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Annual meeting, third Thursday in May.

Semi-Annual meeting, third Thursday in October

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society may be had by the election of the applicant by the Executive Committee, the payment of the entrance fee, and of the annual dues.

Entrance fee .....	\$2.00
Annual dues .....	2.00
Life membership .....	25.00

These payments carry with them the right to hold office, to vote and to take part in the proceedings of the Society.

Annual dues are payable on January 1st of each year.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the

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# Dutchess County Historical Society

## Minutes of Meetings

NOV. 26, 1920

A meeting of the trustees of the Society, duly called by President Adams, was held at the Amrita Club, Nov. 26, 1920, at 12.30 P. M.

Present: W. P. Adams, George S. Van Vliet, J. A. Hanna, I. D. LeRoy, Tracy Dows, Henry Booth.

A memorial to John C. Sickley, late Secretary of the Society, who died on Nov. 17, 1920, was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and to be published in the Eagle-News.

The appointment of a successor to Mr. Sickley was then considered, and it was unanimously voted that Miss Helen W. Reynolds of Poughkeepsie, be appointed to serve as Secretary. Messrs. Mylod and Booth were directed to inform Miss Reynolds of the trustees' action.

The trustees were urged to attend the meeting of the County Supervisors on Nov. 20, 1920, and endeavor to obtain their consent to remove all the early records of Dutchess County from the basement of the Court House where they are now stored, to a drier place.

On motion, adjourned.

HENRY BOOTH, Secy. pro tem.

NOTE:—Messrs. Mylod and Booth called on Miss H. W. Reynolds, and were informed by her that she was at present too busy to undertake the office of secretary; but that later, she might be able to do so, if Mr. Booth would attend to the duties of that office temporarily. This was agreed to, and the matter was left in Mr. Booth's hands.

John C. Sickley died at Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 17th day of November, 1920.

By his death the Dutchess County Historical Society

loses one of its organizers and a most loyal member, its efficient secretary since May, 1914, and one who was to his associates an esteemed and valued friend.

His incumbency of the office of Librarian of the Public Library of the City of Poughkeepsie for thirty-eight years, the duties of which he performed with diligence, intelligence and courtesy, fitted him peculiarly for the satisfactory discharge of the office of the secretary of the Society.

His common sense, his genial disposition and his keen but restrained, sense of humor made his relations with his fellow members and officers a pleasure that they will sorely miss.

As an expression of their sorrow at his loss and of their appreciation of his long and faithful service, the Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society, at a meeting held on November 26, 1920, do make and record this Minute in the archives of the Society.

William P. Adams,  
Tracy Dows,  
Irving D. LeRoy,  
J. Wilson Poucher,  
George S. Van Vliet,  
Henry Booth,

Trustees.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 15, 1921.

A special meeting, duly called, of the trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held at the Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie, for the election of a secretary and for the transaction of such other business as might come before the meeting, at 1 P M.

Present: Pres. Adams, Dr. I. D. LeRoy, Mrs. J. R. Kaley, H. Booth, trustees, and A. C. Dow, F. Hasbrouck.

On motion, seconded and carried, A. C. Dow was elected secretary of the Society.

On motion, it was determined that the annual dues of the Society be \$2 instead of \$1, as heretofore. This to be confirmed at the annual meeting of the Society in April.

It was suggested that the time for the annual meeting be changed. This to be considered at the annual meeting.

The president appointed H. Booth, chairman of the committee for the making of the coming year book, he to select two other members of the Society to act with him on the Committee.

On motion, adjourned.

HENRY BOOTH, Acting Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held at Vassar Brothers' Institute on the 28th day of April, 1921, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Forty members of the Society being present, the meeting was called to order by President Adams.

Prof. James F. Baldwin was then elected Acting Chairman.

On motion, duly made, and seconded, William P. Adams was re-elected President of the Society.

On motion, duly made and seconded, Alexander C. Dow was then elected Secretary.

On motion, duly made and seconded, Dr. Irving D. LeRoy was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, duly made and seconded, Henry Booth was re-elected Curator.

On motion of Dr. J. W. Poucher, duly seconded, the following were elected Trustees: John J. Mylod, George S. Van Vliet and Alexander C. Dow.

Dr. John S. Wilson was elected Vice-President for the City of Poughkeepsie; Lewis H. Allen for the Town of Clinton; Miss Martha Taber for the Town of Pawling. On motion all other Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

The secretary then read the minutes of the Fall meeting, which were approved.

The minutes of the Special meeting were duly read and approved.

The Committee on the Fall pilgrimage, consisting of

Messrs. Lyall, Spingarn and Wodell, was appointed by the President.

On motion, annual dues were raised from \$1 to \$2, and the by-laws amended accordingly.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the time for the annual meeting was changed to the third Thursday in May of each year.

On motion of Mr. Van Vliet, the year book was ordered published to the number of fifty in excess of the membership of the Society.

On motion of Dr. Poucher, seconded by Mr. Mylod, the time for the Fall meeting was set for the third Thursday in October.

Miss Reynolds, of the Committee on Court House records, read her report, giving facts as to meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the appropriation of \$3,000 by that Board for the carrying on of the work for the preservation of the records in the Court House, and a further appropriation of \$2,500 for new cases.

On motion of Mr. Van Vliet, the report of the Committee was accepted with thanks, and placed on file.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the Committee on Court House records was continued.

Mrs. D. W. Wilbur reported there is no room in the Clinton House for records of the Society.

Mr. Lyall of Millbrook, spoke of the possibility of securing the Quaker Meeting House at Washington Hollow as a place for the storing of the records of the Historical Society.

Miss Reynolds then suggested a conference with the Library Board.

On motion, the question of quarters for the Society was left with the Executive Committee.

Miss Goodrich of Newburgh, presented the Society with records of Major Henry Livingston. On motion, a vote of thanks was extended Miss Goodrich for the gift.

On motion, the following were elected members of the Society: Mrs. G. Waldo Smith, of Bay Side, L. I.; Isaac S.

Wheaton, of Amenia, N. Y.; Harry T. Sisson, Daniel J. Gleason and Hugh M. Beugler, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer was duly received and placed on file.

Mr. Lyall of Millbrook, reported that the name of the branch of the Wappingers Creek running through the Town of Washington, known as the West Branch, had been changed to The Nine Partners' Branch.

On motion of Mr. Van Vliet, a resolution was passed providing that year books be furnished only to members in good standing.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

# Dutchess County Historical Society

## Third Historical Pilgrimage

Wednesday, September 29, 1920

An Historical Pilgrimage to the Eastern part of the County has been arranged for Wednesday, September 29, 1920. Following the plans of previous Pilgrimages, the trip will be made by automobiles. The starting point for those in the Hudson Valley section will be the soldier's fountain, Poughkeepsie, where those who attend will assemble at 9.30 A. M., Those who come from the Harlem Valley or central or southern part of the County may find it more convenient to join the others at Whaley Lake.

Everyone is requested to bring a basket lunch. The Committee, in co-operation with the Quaker Hill Historical Society, have arranged for tables and seats near the Akin Library, Quaker Hill, where coffee will be served by the Quaker Hill Society.

The plan for the trip is as follows:

From Poughkeepsie to Poughquag, thence by state road around Whaley Lake to the site of,

1. Anti-rent battle. This was formerly in Dutchess County but now in Putnam. Speaker Rev. W. H. Meldrum.
2. Stone on the line of the Oblong, where the Phillips and Beekman Patents join. Speaker T. J. Arnold.
3. Akin Library. Address by G. S. Palmer, Curator.
4. Brief sketch of the Quaker Hill Historical Society, Miss M. A. Taber, President.
5. Quaker meeting house. Speaker Miss Mary A. Hoag.
6. Old Cemetery, Monument to Mehitable Wing Pendergrass, erected by the Wing Family Association.
7. Tablet at Washingtons Headquarters. Speaker, F. C. Taber.
8. Pawling Cemetery. Monument to Admiral Worden and Col. Nathaniel Pierce of the Revolution.
9. Camp Fire Bungalow. The first built for Camp-Fire Girls in U. S.
10. Town of Dover. Site of Moorehouse Tavern. Speaker, Arthur T. Benson.
11. Dover Stone Church. Washington Spring, if roads are passable.
12. Return by Millbrook.

JOHN A. HANNA,  
MISS ALICIA TABER,  
ARTHUR T. BENSON

Committee.

Each speaker will be known by holding an American flag.

The time given for the various exercises is daylight saving time.

The Dutchess County Historical Society made its third pilgrimage on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1920.

The southeastern part of Dutchess County was selected, the objective being Quaker Hill, in the town of Pawling.

At about 9.30 A. M. fourteen automobiles started from Poughkeepsie; there was a heavy fog during the first part of the journey, which lifting later disclosed the mountains of the Harlem Valley, made more beautiful by the mists drifting over them.

From Poughkeepsie the route led through Poughquag and around Whaley Pond to the site of the anti-rent battle. This is now in Putnam County but formerly was in Dutchess County. The Rev. W. H. Meldrum, who was to tell the story of the anti-rent battle, thought it wiser to postpone his remarks until the pilgrims reached Quaker Hill. Mr. T. J. Arnold, who was to explain the meaning of the Stone on the line of the Oblong, where the Phillips and Beekman patents join, which was pointed out further on the journey, also reserved his paper until the arrival at Quaker Hill.

So the ever lengthening line of automobiles proceeded on its way to Quaker Hill, where the cars were parked and the pilgrims visited the Akin Library. Many of them had never been on Quaker Hill, and were surprised at the building and its contents. They enjoyed particularly the collection of books, old and new,—and in the museum, which is on the second floor of the Library building, they admired the fire arms, the Indian implements, the old china, the quilts, and the many curiosities there exhibited.

In the entrance hall of this building are portraits of Mr. Akin, who gave the Library, and who lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and of his wife.

The Quaker Hill Historical Society had most kindly provided tables in the Community building, and served coffee to the large number of guests, who had brought their own basket lunches. These having been disposed of, Mr. J. C. Sickley, who acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. W. P. Adams, president of the Society, called on the Rev. W. M. Meldrum to tell of the Anti-rent battle.

After Mr Meldrum's address, the Rev. S. G. Palmer read the following paper on the Akin Library:

### Akin Free Library, Quaker Hill

The Akin Free Library is, in my opinion, the chief monument to Albert J. Akin, financier, farmer and philanthropist. It has been well said:—"Albert Akin endowed, not a college, not a charitable institution, but he endowed a community."

Both Akin Free Library and Akin Hall were intended by the founder to minister to the intellectual and social, as well as to the

moral and spiritual life of this community;—even as Mizzen-Top Hotel ministers to the material side of our community life.

Albert John Akin, of Scotch and Dutch ancestry, died in 1903 at the advanced age of ninety-nine and a half years. With a thrift and practical business sagacity characteristic of his racial descent he accumulated a large fortune for his day, in the use and assignment of which he has made his home community his grateful debtor for untold years to come.

The cornerstone of Akin Free Library was laid on August 13, 1898. From the time of its completion to the present, this institution has developed into a public benefaction which compares favorably with those found in our cities and villages. It is managed by a representative committee of broad minded citizens, appointed by the Akin Hall Association, which has charge of the purchase of new books and periodicals, the hiring of a librarian, and such general oversight as is necessary.

The library contains at present nearly 3,400 volumes, embracing all departments of literature usually found in a non-technical public library. The reading room contains a variety of periodicals amply sufficient for local needs,—while the historical room on the second floor contains an exhibit of exceptional value and variety. This latter is under the direct custody of the Historical Society of Quaker Hill and Vicinity. Akin Free Library is open to the public on one or more days weekly the year around. There is a constant extension service in operation in both Pawling and Patterson. Last year's total recorded circulation was 1,308 volumes.

In closing, permit me to briefly enumerate the various properties which are owned and supervised by the Akin Hall Association, and which represent the visible benefactions of Albert J. Akin. Akin Hall was erected in 1880, for the purpose of providing, as heretofore stated, a place for public worship, as well as for the cultivation of a community spirit. Christ's Church Udenominational was organized in 1895, with Mr. Akin as one of its charter members. In 1881 the Mizzen-Top Hotel was built by a company consisting of Mr. Akin, Mr. W. B. Wheeler, and Admiral John L. Worden. This valuable property, including the five cottages, was later deeded to the Akin Hall Association by Mr. Akin, who had become the sole owner. The commodious Manse was erected soon after the organization of Christ Church, during the pastorate of the Rev. Warren H. Wilson, D. D. And "last but not least" there was built the large fire proof building (the subject of this address) upon the walls of which there hang the noble portraits of Albert J. Akin and Jane Williams Akin,—his devoted wife and wise counsellor.

SAMUEL G. PALMER,

Secretary of the Historical Society of Quaker Hill and Vicinity.

Miss M. A. Taber, of the Quaker Hill Historical Society gave a brief sketch of its beginning and progress. It began with a loan exhibit and a membership of 38. At present many of the loans have been made permanent and it has about 100 members.

Mr. Alfred Frost of Poughkeepsie then spoke in commendation of the Quaker Hill Society's hospitality, and moved that a vote of thanks be given therefor. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. W. W. Meldrum then announced that he would guide the guests to the old Quaker meeting house, where Miss Mary A. Hoag would speak.

## A Paper read by Miss Mary Hoag at the Oblong Meeting House, Quaker Hill, Sept. 29, 1920

*Notes taken from Pamphlet by Warren Wilson and Lewis Patrick*

The Dutch were settled along the Hudson River and the English in Connecticut. The feeling between them was far from friendly and their disputes were often bitter. As the two peoples naturally repelled each other a strip of land was left between them comparatively unoccupied. In the settlement of the boundary line between New York and Connecticut and Massachusetts this strip was set off by Connecticut in compensation for land lower down and was called the Oblong.

