the Hillsdale Garden Club. In addition to these activities, she was a trustee of the Columbia County Historical Society, of which she was a founder.

Mrs. Masters bought the old Baptist church in North Hillsdale. She assisted in its being remodeled and presented it to the Hillsdale Grange for a Grange hall. It is still being used by the Grange. She formerly occupied the High Valley Farm at Copake Falls. The big tract of land about High Valley Farm, the former Flagler estate which included Bash Bish Falls, was given to Taconic State Park.

Mrs. Masters was a member of the boards of the West Side branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, 501 West Fiftieth street, and the Presbyterian Home for Aged Women, 49 East Seventy-third street.

Her husband, who was a retired dry goods merchant, died in 1929. He became the chairman of the Taconic State Park Commission, succeeding President Roosevelt. Mrs. Masters' son, Lieut. Col. Francis R. Masters, who is now with the United States Army in Australia, became chairman of the commission after his father's death. Surviving, besides her son, is a brother, Landreth King, of Orange, N. J.