

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Augusta W. Nord

C.1849 Sweden – 21 Dec 1927 Red Hook

Red Hook Methodist Cemetery

Tall tablet monument in the southwest corner in the Chanler plot along the fence with two other similar markers.

Augusta was a servant who emigrated from Sweden to the U.S. c.1890. She worked and lived at Rokeby at the same time as Mary Ellen Dalton who is buried beside her, and in 1920 her position in the house was “Maid.”

Five years later, she was serving in the home of James and Amelia Galvin (relatives of the Galvins, also buried in this cemetery), direct neighbors of the Aldrich family. Then, she was recorded as being 75 years old, she had been in the U.S. 57 years, and was labeled an “alien.”

When Jane Shepherd of Barrytown died in 1913, Augusta received \$50 from her estate, as did two Galvin women. In 1920, Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich died and left Augusta \$500 and Mary Ellen Dalton (the higher-ranking “House Keeper”) got \$1,000. Her tombstone reads “of Gottienborg, Sweden, who died in December, 1927 having lived 35 years at Rokeby.”