This had been in dispute for more than half a century. The first considerable settlement was made on Quaker Hill in 1731 by Friends who came from the Harrison Purchase,—now a part of Rye. The first settler, Nathan Birdsall and his wife, Jane Langdon of Quaker ancestry, came in 1728 on horseback, from Danbury, and lived just below Quaker Hill. The next was Benjamin Ferris, whose old house stood just west of here in my childhood days. The first mention we have of a Friends meeting here was in 1741. The first Meeting House was erected in 1742, on the south side of the road; the present building was erected in 1764, and cost 679 pounds 9 shillings. The first effective action against slavery was taken here in 1767, seven years before the Revolution. Washington was a Revolutionist. The Friends were loyal to King George. He was a man of blood, brilliant in the garb of a warrior—and they were men of peace, dreaming only of the Kingdom of God. Their records contain no mention of his presence here, though his soldiers seized and fortified the Meeting House. His letters never mention the Quakers, neither their picturesque abode, their dreams of the freedom of the slave, or their Tory loyalty. Both the soldier and the Quaker laid their bones in the dust of the Hill in common faith in liberty and equality.

The history of Quaker Hill in the 18th century is the story of these two schools of idealists,—who ignored each other but were moved with the same passion and obeyed the same spirit. This old Meeting House was founded and maintained as a house of peace, and on First Day its walls echoed to the words of peace, yet it had to share its history with the records of men of war and deeds of blood. It is said that on a certain day in the revolutionary time, the congregation filed out at the close of the meeting and the soldiers marched in.

That scene is emblematic of the history of Quaker Hill in the 18th century. It is a picture of the plain garb and the soldiers coat. One feels the serenity and solemn silence of the Friends worship, and hears from without the tread of marching men, the trampling of horses and the sharp words of command. This building is a memorial to both. Here are the benches and raised seats for worshippers, and in the gable ends of the garret above are the portholes made in the century old planks for the rifles of armed men. This house has been a meeting house and a fortress.

The only official record we have of its being used as a hospital is that of Washington's order, Oct. 16th, "No more sick to be sent to the hospital at Quaker Hill without first enquiring of the Chief Surgeon there, whether they can be received, as the house is already full." Dr. Fallon's letter to Governor Clinton furnishes the only account known to exist. "Out of the 100 sick, Providence took but three of my people off since I came here, which was far from the case before my arrival."

In the death list from the long past time but four names have been found,—John Morgan, Capt. James Grier's Company, who died at Quaker Hill hospital, October 19th, 1777; Alexander Robert, Capt. George Calhoun's Company—4th Pa., Nov. 6th, 1778; James Tryer, Capt. James Lang's Company—5th Pa., October 22nd, 1778; Peter King, 1st Pa., enlisted 1777,—Quaker Hill hospital 1778.

Some doubt may exist as to two of these, but as the hospital is named, an error may exist in copying the original record.

Let us believe they died here and, buried in the opposite premises, unknown and in nameless graves, are companions of the untold number.

The last meetings were held here in 1885.

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It took quite a little time for all the automobiles,—at least 30— to get in line, and many of the pilgrims reached the meeting house after Miss Hoag had finished her paper.

Outside this interesting building, with its unpainted woodwork and old drum stoves and long stove pipes, was a bronze tablet

set in a large white granite boulder. On this tablet is the following inscription—

OBLONG MEETING HOUSE  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.  
ERECTED IN 1742 SOUTH OF THIS ROAD.  
PRESENT BUILDING ERECTED 1764.  
FIRST EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST SLAVERY  
TAKEN HERE IN 1767.  
OCCUPIED AS HOSPITAL JAN. 1779  
BY REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS  
MANY OF WHOM ARE BURIED SOUTH OF THIS ROAD.  
MEETING DIVIDED 1828  
MEETINGS CEASED IN THIS HOUSE 1885.

The next place of interest in the programme was the old cemetery and the monument to Mehetabel Wing Pendergrass, which was erected by the Wing Family. This cemetery being on high ground, commanded a beautiful view of the surrounding country.

The pilgrims then took a reluctant leave of Quaker Hill and on their way to Pawling cemetery stopped at Washington's headquarters in Pawling. The following paper by Mr. F. C. Taber gives a full account of this.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It is not a question today as to whether or not Washington was located in this section. The proof of this fact is so overwhelming that there remains no debatable ground. The Government archives at the Capitol contain such convincing data regarding the occupation by the Continental army that the only argument that might arise is that of the location of Washington's headquarters.

It is tradition among the descendants of Reed Ferris (who at that time occupied one of the finest residences at the foot of Quaker Hill) that one day in 1778 General Washington's officers appeared at the house and announced that he would like to stay there. On obtaining the consent of Mr. Ferris they posted a notice on the door to the effect that it was Headquarters. This is perhaps, in a measure, substantiated by the indisputable evidence that the lands of Mr. Ferris were used for camp purposes.

Washington's expense book in the possession of the United States Treasury Department shows an item of the date of "September 25th, 1778, of £20.1s to Mr. Reed Ferris for articles purchased for the family use." As the General's staff immediately about his person is termed in a military phrase "his family," this seems to be a bit of testimony connecting Washington with this particular place.

The room claimed to have been used by him is still in existence, but much dilapidated by the ravages of time.

That this region was a huge camp there can be no question. In my boyhood days cannon balls were plentiful and were used for the purpose of closing gates, being fastened to a chain extending from a post to the gate. Several years ago a box of old junk at an auction on Quaker Hill disclosed a brass mold for casting the various buttons which were used on the uniforms of the revolutionary soldiers. It is now in the Smithsonian Institute. At about the same time a sword was found in the swamp at Patterson. The mud had sealed the case and, aside from the handle, the sword was as bright as when it was used one hundred and forty years ago. It is now the property of Mr. Charles H. Judd, Patterson, N. Y.

Resuming the subject of Headquarters, our attention is called to the Roberts place in the village of Pawling. On the State road and opposite the golf links, it may readily be identified by a large sycamore tree in front, with a bronze tablet fastened on it. At the time of the Revolution this was known as John Kanes. There was a "large and commodious dwelling house" containing ten rooms, a large store house sixty-five feet distant with a stone building of one story joining them together.

In a letter from Governor Clinton to Robert R. Livingston, dated Poughkeepsie, September 23, 1778, he says, "The army has left the Plains and are now posted along the mountains from Danbury to West Point. Headquarters at John Kanes, Fredericksburg, for which place General Washington passed through Fishkill on Sunday last." (20th September 1778).

As a matter of interest a report of General Washington's dated at Fredericksburg November 1st, 1778, shows the total of officers and men fit for duty to be 13,461.

As a further evidence the Government has a journal kept by one Elijah Fisher 1775 to 1784. Under date of September 25, 1778, he says,—“Headquarters and likewise the guard left Oblong and came to Mr. Cains in Fredericksburg four miles, and pitched tents.” On the 30th, “His Excellency with adde camps went to Fishkills.” On October 8th, “His Excellency and adde camps returned from Fishkills to Mr. Cains.”

In the army expense account, an item of November 28th, 1778, reads, “To cash paid Mr. John Kane for the use of his house, etc., 144 Dollars, £57.12s.” As Washington left Fredericksburg on this date this was evidently settlement in full for rent of Headquarters.

In 1905 the Bronze Memorial Tablet was placed on the sycamore tree at the Roberts place. It was unveiled by Mr. L. S. Patricks, whose ancestor Colonel Henry Ludinton acquired possession of the property after the rights of John Kane were forfeited. The sycamore tree mentioned is reputed to have been the whipping post for a certain party who stole some rum, evidently a serious offense in those days.

I regret that the time is so brief that I cannot enter more fully into the details of our revolutionary experience. There is so much of interest in the various records that it is hard to choose the facts for a brief address of this nature. There are many tales of army discipline. Washington had an aversion to theft, and the records show that some of the dishonest were shot, others were whipped on the bare back for three consecutive days and after each application a liberal amount of salt was rubbed into the wounds. Fisher in his journal tells about the celebration of Burgoyne's defeat. On October 17th, "The officers made an entertainment for the Officers of the Division and gentlemen of the town. 350 officers and other gentlemen sat down, 13 toasts were drank, cannons fired, etc." On the 18th is the laconic entry, "We are getting sober." In conclusion, I am satisfied that Washington did occupy the Reed Ferris house, even if only for a brief period. Some advocate that he used the place to sleep in at night, and during the daytime used the Kanes for the transaction of official business. Tradition and circumstantial evidence undoubtedly place the Ferris house in the lime light, while the Government records prove to a certainty that the Kane place was the official Headquarters.

Let us bear in mind that the face of nature has been materially changed since those days. Hardly a house of that time remains.

The late Philip H. Smith, in his history of Dutchess County, alluding to this particular locality, states that a few years prior to this period, "The country was literally a wilderness, wild turkeys, bears and wolves were more numerous than white settlers." Previous to the death of Mr. Smith I had the pleasure of tramping through the hills on the east of this valley and was shown the remains of the various camp fires used by the revolutionary soldiers.

As we wend our way homeward on this beautiful day, let us remember with gratitude that master mind whose genius made possible the triumphs of our forefathers.

FRED C. TABER.

In front of this the headquarters is a tablet affixed to the button-ball tree by the roadside, bearing this inscription:

THE RESIDENCE OF JOHN KANE  
ON THIS SITE  
WAS HEADQUARTERS OF  
WASHINGTON  
FROM SEPTEMBER TWELFTH  
TO NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVENTH 1778  
WHILE THE SECOND LINE  
OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY  
WAS ENCAMPED ON QUAKER HILL  
AND IN THE VALLEY NEAR.

In Pawling cemetery the pilgrims visited the graves of Colonel Nathaniel Pierce of the Revolution and of Admiral Worden, commander of the ironclad Monitor in the Civil War.

From Pawling the pilgrims proceeded to the town of Dover and to the site of the Moorehouse tavern where Mr. Arthur T. Benson was the appointed speaker.

## Glimpses of Dover History

*By Arthur T. Benson*

There is no positive proof of how Dover came by its name. However, as some of the early settlers of eastern Dutchess County were of English descent, it is probable that it was so named from the parent town in England.

The following letter was received in reply to an inquiry:

THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR  
TOWN HALL  
DOVER, ENGLAND

3d May 1919.

Arthur T. Benson,  
Dover Plains, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th ult: and in reply have to state that there is no doubt that this town is the 'Mother Dover'. Our history dates back over 2,000 years, and I believe that evidences have been obtained that towns such as you own have been named after this one.

Yours faithfully,  
E. W. T. Farley,  
Mayor.

In the 'Year Book' of the Dutchess County Historical Society for 1914-1915, is reproduced a Chorographical Map of the Province of New York, and published in London, Jan. 1, 1779. Dover is indicated on the area covered by the present towns of Amenia, Dover, North East, Washington, Pawling, Beekman and Clinton, and at a point approximating the site of Dover Plains. None of the towns mentioned were organized previous to 1788,—so the Dover would seem to have priority as a local appellation.

Mr. George S. Van Vliet, a valued member of this Society, says in response to a request for additional bearing on the subject, that in the second book of the Supervisors and Assessors in the County Clerks office, is the following entry:—

'At an election Held in the Court House at Poeghkeepssinck on the 1st Teuesday in April, being the Seventh day of the said Month

In Dutchess County Anno q e Domini 1730. In the third Year of his Majesty's Reign, George the Second, King of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. By plurarity of voyces was chosen to sarve for the ensuing Years Ward, Vizt,

Franc Cooll, Constable and Collector

Isaac Titsoort, Supervisor

Barent Van Kleeck and Wyndert Van Denbogert, Assessors

Simon Freer and Hendrick Ostrom, Surveyors of Fences

Frances Hagerman and Evert Van Wogene,

Surveyors of the King's Highways

For Dover are chosen and from poeghquayeeck, Arrya Rosa, Assessor, Richard Sackett Jr., Collector. Hendrick Nees (Nase), Surveyor of the Road from Dover. Arrye Cooll, Surveyor of y Road from poeghquayeeck"

This record of the election of officers from the Middle Ward shows that Dover was mentioned as early as 1730, or earlier. Except Richard Sackett, the early settlers were German Palatine families in the locality north of Dover Plains. They certainly did not give it the name of Dover. Sackett being from England, may have named it. Possibly he came from Dover.

Again, Mr. Van Vliet finds in the Will of Richard Sackett (the first settler in this vicinity about 1710) recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Albany, N. Y., and executed Dec. 14, 1744, proved April 28, 1746, "Richard Sackett, of Dover, wife Margery, &c."

Mr. Sackett resided at what is known as the 'Steel Works' in the Town of Amenia, and is buried there.

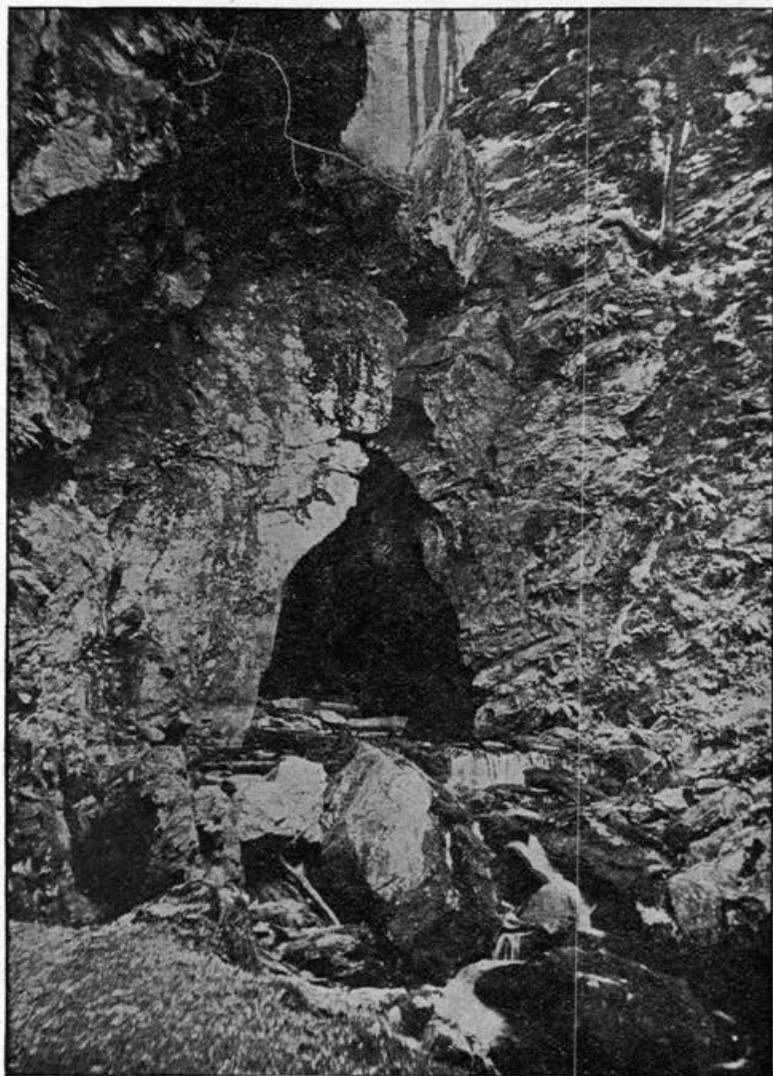
Dover was formally organized as a town at a meeting held at the Tavern of Jackson Wing, Feb. 20, 1807.

George Cary was the first Supervisor. The first settler on the Oblong tract was Martin Preston. He located on the mountain east of Dover Plains, and since early times it has been known as 'Preston Mountain'. The cellar wall and part of the chimney of the house he built are yet to be seen. The time of his coming was about 1740.

Other pioneer settlers were the Beldings, Bensons, Chapmans, Cutlers, Dutchers, Hoags, Hufcuts, Ketchams, Knickerbockers, Mabbetts, Martins, Ross, Sacketts, Sheldons, Soules, Stevens, Tabors, Van Dusens, Vincents, Wards, Wheelers, and Wings,

The oldest tombstone in the cemetery at Dover Plains bears this inscription—"In memory of Mr. John Osterhout, who died Jan. 29, 1759. A. E. 55 years."

In the latter part of the 18th century there was a large influx of settlers from New England, which made the community nearly or quite as populous as now. Thomas Wing made scythes. Wing Martin was a brick manufacturer. Ebenezer Preston built several grist



DOVER STONE CHURCH  
Photographed by Walter S. Coleman

mills, and probably the first one. On a granite ledge on the mountain side, belonging to the estate of Theodore Wing, may be seen a large millstone, nearly completed, but which was never removed from the quarry. There is no tradition as to how long it has been there. Jackson Wing built a mill at South Dover on the site of one of the old Preston mills, in 1812. Near the Dover Stone Church was a grist mill owned by Christopher Dutcher, some years prior to 1800. About 1799 Dutcher erected the north part of the mill recently known as Morgan & Wymans, on the Ten Mile River at Dover Plains. The work was done by Joseph Dennis, a local millwright.

There were several blast furnaces, the ore being mined from the veins near Dover Furnace. The 'old Forge' near Webutuck was famous in its day. Sawmills both for wood and marble, fulling mills and various other small manufactures created a hive of industry. The marble resources have been developed on an expansive scale, while the limestone areas have yielded much of that commodity to the surrounding country, within recent years, a constantly increasing output.

The first church building was the old 'Red Meeting House' at South Dover, erected in 1757. This was established by the Baptist Society, but was in reality a Union Church for some years. In 1761 there were 18 baptisms and 51 members, and a congregation numbering 400. A Reformed Church was built on the site of the cemetery at Dover Plains before the Revolutionary War. At about the same period the Society of Friends was organized at Webutuck and Chestnut Ridge. Inns were numerous. The 'Preston Tavern' on the highway between Wingdale and Dover Plains, was probably the best known and most popular. John Preston was the proprietor as early as 1810, at least,—but a man named French conducted it before him. The building, which is there yet, was erected before the Revolutionary War.

These Inns were made profitable because of the numerous drovers passing through the valley enroute to market with their live stock. They created a demand for refreshment, both solid and liquid, for themselves, as well as pasturage and fodder for their stock.

The most famous hostelry in the town was the 'Morehouse Tavern', east of Wingdale and near the residence of Sheldon Wing. It has even been claimed that this was the famous 'Black Horse Tavern.' It was located on what was then the chief highway from Hartford to Fishkill. Washington, Gates, Putnam, Arnold, LaFayette and Rochambeau were entertained there by the proprietor, Colonel Morehouse. In 1877 the building, then in a dilapidated condition, was torn down. A former tenant says he remembers that a doorstone bore the names of Washington and LaFayette, cut with a chisel. A doorknocker from there is now in use at Sheldon Wing's house, and an inside door is

in the possession of the Misses Trowbridge. An interesting account is given in P. H. Smith's History of Dutchess County, of the two visits paid to this tavern by the Marquis de Chastelleux, a French general officer under Rochambeau, who travelled extensively in this country in the years 1780, 81, 82. It is well worth perusal by those interested in local history, because therein is related about all that is known of the Morehouse Tavern.

Mr. Wing's house opposite, was built by his grandfather, Jackson Wing, in 1806, and by him conducted as the 'Moosehead Tavern'.

It has been suggested that a tablet should be placed on the site of the Morehouse Tavern, commemorative of the fact that Washington and other generals of the Continental army stopped there. Such action should unquestionably be taken by the town authorities.

Another site in Dover, distinguished as having been the Headquarters of Washington, is the home of Canfield Hill, a short distance west of Wingdale. The old house was torn down in 1882, and nothing of it was preserved in the present building but some floor boards in the kitchen. A cut of the house may be seen in P. H. Smith's History of Dutchess County. It was built by Hendrik Dutcher in 1751, as shown by date on the chimney. Its dimensions were 32x24 feet, while the base of the chimney measured 14x12 feet.

When Washington evacuated Boston, tradition says that his troops encamped on the knolls near this point, and from his room in the house described he could easily see the movements of his soldiers.

Elder Waldo carried all the milk produced by several cows, and other provisions into camp, and invited the soldiers to his house to get whatever they wanted to eat, and nothing on his premises was disturbed,—but a family named Elliot, who lived where Frank Hoag does, being less generous, requested the officers that the soldiers should be kept off their grounds, with the result that about everything they possessed was confiscated.

About a mile from this point is a spring, long known as the Washington spring. As the General was proceeding westward, either on this occasion or some other, he halted there for a drink, which was handed to him by Anthony Ellsworth, the grandfather of Frank Ellsworth, who still resides nearby.

The house where Frank Hoag resides at the 'Four Corners,' and near Washington's former headquarters, was also built before the Revolutionary War. In 1849 it was conducted as a tavern by Griffen Bowdish. Some hooks may yet be seen over one of the front doors, from which the sign was suspended.

The Harlem Railroad was completed as far north as Dover Plains, Dec. 31, 1849. The equipment to operate trains not being in readiness, the first train was moved with horses, in order to comply with the requirements of the charter.

Many citizens of Dover have been chosen as representatives in legislative bodies. Thomas Tabor was elected to the 20th Congress. John H. Ketcham was a member of Congress for 34 years. William Ross was a State Senator in 1816, '18, '20 and '22 and John H. Ketcham in 1860-'61.

Members of Assembly have been:

James Grant . . . . .	1814-15	Andrew Pray . . . . .	1818
James Ketcham . . . . .	1819	Thomas Tabor 2d. . . . .	1826
William Hooker . . . . .	1831	James Mabbett . . . . .	1834
John M. Ketcham . . . . .	1841-43	Edgar Vincent . . . . .	1848-49
Howland R. Sherman. . . . .	1851	John H. Ketcham. . . . .	1856-57
Luther S. Dutcher . . . . .	1863	Thomas Hammond . . . . .	1877-78
Obed Wheeler . . . . .	1879-92	John A. Hanna. . . . .	1896-97-98
Shadrach Sherman . . . . .	1811		

Perhaps foremost among the scenic attractions of the town which have always presented a strong claim for recognition by tourists are the 'Stone Church' and the 'Seven Wells'. These works of nature are too well known throughout the County to need comment. The literature of the 'Stone Church' would fill a small volume. Benson J. Lossing, the historian, whose home was nearby, wrote a sketch and also made a wood engraving of it. James Roosevelt, father of Franklin D. Roosevelt, used to visit it and was wonderfully impressed by its architecture and environment. The earliest record we have of the 'Stone Church' recounts that the Pequod Sachem Sassacus found refuge there for a few days with a small remnant of his warriors, from the pursuit of his Mohegan foes. A battle had been fought at Dover Plains, on the farm now owned by William S. Ketcham, and he remembers having seen the graves of six Indians who fell in the engagement. Sassacus finally escaped to Albany where he craved the hospitality of the Mohawks, but was refused. The sequel is told in the diary of Gov. Winthrop under date of August 5, 1637, wherein he tells how "Mr. Ludlow and Mr. Pincheon and about twelve more, came by land from Connecticut and brought with them a part of the skin and a lock of hair of Sassacus and his brother and five other Pequod Sachems, who having fled to the Mohawks for shelter with their wampum, (being to the value of £500), were by them surprised and slain with half of their best men."

In 1835 the editor of the 'Family Magazine', published at New York City, says "We are happy to be able to present to our readers a very correct view of this great natural curiosity found at Dover Plains, Dutchess County, New York. We are much indebted to Mr. Ketcham, postmaster, and Mr. Perry, proprietor of the 'Stone Church Hotel', for their kind assistance in the matter. The 'Stone Church' is a singular and interesting curiosity, and its examination is worth a visit to Dutchess County. From June 1 to Dec. 1, 1832 there were

about eleven hundred visitors to this place, and the number has been very great every season since. In addition to the attractions which this curiosity presents to the wanderer from the heat and confusion of the city, Dutchess County itself is an excellent retreat, famous as it is for its fertile plains, teeming fields, and thrifty husbandry. The landscape scenery in the county is extremely pleasing, and the excellent roads afford many fine and very agreeable rides. The disciples of Isaac Walton may also find abundant sport with their angling rods in the crystal streams of this fine county."

A lengthy article from the 'New York Evening Post' is then quoted, in which the author goes into rhapsodies over what he terms the "sublimities" of the place. The accompanying woodcut represents the cavern as appearing much more attractive than at the present time. There were no obstructions at the entrance, but instead, a small pool of water, over which was a neat bridge, and inside there was a ladder leading to the top of the 'pulpit rock.'

Like most other places where adventure is invited, the 'Church' has had its tragedy. Many years ago a man named Manchester lost his life there.

People from far and wide continue to visit the place in large numbers every season, notwithstanding the difficulty in gaining entrance because of the large boulders that have fallen and obstruct the pathway. There are those who claim this is as it should be, because it adds to the primitive environment.

The 'Seven Wells', about one mile below the 'Church', on the mountain side, are like that, said to be of glacial origin, and not, as popularly supposed, caused by the erosion of water. Some think that the 'Wells' even surpass the 'Church' in interest. The upper one has been converted into a reservoir, and is the source of the village water supply. A young man named Germond, one of a picnic party, slipped from the bank and was drowned in one of the 'Wells' in 1844.

Much more might be related of the beautiful Dover valley and its early history, but perhaps its recital would arouse no more than local interest and pride.

There is a point on the 'Plymouth Hill' where travellers who appreciate natural scenery are enraptured by the view of the valley presented to them. Long ago the famous landscape artist Durand painted a canvas of the 'Plains of Dover', a few copies of which are yet treasured, one of them, dated 1830, being in the possession of James F. McGrath, of Dover Plains. The prints, water colors and oil paintings of the 'Stone Church' and bits of scenery around the village would, if brought together, form a large collection, but in their wide distribution Dover is well advertised by ardent lovers of Nature.

ARTHUR T. BENSON.

After this introduction to the Stone Church, the pilgrims visited it; and then turning homeward, drove through the familiar towns of Millbrook, Washington Hollow and Pleasant Valley. They all agreed that it had been a profitable as well as a most enjoyable day, and that the Committee, consisting of Miss Alicia Taber, Mr. John Hanna, and Mr. A. T. Benson, deserved many thanks for the interesting programme they had arranged and had so successfully carried out.

## A Packet of Old Letters

The present Court House at Poughkeepsie, erected in 1902, was preceded on the same site by four other buildings owned by Dutchess County. The first stood from about 1720 to about 1743; the second from about 1747 to 1785; the third from 1787 to 1806; and the fourth from 1809 to 1902. The fourth, a dignified structure, of a type of architecture identified with the America of the nineteenth century and possessed of an atmosphere derived from the fine traditions of the early Bar of Dutchess, was torn down in 1902 (to the regret of many) in order to make way for a larger building. Preparatory to this razing it was necessary to dispose of a mass of papers in the attic. There was a room on the top floor of the old building in which loose papers had been kept by throwing them on the floor. They lay in waves and billows, as the writer personally can testify, and to walk over them was a journey up and down hill. These papers were miscellaneous in character and of early date. Many were commissions in the militia of the State of New York shortly before and after 1800. Many were commissions to civil officials in Dutchess. What disposition was made of them in their entirety it is impossible to say. They are not in the present Court House. Some are known to have been presented here and there to private citizens and it is fair to assume that the bulk of the collection was so given out. If only the scattered fragments could be gathered together again much historical material would be made available.

This article is an attempt to preserve a few of the papers found in the attic of the former Court House. Among the mass there was discovered a bundle of personal letters, once the property of Henry Livingston of Poughkeepsie, who held the office of Clerk of Dutchess County from 1737 to 1789. The letters had all been folded into the same shape and size, were endorsed on the outside in Mr. Livingston's handwriting and tied up together. Fifty-two letters were presented to Mr. George H. Sherman, who, later, deposited them in the Clinton Museum, Poughkeepsie, in the custody of Mahwenawasigh Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Some were given to Mr. Henry Booth and twenty-five to Miss Helen Wilkinson Reynolds and these are now in the "Poughkeepsie Collection" in the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie. Through the courtesy of the D. A. R. and of the Library the members of the Year-Book Committee of the Dutchess County Historical Society have made verbatim copies of all these letters and offer to the Society this year a portion of them as a definite contribution to the history of the County. Careful examination of the letters will well repay the student of original historical

sources, for they serve as a mirror to many of the events and conditions of the period of their writing.

Henry Livingston of Poughkeepsie, to whose methodical habits and careful ways we are indebted for the preservation of these letters, was a citizen of Poughkeepsie from about 1737 to his death in 1799. He is often referred to in the published histories of the County and the City, but in a more or less incidental way, and few realize the large debt of gratitude that is owing him for his public service, long and thoroughly but very quietly performed. The fact that he built and occupied a house on the river-bank near the Phoenix Horse-Shoe Works (which house was only torn down in recent years) and, further, that he was the father of eleven sons and daughters, had prominent social connections and was County Clerk for many years is the sum of the popular knowledge of him. But this is surface knowledge merely.

Henry Livingston's grandfather was Robert, that canny Scotchman who, soon after his arrival in the Hudson Valley, married a rich wife, obtained a large grant of land with manorial rights, who greatly prospered (albeit 'tis said he was not always just in his dealings) and who died the founder of a notable line. One of the sons of Robert, first lord of the manor, was Gilbert Livingston (born 1688, died 1746) of Kingston, N. Y., a civil magistrate and colonel of militia, who married Cornelia Beekman and was the head of a numerous household. Included in the collection of letters found in the Court House attic are communications to and from this Gilbert Livingston; thirteen written by his wife's brother, Henry Beekman, several by his sons and a number from relatives, friends and business acquaintances. All of these passed through the hands of Gilbert Livingston's son, Henry (born 1714), who removed from Kingston to Poughkeepsie soon after he came of age and who systematically docketed and filed the correspondence.

Under whom young Livingston was educated does not appear but he wrote a good hand, his spelling was much better than that of his average contemporary, he was an expert surveyor and map-maker and he had some knowledge of law, as he frequently drew up documents in legal form. Industry marks the career of Henry Livingston and a patient capacity for detail. As County Clerk he entered in large volumes in his own hand all the deeds and mortgages filed in the County during the fifty-two years of his tenure of office. It is only necessary to look at those dozen or more libers, to observe their size, the clearness of the penmanship and the accuracy of the transcription, to realize that Dutchess County is fortunate to have had such a public servant for so long a time in the formative period of her history. No one of his day could have possessed more detailed information than Henry Livingston upon land titles and land boun-

daries in Dutchess, for he, personally, made many of the surveys that were taken, drew the maps and entered the record of the conveyances. The statement frequently occurs in early deeds that the deed in question is accompanied by a map of the parcel concerned, drawn by Henry Livingston, but few of those special maps are now on file. Possibly some of them helped to form the sea of papers in the attic, out of which came these letters. If they did and are still recoverable, may these lines reach the eyes of the present holders!

When the nature of Henry Livingston's occupation is known, when it is realized with what unpretentious, steady, hard work he remained at one task for so long a time, and with what conscientious care he performed his official duties, a clearer understanding of his character is obtained than when he is set down merely as a man locally prominent, who was possessed of a good estate and aristocratic feelings. As a matter of fact he was the best sort of a democrat. That is to say,—in manners and customs he maintained the standards of birth and breeding and was surrounded by the refinements of his day. But he was no idler. He applied his abilities and advantages to productive labor and gave to the community the best that was in him. When a correct estimate of Henry Livingston has been formed and one takes up the brown bundle of letters that his hand preserved there comes spontaneously the feeling of regret that, with so many other individuals speaking through these pages, his voice is silent. There is no word from him, although to him we owe what we have.

The most cursory examination of the letters cannot fail to leave with the reader certain outstanding impressions. Perhaps the first is that, in the eighteenth century, the better class residents of the colony of New York knew very little about writing, spelling or punctuation. To be sure, the average penmanship of the twentieth century in business and polite correspondence is such as to try the soul of a survivor of the more elegant Victorian era (who does not know the sprawling illegibility now choking the mails!) but, setting that aside, the first feeling produced by these letters is that it is difficult to decipher them or to make sense out of the lines. Allied with the fact that education was limited in the eighteenth century is a further item, a transient feature of local conditions, namely that some of the writers thought in Dutch while they wrote in English, with the result that their spelling is phonetic and their construction faulty.

If, however, patience outlasts these initial obstacles, a student of the letters will go on to the discovery that the style and subject—matter throw light upon the personalities and traits of character of several individuals whose names are well known. For example a cameo-relief of Henry Beekman of Rhinebeck (born 1688, died 1776) is afforded. Henry Beekman represented Dutchess County in the

five sessions of the Colonial Assembly from 1716 to 1758, was colonel of militia and the landed proprietor of his vicinity. It is only necessary to note his references to money and property and his frank revelations of the corrupt political methods of the time to vision an English-speaking Dutchman, a man well-off materially and looking down upon poverty, one alive to worldly advantage, active in public life to the point of monopolization of office, obtaining office by what today might be termed undue influence, and wielding his power to his private benefit. "Uncle Beekman", as Henry Livingston calls him, presents food for thought and sober thought in some ways. But an understanding appreciation of human nature will soften the outlines of his portrait with tolerant humor.

To Henry Livingston Esqr Cleark of ye peace Pogkeepsie

New York 2 May 1743

Loving Cozin

I shall be mindfull to send you yr. Beakon by first p haps now, By order of His Honnr. the Lut. Gover.&c you are to send circular letters to all the melitia Capts. of Dutchess County that Each of them Send up a list with the nams of y Capt. & officers as well as of the man Listed & those in their Respective varges fit to be Inlisted, what officers are whanted as Dead, & by old-age will Lay down by which means His Honnr. may aughment New Officers & Compys, also, that yu send Down a list of 5 Comissir of the peace as it now is Circumstanced, & Judges & Assistance for Keeping the Courts. And let me Know Especially the leter by first oppertunity. & who would Suet best & Convenjantest for assistants case of a new Commision I Shal only Surmizs as Judge Terbos, Filkin, Swartwout, assistant H. Beekman Mathw. DuBoys, Lou V:Kleek, Cornelius Van Wyk, Gul: Verplank, Hen:V:Derburgh or. if yu. prepar to have when I come by y 17.Instant for before yu. Can not git answers the assembly brook up last of April so yt. I sat but 4 Days, how Ever got a bill thro our house to prevent Mr.Atty.Genl. from proceeding by Information unless recognozece first Enterd in by the plaintiff for Cost, shortness of time Stayd with the Councle Yor. Brothr. Robert Brought a fine Large Cargo wch. goes of well, Yor.Br.Gilbt. is coming from Jamicca Master of a Ship this with my man George am Yor.

Affectioned Unnkell &c

Henry Beekman

I sent about cant git flinches as yet Gammons are 8 pte

(Outside)

Uncle Beekman's Letter of  
Feb—13: 1744|5

(Inside)

New York 13. Feby 1744|5

Loving Cozn.

at my Return from Peeks Kill I found a leter by Jong Van Cleek as also the peace Com. wh I had no more Expected after the reasons you had in a leter assigned, I had forgot to mentioned, I Send the Same back by John Gambell as nothing don there to, it not being fit am sorry you have takin so much pains, receivd y Leter of Barent Louis if he has takin the Com: as he sais suppose hath paid & y other Sub, under him, Let me know for if they ware not received the Com.s might be sent & altered the Incloesed Comes from Mr- Atty- Gnl. and is his propozell Desired me to send it him, I never gave him one farthing how Ever as you Se the Justices Conserved yu. may Shoe it I hall Indevour to prepare an Act this Spring Early for we are Punctual to Sit 1. March & in Devour its passing to annull all former process brot. by Information tho' wheather shal be able to squash that brought by Indigtmt. agt. our G(?) is Q(?), thy may doe wat thy please, bu tif thy Stand out I shal not fail, to Stand by them, and I blive any time be for tryal, (thy may make up &c) You must writ a parigraf in yor. next, relating this that I can Shoe the atty. seting forth how scated thy Live, & that thy are Egnot. & pour &c—, here ware y. 9 Instant 2 Collos Embasodors from Boston for this, & the Assistance of the neighbouring Govermt. to assist them In taking a Considerable place an Island, called Capbritoun it is of Great Importance thy are to Sail by 10 March.from Boston with 4000 Land men as is said, I suppose the thing has been Long Concerted there are ships and man Expected from England as also out the west Indies p haps. Capt. Warrin; the 2 Moravions & one franch Disertor ware yesterday Examd. by Gover-r & Councell the result have not heard, Gambell brings Capt. Rutsens horse he had sold Jam. Livingston if you had oportunity, Else John must Git him home He hath Satisfied me for the farm Rent for y. year 1744. to 1. May 1745. wch. yu. Can mark pd. on yr. List Send y. news papers when rid to my house I am a Little afraid of my bound of Aughmuty Yor. Brothr Roberts Jongest Son Died, Last week remain

Yor. Affetiod. Unkell

Henry Beekman

have not Seen Yalverton  
So non need to Kno whats past

I have writ Sum time agoe to Mr. Van Wyk that he should speek to his Brothr Justices Before January Last Court to Instruct me that

I thereby could Speek to their Lawyer Mr. Chambers. if thy will Load me with their whole whayt truble & money, then I would be obliged to Shift for my Self

Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

New York 22 Nov. 1745

Loving Coz.

As I have already Sent Sircular leters to the 17 p-ticular Capts. to Send a fair & Just List of Every perticular man in Each of their severall District as I have to Each of them Layd out, I have now a repeated Comand, from his Excelcy to requier them severaly to do it & so Just, that if at any time hereafter they on oath may testifie the truth of such Lists takin as I have no time being in hury I Desier you to Send Each a new Sircular Leter & that they deliver such List forth with to Yor Office as they wil answer the refuzale or neglect at their parral & yu to Transmitt the Same to me fr As Soun as Can  
Yr. aff Unkel

Hen:Beekman

Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

N. York 11 Feby 1746|7

Loving Cozn

this Day recd. Yors. of y 28 Janry & yr. of y 6th Instant by the Post am Glad to here Rutsens Childrin are Lyk to do well but sorry to here of a bad Destamper to rise among you, which hope the Lord will aswage, yu. Doe not say what fate my Sartificat had by the Supervizr or how my Tennts performd in there promise Mr Yearinton was here Yesterday. tould me no neuws but that the assassors had Stoutly augmented my welth I mean as toward paying Tax. I Shal Expect in what mannr. I must take the Trasurros rect. for yu. and ye Exact Sum yo've paid Jury Trimper before I pay the mony. it is Emadgend that Yor. Brother Gilbt. is Takin in Coming from Jamaca-Lawyer James Brown of Connectt. with youing Northrop were here Yesterday to Know how ye Bargain was to be accomplished. That is 450 acres in possession of Old Northrop was to be convayd by Rutsen & to be warrented, but how I know not, it was then thought of, Case Sister did not aprove whether by Exchange. She Should take an aquivolant of my Lands, but if her land be Intailed I can not see how she Can Exchange more then to Sel. in order to Such he Kip possession Tock in mean time alease, & Gave a bond £104. how it happened yt. ye bond was given in Rutsen name only & not Joynt to us 3 guaratr for that mony. was to goe or at Least so

much as would pay Sisters Con'ta, £15 Layer brown was to have out of y first paymt. & mony wel bestowd for he was most usefull. & we Could not have Don without him. one other £100 was to be paid for & to wards purches & in ye mean while, untill ye articalls were a Complished the rent was to be paid for ye land according to the Lease. A Tract of Land belonging to Northrop at Richfield Comput-ed worth £300 was the Risidue to pay the whole, the propozell was in writing how it stoeed & what ye Case I thing I sent it to Cozin Jacob I cant Sarch for them now as my wife is sorely aflicted with an Impediment if it Doe not Carry her of it may be long and Deficult to come too, it is Sumting Like ye pyls but worse: if you have oppur-tunity to Specke to Sister Pawling & let me Know for Jong Northrop has no house & must buld & in Case this he cant be made sure he will moeve of & ye £104 to Seek farr, & Sum worse Villins com in his possession so the Relaps be come worse then the Dis Ease, its Said the Staats of Holland have Actually Choese A Statholder ye prince of friseland. by wch. they are in ye warr by all provebility remain

Yr. Affectioned Unkel &c,  
Hen Beekman

To Henry Livingston Esqr Cleark of Dutches County

New York 12 Novr. 1747

Loving Coz.

I send this as a newa paper by Joseph Coraferd recd. a leter from Thomas Beekman Johannes Maston Adam Swart and Dommeny Mantsios Seting forth that thy Severaly ware Supenyd by y atty. Genr.—relating Quit rents & Desierd me to Send me the Date of my father's patant, that Includes there Several Lands—which patant Supose to be in your hand, out of wch. my father Sold Sundry Lotts & reserved a Quit to Be p'd him A his heirs and I supose my father and yo'r father have p'd this forty Years, the q(uit) Due to y King of sd. patant to the Corporation (of) Kingstn as pretending by a Confermation of (said, Corporation by an aGremt. y older patants (should) pay to them, for wch. thy have been these 27 Years in the Chancery Exaning yor. fathers papapers p.haps yu. may find Receipts from sd. Corporatn— thohope reserved quit Did by our De- vision with the house in Kingston is become the Inheritance of Yor. Brother—, if yu. have opertunity to Let these props know that I soun shal writ my thoughts In mean while I think they have best to stay home—we in the house of Assembly have perswadgen amongst us aGreed case of a Dissolution to Set up & Joyn so al to Come again in y same body if possible, time is com to such Crises that Sumthing

must at all Events be tryd to Save our Contry case the Governour  
wil pase non of our Laws which are now before him

In hast

Hen:Beekman

(Outside)

Uncle Beekman Nov 26 1747

(Inside)

New York 26 Nov. 1747

Loving Cozn

Yesturday the assambley ware Disolved after that the 2 prince-  
pal Acts ware past, the provision & money Bills; where by ye Raiseing  
of the Eight hundred man; may Get on the fronteers: am In forem'd  
Governour Laws of Connecticut hath writ & oferd that 400 man  
Could be had thence provided thy can have their own oficers wh. is  
Yet unknown; that would bring no Grist to his mil; and if that  
handle be the Case Doubt whethr. thal git men at all: Luis De Boys  
of yor. place tould me he would this Day apply to the Governr. for  
a Capt. Liseance for himself if Doctor. Coldin be gone home: he will  
p. haps Be Elseware not under stoed. money only hath sance; p. haps  
De Doctor wil order the Ulster & Dutches Sherifs to Set ye. Day for  
Election so that he may be on both to Influanse by his majastk.  
prasance who the Voeters to Chuse I Intend to Com up by water  
shal goe from hence next Monday with Gert. Benthuiys so hope By  
Midle Next week to be at Rynbeek.

remain yr. afd unkel

Henry Beekman

I wrote by Van Wormen I shal make no  
Ingadgemt. what part to act until thorough  
Informed

To Henry Livingston Esqr Clearke of Dutches County These

New York 7.Decr.1748

Loving Coz.

Yor. Brother Cornelius is not Yett gon but soon will Sail Here  
is manney Conjecturs on the Diferent advizes relating peace or warr,  
but notwithstanding I Bleive we Shall have a peace, I here no more  
of the neuw Commis]. of the peace for Dutches Send yu. the  
neuws papper in Parker a Coppy of an address fulsum a nogh in ye  
letter part give up for so long a time & under such Restrictions &  
Limitations as unto &c. Shall Seem meet I doubt whether any

Corporation in france could be found such a Condensation (in De  
for East,there is a protest) hereis no other neuws

am yor. afectd unkle to Comm

Hen:Beekman

## Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

N'w York 19 Decr. 1751

Loving Coz.

Yors by Palmertier of ye 14th intemating sundrys wch had partly  
herd,the helish Contrivance I did thinck they ware hatched here at  
York & Did not thinck they would have flowen to Duches so soon or  
if they had that any of Comm. Sance would given Credit to such pal-  
pable Lies & So Easy Disproeved, Shall writ to ye Speaker for a  
Certificat with wch & other things Shal form an Advertizemt to  
Strick up in the County, As to ye affair of our tennat have had Item  
4 or 5 monthes agoe, Kipt the thing a Seakrit with intent to find its  
first moever, then Suspecting the person you doe hope you'l find who  
those ware, at the Poghkeepsie meeting Truth will come out, & the  
authers of Rebellion, Scedusers—give them roop enough they will  
hang them Selives. So passiance

the Stoory of my being Bayl for Tappen & to git an Act for the  
paymt of his Debt is So Stupid & redicouls fals one would thinck the  
meanest Capasity would Dispise to give Ear to but that Shall be  
Cleared up in the advertizet have writ along Dutch leter. an-  
swering his, much of ye Same Story to Mr. Hendk Kip.& Sent him ye  
Last votes I had with derECTION to be left at Capt. H. Terbosos for  
p.uzell of frinds there at Judge Ter Boss Du Boys &c. an other Leter  
to Judge Boss: Benj:Ferris H. Filkin, will Humfrys, Gert Van Wag-  
enen Gert Benthuyse Sister Pawling Dom'y Lodk Hartwick So have  
Dis p.sed 5 Set of votes Sundry of ye Councell & assamly adrees,  
am tyred of writing over & over ye Same Story. For me to come in ye  
County Ear ye writs for Elect: is out. Cannot do, as not Ceeertain  
whether this wintr Lett nature in meain while work p adventure  
they may fale in there own wicked pits I am not so harty as  
usewell haveing had a Great Coold which hangs yett about me &  
week Ejes & often Cramps in my Leggs, however wont Complain to  
much on occasion could Exart you But this for a truth I have been  
tyred of assambley-ship maeny Years. (But this to Yor Self) & would  
our frinds could thinck of any other pson in my sted with Mr. Filkin  
so Hoffman was kipt out would then reather come up & Contribit  
then for my self am tould a commi for Collo. in my Rome is sent up  
for Lowrens Van Kleek. Give my Harty Sarvice to him & tell him  
that I hope he will not Refuze accepting thereof, if he should then

it will go to one wch we will Like worse. I gro old & am tyered of all these things how Ever if I must I will come & not for saake my frinds to my utmost. when I doe I shall come with such ingrediants as my best frinds here shall advise & furnish me with to wch they seem to Incline

the Cheef Justice & fambly have Sum thing to Desiere you'l do for them as to Run out the Bounds of their Land on the wappinges & then to Lay it in 5 Lots with yor apraizing the Same. they will Send you proper mattieriales & Directions wch yu must by no meens refuze. But sho therin a willingness as in gratitude (should) y know for what Expect to here from you by all oppertuntys. how far yu Can rely on Mr. Ev. . I leive to you, for yu know home he has for a mastr— and if wee kan its in his way do doe us Justice as Sarvice—

I hope Will: Green has not been arrested, if Mr Boll has informed me Right it would be a slurr as wel as Cost you must passify him, as hapend thro wrong informations

Wishing yu & fambly marry Christmas & Hapy New Year  
am yr affec Coz

Henry Beekman

the Bearer John Waters prmises  
to DeLiver with own hand

(Outside)

Uncle Beekman Jan. 22: 1752

(Inside)

Rinebeek 23. Janu 1752

Loving Cozn.

My wif rights me to have sent by one hendrick Rynderse a karmen aleter of her self & one of Mr. Jones the Speaker to me, & one of do. to Mr. Ter Boss. for wh. Trubble she paid his 2| pray Inquire. you may open them & if se cause to Coppy of Mr. Joneses Leter

Mr. Filkin said he would provid or furnish Beef, Porck & Backin. most all should be Buylt a Day or 2 before ye Election & brought to the Saverall Houses of ours as Buys, Van de Bogart or Mrs. Ten Brock. Balt V. Kleek Boud Le Count 6 Barrels of Cider I had bespook of Coll: V. Kleek Boud. win ofered as much I would have p haps are in Barrls. then that best. the Cyder Should also be Distrebutd. Before ye. Day. I know not hoe shall manage Filkin & I am Tyered Sum others I thinck should Bear a hand ———

I will send yu. my negro Same till ye. Elect. be over. Bread we Intend to Baake hier 100 Loves Rum are to have from Bowdwyn that also shoud Be distrebuted to such houses wherein it kan not be had Here nithing of ye. 3 Gent.l mans reply so famious Don by priest

Graham p. haps thy will not Come in publick. wh. can Scarce be  
suposed then we should Keep ours Longer Back for thy will not read  
well unless thiers be read first. I am

Yr. unkel.

Hen: Beekman

[Note—These preparations for the entertainment of voters prior to or during an election indicate that, to carry the election, the candidates thought some inducement necessary. About 1761 the following lines were written by a boy of eleven years, William Moore, Jr., (son of Dr. William Moore, deceased,) of Oswego, Beekman Precinct. Beekman Precinct lay within the patent granted in 1703 to Henry Beekman, where many settlers held land as tenants only (an arrangement which there, as elsewhere, created friction) and the verse here quoted, reflects the popular sentiment of that day. The verse is copied from the literary remains of William Moore, Jr., owned in manuscript form by descendants of the Moore family.]

“One night in my slumbers, I saw in a dream  
Judge Livingston’s party contriving a scheme  
To set up great papers and give some great bounty  
For to be Assemblymen in Dutchess County.  
But Leonard and Derrick are both chosen men,—  
The Livingstons won’t get a vote to their ten,  
So pull down your papers, talk no more of bounty,  
You can’t be Assemblymen in Dutchess County.  
Your printed relation  
Wants confirmation  
Tho’ signed by Judge Thomas’s hand  
Your writings are discreet,  
But in them there’s deceit,  
Not a vote would you get if it wan’t for your land.”

In further explanation of these lines it should be added that Dutchess County was represented in the 28th Colonial Assembly (June 1759–November, 1760) by Robert R. and Henry Livingston. In March, 1761, about the time that William Moore wrote the above, they were returned again to the 29th Assembly, but at the adjournment of that session (February 6, 1768) the Livingstons were not re-elected; Leonard Van Kleeck of Poughkeepsie and Derrick Brinckerhoff of Rombout (prosperous freeholders), whose candidacy at the election of 1761 is indicated in this boyish effort, were chosen in their places.]

(Outside)

Uncle Beekman March 13 1752

(Inside)

New York 13 March 1752

Loving Couzn.

Received yors. of ye. 3 & 7 Instant By Petr. Vanderburg By whom comes these with £30 in Spanish Dollars. I have Spoek to Hendrick Bogart he is well Satisfied, Shall within 10 Days redeeme & Send yu. Capt. Conklins Bond. By all Likly houd, I have Gised wrong as it seems. in Giving so high for wheat. But that lett pass, tho I think when with you Last I Limmitted 1000 Bushell for ye. 5 & 4d. pris & there Lays Sumthing in my thought more that sumthing was sd if yu Could buy for Sum Lower pris would tak so much more.

I shall be contant to act & do according as yu. have understoed me Cheef Justice & Mr. Alderman Livingston are well Satisfied. I hope shall git in sum of my Debts for I blive shall be obliged to pay for all my wheat before that shal macke any money thereof. I find Let me take what meethod in giting my rents or Debt In meets with so much Deficulty. Clement west Bought from Jonathn. Strickland without my consent to whom I have Leased: said farm Wiliam Humfrey Tould me sumthing abot. west but have forgot what & he is as poor as ——— & wiltsie has no Lease & is as poor. If yu. Know or no remady to Keep these 2 Actions Bettwin Haaks & Buzard let them Drop I blive shall git nothing this year of John Gunsalis & money &c But that of John Carman £93 & £93 I wish yu. could Let me Know what yr. County is in my Debt as allowed

N. B. if yu. could frame a Declaration vs. west & wilkie & sign my name thereto, would Save Charges do in that as yu. will:— (Lawiers are Ravenus) remain Yor.

the Genn Assambly is proraged again as p. news papers.

Affectd.. Unkele &c

Henry Beekman

New York 19 March 1752 I delivered in ye. had of Peter Vanderburgh 75 Spanish Dollars & tock his receipt for y. Delivery thereof to Henry Livingston

Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

New York 7. April 1752

Loving Couz.

the List of the pool recd. by Hansie, But no other Silabell. I have writ yu. Sume time ago, & mantion'd of sume Debets, as shall

whant money to pay all my Dear wheat, befor I can make any money of ye Same. If yu. Could Inquire & this peramtorry make answer to pay me by middle may or Soenner as of Gusalies. W:Herrys. Mr. Lieus Lowrens De Lange. Alixd Brower, Addjeat. Elias De Lange by Bond. 18 Octr. 1750 pay able with Interest from ye date proncepl £10.14 Hans Jury Over acker, John Luies, in poghkeepsie by bond 22 Novembr 1749 £38 wth Interest from ye Date, please aske him for it. being now in whant thereof by 1 may. . Also what the County is in arrear as allowed,& how I will git it pd me, would faighn Know relating my Little Law Suetts of wch I wrote what yu. have don or what will become of them, I writ a leter to Isaac Boll So a 14 night a goe by 1.Cornell if yu.Se Boll,p.haps he will whant yu. to write an answer thereto, also would faign know what wheat you actually bought for me on my request & ye pris for, & how I Limited it p Bushell & Quintum,& how payable In Short I wish yu. Could Draw a Skatch of an account of the whole wheat Buying affair—and a list of rent wheat recid—I Send you by Hansie Capt. Conklins bond redeemed from H.Bogart who Insisted on ye Interest as ys So marked on the Bond for wch you'l Credt.my acct.

I percive that John Earll Living in Lot No. 4. whom I ordered to be arrested I think on arrears for Rent how Mr. Alsop, has Declared in the writ I shal know to morrow. Jonathan Brown Earl's atty. oferd Ben: Neicoll a fee against me in that affair & is resolved to Stand Tryall, Nicoll refuzed his fee, he had tould Nicoll yt. that the Land he hild under a neuw fair field Right & not under Philips. So yt. they Trump up more & more tytells agt. us. Shall Consult Alsop & Suppose Nicoll Blive it best for I Suppose Lawy. Smits Brother is Conserned with them am yor. affect unkel to Commd

Henry Beekman

Send you 50 Good Limes

Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

April 13, 1752

Loving Coz.

Yor of ye 9 by P. V. Derburgh, am glad you have rec'd ye. money I sent by him. and that not be capable to furnish You with any more, till the Begaining in May. then or by yt time shal have flower to make money of; But what I shal then whant I can not say. untill yu give me information— I writ yu by Hansie & sent Capt. Conklins bond— here with Comes the Book an Answer to ye Freeholder & ye Last news paper. Yor Brother James Dyned with me this Day. As for ye warent he or his Employer did not well under stand (But he says is to re-

ceive from his Employer — — — p Day) and Can not git ye money  
until he git good vouchters as to ye Quality of ye Land.

Amm Yor. Affect. unkill

To Command

Henry Beekman

Henry Beekman to Henry Livingston

New York 3 March 1753

Loving Cozn.

I Send yu. by Jong Isaac Kyp, the news paper you know we have  
to Defd. Vs. Hofman suets of Great Consequances. the Jurrors are  
the Decisory: I find the Jurrors twix Hofn. & Benthuyse where those  
voted for him in the Last Election should the Sherif, by him, already  
be secured, as he is artful, & under Stands Doabbing. I would ven-  
ture the Sub, But how to come at Such Knowledge, is a m-iry—&  
could I be certain the Chief Sherif was Determined to pennl. them  
himself, would be for a struck Jury, give me your openjo. soon; as  
our Lawyers requier of me to Deside, that mater, as they may pro-  
ceed by our aprobaton

Remain yr affectioneed unkle to Commaind

Henry Beekman

Another instance of the mixed usage of Dutch and English oc-  
curs in a single letter from the pen of the widowed Catherine Brett  
of Fishkill. Francis Rombout, one of the patentees of the Rombout  
Patent in Southern Dutchess, bequeathed his holdings in land to his  
only daughter, Catherine, who became the wife of Roger Brett.  
After a short married life Roger Brett died and his widow assumed  
sole charge of her inheritance from her father. She sold most of her  
land in large homestead farms to prosperous settlers (mainly Dutch  
families from Long Island) and exhibited shrewd business capability  
in her transactions. The sale referred to in her letter below is one  
made to Clear Everitt of a tract in the northeastern corner of the  
township of Poughkeepsie. Her tone is that of a kind and friendly  
woman, possessed of practicality and common sense.

To Mr Hennery Levenston at His hous at pocipsing

May the 13. 1749

Sir

after my Kind Respacks tou your selfs en T yours this Comes  
tou Return you thancks for your Favens tou your spous Sr en I had  
a Litel descors about her disorder sie has bin affectid weht wyle sie

had that Dimnis on her syht en accorden tou wat axpirens I haff had I thack it that the esstirrix is the prinsibel cors thes Drops at vary goud tou supres the vapers my Dater has Resifd grat Rilyffe by thacken of them I houp to mersy the will be blest tou her the are to bie thacken 25 drops en the morning as sone as sie Ryses on 2 or 3 sponfuls of water for som days en alsoo at nyht when sie gous tou Bad I advysd Mrs. levenston tou Drinck way tou Coul her Blod en tou Bring her tou a nateral Body witets I houp sie has had bennift by becaus when sie begins tou thack this Drops sie soud not bie vary Costiff or Bond but being pretie naterell not Lous nether but pretie naterell en then thacken the Drops duly mornings en Evenings the well ciep her soo after a wicks thacken of them sie mack yuse half wyn tou thack them en the are passenter tou thack en I wold not haff her bie afracd of a drop or tou moor for after 2 or 3 thym taken them sie may thack forthie the wont hert fore en case of a Collick wan may thack sextie Sr Mr Everitt was hier this morning hie is tou giff mie sex fatt fols for quit en I Resarf half the myns en hie is tou geff mie a morigide on the Land for the tou other pamants wan half I must Resife now en the other half of the hole is tou bie en four pamants wan half of that half the naxt may en the other half the nax may Follerng en for the securitie of the same I thack a Morigeed en a Bond en Sr Mr Everit en I ar agrid that hie is tou haff but 11- hondrid ackers I am tou tou Ciep the Remander out of the Remander is Laid out 59 acars By Johannes Swartwout en for moses De Graff 19 ackers more en for Mr. Tapper 100 ackers en for Mr Piter De Bous en arie Van Vliet about 20 ackers it Lys yust By arrie Van Vlits posessyon mr De Bous was tou Ron this out the Day after I Com from Pocipsing the aboff was Ron out before en the Remander sr witets I haff Resarfd I am tou thack en proporsine as I haff sold tou hiem goud en Bad as I haff sold to hiem as it sall bie agriyd en wan pies if it can suet for I wold haff it weht tember on for I haff thacken som plans alridy I Don beliff Mr Evrit en I sant Dessagrie en Sr I mack Bold tou Remynd you wans more tou Gard mie en that pynt that I only sell 11 hondrid ackers wehten Mr Coldens Lyne that enlays that the Land accorden tou the patant sold bie fond broder that that must bie my Ryet still en hie is tou giff the quit en preporsin of the patant en sex fatt fols tou mie my son will Sr Explan my crall tou you otherways you wold bie pusseld I Remane Sr weht du Respect tou your selfs en spous Sr your

vary ombell

Sarvant

Catharynn Brett

Sr you will bie plisd tou Lett know

Jacob Rutsen, Jr., of Rhinebeck, who married Alida Livingston (sister of Henry Livingston of Poughkeepsie) reveals himself in a half-dozen letters in a most engaging way. He was evidently of an affectionate, tender nature, and domestic in his tastes, and the sincerity of his concern for his sick wife and baby and his pride in the little son are very winning. Incidentally he brings home to this generation the reality of the terrors of the French and Indian wars. Preceding his letters is one from his wife when she was a young girl.

Alida Livingston to Gilbert Livingston. (endorsed 1732).

For Mr. Gilbert Livingston In Kingston

Hanrerred Father an Mother

this is to let you no that we are al in good healt as I hope it will find you in the same I am perswaded by my unkel an aunt to stay till the next yege and hope you will not teck it a mis the snuf I am to have at cozen byerds ples to sead the paper wich you lick best and the tae by unkeel Livingston 14lb wich I have seant up ples to let mr. la meetre have the tae for thay wont giuef shic small qantyte my duty to you and my granmother and love to my sister and brothers and let me no if you ples if my cousins have the small pox no more at pressent I remane your

dutefull daughter

Alida Livingston

Jacob Rutsen, Jr., to Henry Livingston

Rynbeck August 24-1743

Loving Brother

we are In good health as I hope This may find you & family.

My Mother Desires to know what wheate thier is att Yarentons Mill & that he grinds it as sone as possibell & Let me know by the Bearer Michell Helmn

further I Recommend Michell to you—he has a Bond of Mr Tappen for £35 which you may see by him Therefore Desire you'll goe with him to Tappens for I hear that Tappen will give Bond of his Cred't for what he ows I have heard that Isaac Vredenburgh has given his Bond for £8 to Mr Tappen & if he will give Bonds for the whole you know who are good pay masters

If you can help the man I schould be glad My wife & old sole joyns with me In our Love & sister & gilb & am your Brother to Commd

Jb: Rutsen Jnr.

Jacob Rutsen Jr. to Henry Livingston.

Rynebeck sepr 7-1743

Loving Brother

This serves to acquaint you that my Dearest Is yesterday morn-  
ing Delivered of a fine son

my wife is very much plaged with a pain In her Body but hope  
In God she will Doe well-

I sent for aunt Beekman yesterday morning & sche Is here still-

I should be glad to see you here. In the mean time wee Both  
Joyn In our Love to you and Sister & Couzin & am In hast your  
Brother to Commd

Jacob Rutsen Junr

P.S. the Boy Is now a Crying

Jacob Rutsen Jr. to Henry Livingston

Rynebeck Sept. 16, 1743

Dr. Brother

I just received your Letter of the 14 Instant and am glad to hear  
of your wifes and son Gill: health schould be glad to see you here if  
possibel

my wife is pretty hearty- our son was Last night taken on his  
stomach with a cough that we thought he would have Expired amie-  
diately, though Better now- he has a violent cold on his Brest as our  
former babes had wheather will Recover the Lord alone knows my  
wife and old soull Joyn with me In our love to you & sister & son &  
my Respects to your father and family and am your Brother and most  
Humbel servant to Commd,

Jacob Rutsen Junr.

(Outside)

To Henry Livingston Esqr.

att

Poughkeepsinck

Brothr. Rutsen Decr. 10 1743

(Inside)

Rynebeck Decmr. 10- 1743

Loving Brother

according to your Desire By John humphreys I have got a half  
Beef for you which Intend to kill—amunday, Mr. Jan Van Dewse is  
to have the other half as for your part shall salt it for you till can  
fetch it the price is £3.5 it is a large English ox my wife and son are  
In good health hoping these may find you sister and son Gille Like-

wise wee Joyn In Love to you & family and am your affectionate  
Brother to Commd.

Jacob Ruten Jun

P. S. your Butter  
is Ready Likewise so that if  
you had it home you could  
live well Enough.

Jacob Rutsen Jr. to Henry Livingston

Rynbeck Decm. 16-1743

Loving Brother

Inclosed send the note of Mr Gillett which I Desire you'll get  
Executed as sone as possibell for fear of his making an Escape as I  
believe he will By what I can hear

my wife & son are In health, hoping this may find you in the  
Same—

we shall Expect you here as sone as snow comes to fetch your  
Beef—

we Remaine In Love to your self sister & son & am your afec-  
tionate Brother to Commd

Jacob Rutsen Junr

Jacob Rutsen to Henry Livingston

To Henry Livingston Esqr In Poughkeepsie pr Rinebeck Constable

Rinebeck Novenr 23 1745

Loving Brother

wee are att pesent in good health, hope by god's Blessing this  
may find you & family In the same—

I Received this morning @ 5 oclock a letter from Uncle P:  
Livingston to witt that there was 600 french & Indians near hosick  
Drawing Down to the English settle ments which news came post  
Down to him & he sent it Likewise to me, his Letter was Dated Last  
night 12 oclock

I Emiediatly sent it over pr post as Your father was the nearest  
Colonell—

I Dount Doudt but you have heard of the murder committted att  
scharightoga were they kild all they could gitt both man & beast, as  
for the particulars we have not yet heard, it is Supposed that Mr  
Philip Schuyler is first shot & then burn't in his own house—

my wife son & self Joyn in Love to you sister & Gille & am  
your to Commd.

Jacob Rutsen

Connected with those same French and Indian troubles, mentioned above, letters from (and about) three younger sons of the Livingston family, which are illuminating in their bearing upon the military and naval service of the day.

Gilb. Livingston to Gilbert Livingston

Portroyall Octor. the 17th. 1741

Loving Father

My last to you was P Capt. Hinson, of the 9th Instant, which I hope you have Received— of the 15th Instant, arrived here his Majestys Snow ye Bonetta in six weeks and three days from Plymouth With a Packett for the Adm'l and gave Account that they are making all Readyness at home for a french War, and we Expect here that War is Declared in the Admls Packett: the Snow Sailed this morning with the Packett, to Cumberland harbour: we had an Account Last Sunday from the Camp at Cumberland that the Camp was overflowed Last week, and seven Soldiers was Drown'd, and Several Negroes, the water flow'd 50 foot Perpendicular in 4 hours time and Was gone again in 2 days time, which floud has Occasion'd a great Sickness amongst them; we also hear from England that Lord Gerolly is Coming over to Jamaica with Eight Regiments but this wants Confirmation, I am still on board of the York I have been on board of her 4 months, but I have only one Serjt. and one Private man with me— I hope my friends are all well, as for my Part I never was so healthy nor so fatt in my Life as I am at Present. Capt Suckness has been on board with me most 4 months, but is now like to be Discharged. No more to add at Present, but Conclude with my Love to mother, Brothers, Sisters, and all my friends and am Your Loving Son

Gilbt. Livingston

To Coll. Gilbt. Livingston at Kingston pr Capt. Sleight

New York Octor. 8h. 1742

Loving father

Tomorrow I Shall Sail for Jamaica in a Brig Called ye Port Royal, Capt. Burchill In Company with Mr Simyers, I Spoak with Capt. Cosby and he told me he would be Very Glad to Serve me and would writ to Coll. Martin He told me he had received a Letter from Mss Willson Agent to our Regiment, to tell the officers not to Draw for their Arrars, that he had not yet Receiv'd the Arrear Money So that I Shant get it till I Come to Jamaica My love to Brothers and Sisters and Duty to you

I remain yr Loving Son

Gilbt. Livingston

To Coll. Gilbt. Livingston in Kingston New York  
Pr Sloop Oglethorpe  
Capt. Gingley

To Coll Gilbt. Livingston  
Sr

Inclosed I Send a Letter to Sister hanna which You'll please to Deliver, I Also Send her by this Oppertunity a pot of Perserv'd Gameron's Directed to You, Cover'd with a peice of Canvass which I hope will Come to hand, I Expect to Sail this week, My love to Brothers, Sisters and all friends I Remain Sr Your

Dutyfull Son  
Gilbt. Livingston

Kingston Jamaica  
March the 7th. 1742.3

To Coll. Gilbt. Livingston In Kingston New York  
Pr. Capt. Van Burson Q. D. C.

Kingston Jamaica, March 14, 1743.4

Loving Father

My last to you was of the 24th of Last month Pr Capt. Tucker, in which I acquainted You that I was fitting my Sloop out to go a Privateering, but Since have broak the Voiage

The Company that was Concerned wont be at the Expence to fitt both out, the owner of the Sloop I belive will Send me to the Spanish main to turtile, or Else he will Send Me to Highspaniola with a Cargo of negroes, to Purchase a Cargo of jndigo.

Last week the law Suit was tri'd between Mr. Battersby and Mr. Hendly, the Latter Lost, and is to pay my Employer four hundred and thirty eight Pounds Damages for the Loss of the Brig that I Carryd to New York, and I am Lik'd to Loose about Seventy Pounds which I am answerable for to the Sailors and my Employer will Lose above Six hundred Pound by the Vessel altho he got the Action

All Needful with my Love to Brothers and Sisters and am  
Your Loving Son  
Gilbt. Livingston

Gilbert Livingston (jr) to Henry Livingston

New York May 20th 1752

Lovg. Bror.

Inclosed is the Deed & hope you'll Soon have an Oppertunity of Selling the farme, which when you Do, I Beg you'll Redeem my Bond which I Have Given Aunt Livingston for 50 pound and Also a Bond

given 5 Year ago to Bro Robt. and the Remainder Keep in your Hands  
Till you can Inform me of it, if you write to me Direct to me Living in  
Hernbay Bermuda and send it Down under Cover to Andw. Myer  
and he will forward it. I Expect to Sail a Saturday Morning. I wish  
you & family Health and Happyness and am

Your Lovg. Bror.

Gilbt. Livingston

Mattw Norris to Phil Livingston Esq

Tartar of of Hendricks Sepr 30th 1738

Sir

I am sorry I was disappointed of the favour you intended me;  
my own ill state of health would not allow me to take leave of my  
friends, or I should have waited on you; I shall be very ready to Do  
your Nephew any servis in my power, & I hope he will turn out to  
the Credit & Satisfaction of all his relations, he shall not want the  
best advice I can give him. One of the four men you sent having  
deserted Captn Windham in the Rose, & being in a list he left with  
me to be apprehended, you'll not take it amiss that I have kept him,  
seing without a manifest breach of the Oeconomy of our Servis I  
could not avoid it.

Your letters enclosed Shall be carefully forwarded at the first  
port wee arrive, & your commands will allways be acceptable to

Sir Your most humble Serv

Mattw Norris

To Phi. Livingston Esqr

30 Sepr 1738

Dr. Brother

I intended to have gone to waite on Capt Norris to ReComend  
your Son to his favr, but was disappointed I wrote him a letter on  
that Subject, his answer I send for yr satisfaction I hope they may  
be sincere then I Expect it will be of service to him. I have wrote  
to my friends in his favr and gave him an order to Receive ten  
pounds Stg and desird them to give him their best advice wh I depend  
they will do, he came aShore to see me wh pleased me much— Capt  
Langdon was arrivd at London his hands are presst but as ye Capt  
had an Indenture fr yr Son it has no doubt Savd him from being  
taken out of ye Ship. I have a letter from Cadiz of ye 2 augst Last  
but not a word of peace or war So I Conclude all is over again till  
next Spring I wish you Sister & family well & assure you I am

Your affectionate Brother & humble Servant

Ph. Livingston

I hope you be mindful of  
Joh. vDemon note assignd  
me by Mr. Tappen pray deliv  
the enclosed

To Gilb. Livingston Esqr

Ph. Livingston to Gilbert Livingston  
For Gilbert Livingston Esqr. att Kingston

Manor Livingston 15 may 1740

Loveing Father

I Recd. yours of ye 12th Instant, I am Extreemly pleasd to see  
that your son John is in a good way to make up a Compy— of volun-  
teers to go on the glorious Expedition against Cuba, I have no Reason  
to doubt that his honr. will baulk him while he has gott the men.

I shall write to him to grant him the Capt's. Commission for he  
is Justly intituled to it. I cant see if the forces go from america how  
it can faile that your son Couz John should not go at the head of his  
Compy. to Cuba. I wish him good Success.

I hope Sister Livingston is Recoverd of her Illness I & my wife  
Joyn in our Love to you both and Service to all frinds and am

Your Loveing Father  
and humble Servant  
Ph. Livingston

here is the acct. of Jan DWitt  
Ballance £3:1:6 the goods are  
Chiefly or all bought of D V. Veghton

For Mr. Henry Livingston Att Dutchess County Poghkeepsink

Albany 4 July 1740

Couz. Henry Livingston

I send you inclosed tow accounts one of Petrus Finehout for  
£3.16.6 and one of Dirk Janse Jnr for £2.5.5.½ for which as they  
both live in your County I desire you to take out writs against them,  
while I find they do not Incline to pay me, as soon as they are taken  
or you have the money advice Mr. John Dwitt of it, I am very much  
pleasd to find that your Brother John has gott a Company Excepting  
7 men for wh. I would Reather pay £10— a man than yt. he should  
not gett them and wish him good Success in his undertakeing, I am

your affectionate uncle &  
Humble servant

Ph. Livingston

To Gilbert Livingston Esqr in Kingston

Manour Livingston April 5th, 1740

Sir]

Your Letter by Doctor Colden I have Received, I wish it were in my power to serve Couz: John in procureing men to serve under him for the Spanish west Indies Mr. Provoost of New York has desired me to do the same for him,, I have made some enquiry but can't hear of any that will enlist themselves. We have not received any orders to muster the Company here, but beleive shall before we return to Albany order them to appear, tho' that matter will be left to my Father who I expect here to morrow if the wind proves favourable, with Capt. Winne who I hear has got 30 men at Albany & Capt. Robt. Clarke 25 but very much Question wether they will be able to make up the Complement required.

I wrote you sometime ago from Albany desiring you would send me a power of attorney executed to be forwarded to George Wyllys Esqr. of Hartford Secretary of Connecticutt to enable him to sue behalf of the heirs of Unkle John that he may recover what of right belongs to them of that Estate I wrote to him some time since at my Fathers request to know wether he would accept of it & have not long since received his answer that he is willing to render all the service in his power to bring that affair to a happy conclusion & that he already had for that purpose retained in his opinion the best Councill in their province, but if you don't approve of it & think it not worth while to make any Stir in it please to let me know that I may not keep the Gent. in Suspence.

My mother Brother Philip & his wife my Sister Sara together with my wife Joyn with me in our best regards to aunt & all the family

I am Sir

Your affectionate nephew & most humb Servt.

P. V. B. Livingston

(Outside)

Half of sheet with superscription missing. Remaining sheet endorsed: Broth: Robert July 6, 1743.

(Inside)

New York ye 6 July 1743

Lovg Brother

This Goes p Capt. Dorcey with Inclosed Bond for £19: 16 principal, payable ye 1 May 1738, of John Ten Bruck To James Hude Esqr. When recd, you may send it with sd. Dorcey wth. is a safe hand & take his rect & take no pence, Mr. Dorcey Tells me he was

bound for January Wellson In a bond wch. Occasions his Going up,  
I hope you be serviceable to him, If in your power, tho I beleve he is  
In No danger of Loosing his money, he was ye first told me of his  
Death, which I Was Very Sorry to hear Bror. Gil is every day ex-  
pected from Jamaica Masr of a briganteen and am

Yr Lovg Brother  
Robt. G. Livingston

Robert G. Livingston to Gilbert Livingston

New York ye 24 Sepr 1744

Hond. Father

I recd. yours wit ye aples & Squashes & three pumpins fr which  
return you thanks

Bro. Sam is yet aboard ye man of war Lancelton who will will  
sail next week as to news referr to ye paprs & am with our Loves

Yr. Dutifull son  
R G Livingston

To Mr. Henry Livingston at poughkeepsie These

Launciston June ye 1st: 1745

LOVING BROTHER this is to let you know that j am in good health  
and j hope this will find you in the Same dear brother j am very  
Sorry that j did not stay at home with you for j do repent very much  
my coming in a man of war for here is nothing Else but Cursing and  
Swaring Every day Now we ar Crusing of Capertuny 18th of may  
last we took a french man of war of 64 Guns Brother j wish j was  
with you at home out of this miserable place I hope you and Sister  
and Cousen Gilbert are in good health, no more at present but am  
your loving brother

Samuel Livingston

Samuel Livingston to Henry Livingston.

Sept. 23. 1751.

Loving Brotr.

This serves to acquaint you of my Safe Arrival here on ye 14th:  
Instant, I saw Mr. Tappen at Nova Scotia ye 2nd of this Instant who  
was then a leatle out of order & had been for two or three Days  
but was then better then he had been before, I saw him ye Day before

we said. he desird me to acquaint his friends that j had seen him  
& that he Propod to see about geting a place as soon as Possible

Sr. that New Settlement seems to flourish at Present very much  
but I believe it is at ist hight for ye Chief article seems to fail thats  
money

I am at Present mate of ye Brigg of my Brother and am Very  
Buysey to get her fit for ye sea for which reason I can not Possible  
come up to the Country, where we shall go they are not yet Determd,  
I have No Remarkable News but Remain Dear Brother Your Humble  
Servt.

Samll Livingston

P S| my kind Compliments to your Spouse ye Children Mr. Conklins  
family James & all friends

New York Septr ye 23rd 1751

James Livingston to Gilbert Livingston?

New York March ye 10th, 1739

Cozn Livingston

Sr

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that Capt Boyd in the  
Jamaica packet arriv'd here yesterday in 34 day passage from Ja-  
maica by whom we have Certain Acct that admiral Vernon has had  
the good success to take Porto bello a Town of great note belonging  
to the King of Spain on the Coast of new Spain in America on the  
14th Novr Last the Squadron Consisted only of six men of war, the  
admiral Order'd Commodore Crown in a 70 Gun Ship to Enter the  
harbour first, who went in accordingly & Immediately at his Laying  
before the towne it fell Calm, so that the rest of the fleet cou'd not  
Come up to assist him, by which means he was Oblidg'd to stand the  
fire alone, & soon overcame the Enemy, & took the towne there was  
great Plunder, & at Last Came to a Capitulation the sum given for  
the Ransom is Unknown but to the admir'l &a. they took 65 pr  
brass Cannon Some of 17.½ feet Long all the Iron Cannon were  
sunk in the ocean & demolished their forts, they also took 4 Spanish  
man of Warr in the harbour. in their Return to Jamaica they had a  
great Storm, Lost one of the Spanish man of war— two Ships of the  
Line are Sent to take La Quira with strong orders not to Return  
without having done some Execution. The rest of the fleet are pre-  
paring at Jamaica & Intend for Carthagena on the Coast & if they  
succeed they will attack Havannah on Cuba afterwards, this with my  
Respects to your Spouse & family & am Sr your affectionate Couzen

James Livingston

P S

Excuse the blots &  
Intelienations this  
being in haste

Gilbert, Jr., John and Samuel Livingston, sons of Gilbert Livingston of Kingston, were all young lads when they went to sea and had spent none too much time in school. The sons of their brother, Henry, at Poughkeepsie had better educational advantages, as is shown by two letters written by the Rev. Chauncey Graham. Mr. Graham, a New Englander, was pastor for some thirty years of the English-speaking Presbyterian congregation at Brinckerhoffville, Dutchess County, and conducted there a school also. Judged by his evident intelligence, his interest in good books and his desire for his pupils' improvement in the rudiments of grammar and Latin, it is clear that Mr. Graham's acquirements were superior to the Dutchess County average and that the sons of Henry Livingston were in good hands.

Henry Livingston Esqr in Poghkeepsie

Mr. Livingston

Sir

I've Sent you your Son and hope he will be ready for a Return by the 25th of this Instant May and in the Mean Time pray that he may exercise himself in his Accidence, to review it and I don't care how much he writes, tho he will easily make a Writer— I should be glad you could Send to New York for Beza's Latin Testament, & a Jersey College Latin Grammar, both to be had at Mr. Parkers the Printers— for he has lost his Latin Grammar.— I design Next Week for New England, God Willing, and hope to be ready for my School again by the Time appointed—

I've Sent you up your Tragedies, that I borrowed, for which I heartily thank you. I've also Sent you to peruse the piece you Desired about the Church of England—

I might add did not Time forbid, but Concluding with proper Regards to your self and Spouse from me and mine, I remain your Sincere Friend, most obedient and Very humble Servt

Chaun. Graham.

Rumbout May 2. 1752.

To Henry Livingston Esqr at Poughkeepsie. pr your Children.

Hond. Sir

I Send you the Courses of my Land— Mr DuBois and I have each of us drawn a plan of the Land and found it fell short of Sixty Acres, which we have rectified, and I have a plan of it: So that I need not trouble Mr. Livingston to draw a plan please to draw the Deed as Soon as may be with Convenience Consideration £5 or £10 pounds: a Deed of Gift, the Land warranted in the fullest maner to me &c for ever, without any Exception— I have sent you the Consideration on the paper enclosed upon which the Land was given, and if the form is legal please to insert in the Deed as it Stands; but if the form is not Legal, express the Things Contained in a Legal form. I would by all means have it drawn unexceptionable, So that there never may be a flaw picked in it afterwards— please to draw it on good parchment— and send back the Courses with the Deed—the Contents are (allowing Two Acres & 33 perches for the Road) 60 Acres , 2 Roods, 3 Perches— as may appear on the Enclosed paper under the Courses— it must be dated Feb. 1. 1749/50

My Parents from New England being with us, Salute your Self and Spouse, In which my wife and I heartily concur.

I am Hond. Sr, in the greatest Haste

Your humble Servant To Command

I send pr your  
Children a Deed  
from father Van Wyck  
for Record—  
May 3d. 1755.

Chauncey Graham

Hope the Children will play Sufficiently in their fortnight assigned please to send the Courses of Mr Isaac Adrianses Land for which you wrote the Lease & Release of 49.½ Acres—

Mr. Graham speaks of loaning Henry Livingston a book treating of the Church of England, a subject which may have interested them about that time because of public discussion of the affairs of Kings (now Columbia) College, New York. William Livingston (supposedly identical with William Livingston, "the Presbyterian lawyer" so called, who was Governor of New Jersey 1776-1790) wrote the following undated but able and feeling protest to his cousin at Poughkeepsie in regard to ecclesiastical and collegiate questions.

Dear Sir

I am very glad to hear that you'r opposed to that unrighteous Scheme of a Church College which hath caused so great uneasiness

in the Province, as your Relations here universally are. I think it absolutely incumbent on every man who love his Country or regards the welfare of his Posterity to prevent so dangerous an Encroachment on his Rights and Priviledges as to suffer any Sect to introduce such Tests for any civil Office as will oblige the Candidate to commune in an Episcopal Church as a necessary Qualification. This would gradually introduce that antient Yoke of Bondage to escape which our Forefathers abandoned their native Country and were prosecuted for their noble opposition like the most flagitious Malefactors.

It is evident to me that the Church of England in this Province has been studying to aggrandize itself on the Ruin of all other Denominations ever since it has had an existence in it. This has been proved by the Author of the Watch Tower in a Series of undeniable Facts. And their Present contention for appropriating the monies raised for a free College to one on their own plan, and under their sole management is so glaring an imposition on the good People of this Province, and big with such prodigious and complicated mischief, that I am surprized that the People remained so long supine and idolent about it. But it seems they are at length aroused out of their Lethargy and the Church Project is become the object of general abhorrence.

What has happily tended to awake those who were before indifferent about it was the late base and perfidious method which the Governors of the Charter College took to get the Charter confirmed and the monies invested in them, by Act of Assembly at the Beginning of last Sessions, and in the absence of severall Assembly members known to be averse to the Scheme. But this project luckily miscarried for the Present by a majority of two or three, and so the Consideration of the Petition of the Governor was postponed till after september next.

In order to prevent the Prayer of this Petition from being granted it is thought the best expedient by the Friends of a free College here to petition for a hearing by Council before any Thing is done therein and to get as many People as possible to sign such Counter Petition as it is not to be supposed that the Assembly will pass the confirming Act without a hearing contrary to the request of a considerable part of the Province. And if we can obtain a hearing we are sure of rendering the several Steps & measures taken by the Church so black and odious and shew the unreasonableness of their claim in so strong a light that we hope no Assembly unless one stark mad will ever be drawn into their Project. For this purpose I inclose you a Copy of the Petition for your County not doubting you will use your Influence to get as many as possible to subscribe.

I am Sir your humble serv

Wm Livingston

Please to issue writ in the following Case

Elizabeth Burling agt Stanford Cormehill otherwise  
called Stanford Cormehill of the fish Kills  
Dutchess County & Province of New York £33 of Debt

From the total collection of letters four are here appended which were written to Henry Livingston by his brother, Robert G. Livingston. In one respect these four are important historically. That is in the vividness with which they picture negro slavery in colonial New York. In another way they are unpleasant, inasmuch as they place the writer in an unattractive light; for, notwithstanding an obvious clannishness of family feeling, he was selfish enough to shift the problem of an unruly black to his brother, harsh enough to suggest the threat of the lash, and at least lays himself open to suspicion as to whether he knew that his slaves carried disease with them from New York to Poughkeepsie. Robert G. Livingston's letters are full of high and low lights and warrant close attention.  
Robert G. Livingston to Henry Livingston

New York ye 27 Feby 1744|5

Loving Brother,

I recd yours of ye 20 Instant. I Give you thanks for your Con-  
doleing with me in my Affliction We bear it with all ye patience  
possible, it being a Debt Wee all must pay & Submitt to Will of God,  
I hope this may find you & family in health as We are all at present  
blessed be god, & am with mine Wifes & Harrys Love to You sister  
& Gibbe remaine

Yr Loving Brother

Robt. G. Livingston

To Henry Livingston Esqr In Poghkeepsie

New York ye 22d Feby 1750|1

Loving Brother

I received yours by Mr Peter DBurgh Inclosed therein £10.7. and  
am glad to hear you are all well as we at present enjoy Blessed be  
God, Last week we lost our Wench Phillis by being Barberously Pois-  
oned by whom Cant find out, but She had a Strong Suspicion on  
Uncle Livingston's Prince.

I am very sorry you have had such a bad Winter which must be  
a Great Loss & Inconveniency to the country perhaps the Tennents  
Can bring down their Rent wheat in the Summer with Waggon &c

Our Samuel is gon Second mate of Matchet? to London, & Cor's  
is Coming from England Second mate of the Dover, I make no doubt  
but they may doe very well for I believe they are both sober which is

the main Chance; Philip is Coming home from Curocoa & what then time must bring fourth;

I hope God willing to be with you the Beginning of April that we make an End of that Mortgage &c in some shape or other, the Cost I Cannot yet get out of the Lawyers hands, I think they are best off that has nothing to doe with them;

I beleive our Swamp Tryall will Come on this April Term, which will prevent Uncle Beekman's goeing up with me, I intend up by water & am with our Loves to you sister & Children

Yr Loving Brother

R. G. Livingston

To Henry Livingston Esqr at Poghkeepsie

New York ye 18 June 1752

Lovg Brother

I have Allready wrote by Hansie & Concerning our Wench. Sincs She has Yesterday made a Great Disturbance in ye family and that with our nurse molly. Which has so Disturbed my wife that she is now Quite unwell & our child much worse, as Hansie Can Inform you, So that wee are Determ— now to part with her Almost in Any Shape. She yesterday Desired a note to be sold (ye first since wee had her) accordingly I gave her one, & yesterday att ye afternoon sale this day She Tryed to Get a master, all to no purpose. So have put her on board of Hansie with her son of 6 or 7 years old a fine boy I would fain keep him but she'l not part with him, her daughter 22m old. The Greatest Reason she wont sell here at present She is near her Time She says 2½ ms to go. I was mistaken in her Time in my Last, You Can try her in your house a day or Two & I you dont Like to keep her, you Can put her to any house in your place Till She's sold & I will with Thanks pay for all Cost or Trouble & will do so much fr you any Time.

She's a strong harty Wench She Can Earn her Victuals anywhere (If she will) therefore do with her as If your own. I Gave 16ms ago fr her & her Two Children £70. & ye boy is at Least worth now £10 more, as to ye Girl I dont value much— If you Can possibly put her & her Child of So as to keep ye boy I shoud be Very Glad, for I always took a great Likeness to him— If it was not for her, I wou'd not take £40 fr him But Reather then Keep ye mother I must part with ye boy.

I Believe fr ye Sake of ye boy they will all three fetch £80 or £90, but Rather then she should Stick on hand take £70. notwithstanding Leave it to you to get for them what you can.

I do assure that ye only Reason I have to part with her, she has

a devilish tongue & will be Mistress in any family onless She's over powered by a Master that Can manage her & then She'l be as humble as a dogg- She will now and then drink a Little to free of Rum, which She Cant Come at in ye Cuntry-, here are somany Little dram shops that Ruins half ye negroes in Town; I Cannot Charge her with stealing any thing that any ye family knows & If She Could but bridle her passions I wou'd not Take £70 for her alone-

To amuse her wee Tell her She's Going at yr house to Ly in first, & then Sell her, which you Can Tell, her Till you have a master fr her. She wou'd do Exceeding weele for a farmer to do Laborious work

Shel no doubt Tell you a Great many Stories, which you are not not Give Credit To, for shell talk a Great deal & Lye a great deal

If She Shoud not bee Sold before She Lys in, Prhaps She may then fetch more then She woud now, She has at Least £20 or £25 Value in Cloaths with her, I bo't her of Mr. John Coes for he was obliged to sell her, or go to Jail, or else shoud not had her so Cheap- When We bo't her wee knew she had a Tongue- and he Sold her for Such, but did not Imagine She was so bad as wee found her & ye reason wee bo't her was that She had Lived ab't 15 years in ye family that with my wifes Aunt Allair, So that She was Always Known to be Very Honnest, & woud be well Liket, only fr ye Reason before mentiond

Wee was for Selling her this 3 or 2 month & have had 2 or 3 Times Masters for her, & when it Came on parting then my wife's mind was Altered, Ocassioned by the Wench's prelaviring Tongue, promising to behave well, But now She's resolved to part with her at all Events, But ye Inconveniency is Just as wee want To Sell her wee Cant at that Juncture Git a master, is ye Reason wee send her up now for fear her mind may alter (as it has happened) & then keep her till She behaves again as She has now, there fore Since its Gon So farr it must now Go farther, fr I never will have So much Uneasiness again with her, I Told If she was opstropolous with you you woud Send her to prison & there Kept Till sold & that you must do, If She wont be Quiet, but I belive Sheel Have more Sence When She finds Earnest

I know it will be a Great Trouble to you & Sister, but hope youl Excuse it, and If any Time I Can do you ye Like service, It shall not be wanting in me & am with our Loves yr Loving Brother

R G. Livingston

(R. G. Livingston, N. Y. to Henry Livingston, Po'keepsie)

New York 4 July 1752

Lovg Bro

I recd yrs of ye 27 June & I am Glad I have Secured my money from ye Jew Doctr ye Charges here is 39/9 I was Yesterday at Mr. Nichol's to desire him to drop ye action; please to Let me know how much Wheat you have of mine in yr Store

I hope you have been able to Get a master for ye wench & her Child, as to the boy hope you have resieved, you Can (to amuse her) perswade her to belive you Intend him for yr Self phaps by that means She may Consent and If She wont you Can Try ano'r method Selling her by force without ye boy threthen To have hi wipt &c

My Last was pr Hans Thomas hope he has found you at home I agreed with him fr Sòpes pasture fr £120 Cash down Which I think is well sold & make no doubt your Agreeing to- If it should so happen as he not finding you at home & you Like ye bargain you Can have ye Deed Drawn you signs & ye same wittnesses Can See me Sign, you must Warrent fromall deeds & mortgages

Joh's Bernhert's acct is £30 ¼ hope you'l be able to Seure ye money.

(Turn over)

N Y 13th July 1752

Since whats on ye otherside I rec yrs pr Hansie & am Extreem Sorry you have had so much Uneasiness & Trouble with ye blacks I sent up I hope in ye Lord it will not Effect yr family they say ye Infection is not taken when they Begin to Come out, which Gives me some hopes your family will not Get it from them, I hope ye boy will recover If he does I desire he may not be sold but send him down as soon as soon as you have Sold his mother & Child phaps Children, for If anny youl not be able to sell her till deliv'd

I rec'd ye Deed fr ye pasture wch Ive signed & shall send it to Esopus wth Abm Gaasbeek which I Think is a safe hand- and I have signed Sisters Rutsens Cortland Deed fr their Legacy, when you deliver them takes their rec't:

As to Catherin's Im advised I Cant be safe in- fr she's not of Age in Consequence She Cant Discharge me of her Legacy, for her rect is not Valid

Notwithstanding She may Settle on one of the farms Till she's of Age and then I Can Execute it- The Two bonds of ye Jew doc'r I've rec'd for which return you many thanks fr yr yr Care-

I hope you'l be able to secure Bornherts also- of? wid'w Verplanks Letter I sent it, as Soon as I recd it

I send here inclosed Sister Catharin's Chest where in is her share

of bro'r Philip's Cloaths which Bro'r Pierre has divided here abt 2 or 3 weeks ago- which you can send it her.

I have delivered hansie ab't a Couple of oz's wafers they are ye best & all I have Exept ab't  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz Such as they are you are welcim to them, I wish they were better and am with our Loves

Yr Loving Bro

R. G. Livingston

Six letters that have to do with the manor of Livingston close this long list. They are placed together, below, to show the varied enterprises carried on upon the manor and the amount of care and oversight occasioned by such a large estate.

For Mr Gilbert Livingston att Kingston

Manor Livingston 15 Nov. 1744

Dr Brother

I Recd. your favours Shall be glad to see you here when you Return from Poghkeepsink I wish you could bring the moulds for waggon boxes- I want to Cast some my furnace for want of good will be in blast but abt. 6 weeks longer.

I want much a good Dutch farmer who has an good housekeeper to his wife to manage a family to diat people I find much of my Provisions there is wasted wh I would if possible prevent is the needfull from who am

yr affectionate Brother

and most humbl Servt

Ph. Livingston

For Gilbert Livingston Esqr Att Kingstown

on Board a Sloop 21 augst 1745

Dear Brother

I Received yours pr your Son & Daughter with whom I went to ancram, they went from thence a day before me when I Returned. I found they where gone to your Sons Capt. Rutsens whose Son they heard at Ancram was very Sick I hope he is Recovered which Should be glad to hear, as also that you and all your family are in pfect health, I am Sumoned to attend the Councilll dureing the Sitting of our assembly who I hope will be unanimous and dispatch the public bussiness that may be before them, and not keep Sitting to spend their time Idle. I can but be Ill Spard from ye manner So that I intend

to Return assoon as I can gett leave. I have a great Inclination to have ye South line of ye mannor Run from ye South end of Taghkanick mountains to ye bought of Roelof Jansons Kill. I wish you could spare on my Return to do this gobb for me, to see if Mr. Clinton has Run his line as he ought to have done. I should be glad if you Could sell that land near ye high Lands which you want to dispose of I have no to say at Present Save my Love to you & family and that I am

your Loveing Brother & most  
Humble Servant  
Ph. Livingston

Robert Livingston to Henry Livingston  
For Mr. Henry Livingston at Pakeepsie

N. York the 7th Novr. 1747

Cosin Henry Livingston  
Sr

My Br. yr. decd. Father had a Pockett Book wherein was wrote sundry lines he had runn in the Manor Livingston wch, are of absolute use to me in case of another Tryall with Hoffman I desire you would take particular care of that Pockett Book that it may be forthcoming in case it should be wanted. I desire also you would hire a Pakeepsie sloop if possible to goe to my Farm for a load of nuttwood Ile give bushell a Cord as also to bring down some Provision from thence van worme would be a very proper person Pray write me an answer & you'll oblige

Yr. most aff. Unkle

Robt. Livingston

I have 25 Cord lying at my landing

Philip G. Livingston to Henry Livingston

Manour Livingston, July 7. 1743

Loving Bror.

This Serves to let you know yt. wee are all in good health & hope the same of you & family. Brother the furnace goes Very Well and the fireing forge is going

there Came here Yesterday afternoon £19.2.0 bar Iron from ye furnace ye Smith Says it is realy better than Sweeds Iron No more at Present but my Respect to you & Sister & your lovely son kiss

him a Thousand times for me Who am Your Dutiful and Loving  
Brother

Ph: G. Livingston

Ph. G. Livingston to Gilbert Livingston

Manour Livingston August 18. 1743

Hond. Father

I Set out from here 25 July to N England & Went through Salis-  
bery & through Sheron & oblong, Dover, New Milford, Woodbery,  
Southbery, Northbery, Darby, Newhaven, Northhaven, Easthaven,  
pague Brandford there I saw a flock of Sheep of 7800 then to Wal-  
lenford, the meeting house Steeple with a Clock to it which when a  
body went by might know what a Clock it was Struck all to Shevers  
with the Thunder the minister was in the meeting house a Studing  
when it was Struck but not hurt, likewise Children playing before  
the Steeple was Struck down but not hurt Except one was Struck in  
the feet with a piece of timber. I was in town about 200 yards of  
when it happen'd, from thence to dorrom Where I Spoke to Mr.  
Philips he doubted I was a Livingsn. because Tom bell gave himself  
out for a Livingston, from thence to Medletown where I saw a fine  
Sight of briggs 6 was on Stock, & one Ship, privatear from thence  
Came home & Lodged at David Dutches in Dover with 4 of us & a  
drove Cattle & adjourned home August 16. 1743 the furnace goes  
on Very Well but the forge goes but Indiferent for want of good  
hands I heard Daddy has been here Since I have been gone, I would  
have been glad to See you I hope all friends are well, as I heard by  
the Negro Maccoy I Received a letter yesterday of Brother Robert  
which was of the 11 Instant by which I understand all friends are  
well, likewise that Brot. Gilbert set out from Jamaica 6 weeks agoe  
& is not yet arrived which I am Sorry to hear. I was Taken last  
Sunday morning with a fever & Sore troath which lasted till last  
night, but am In perfect good health thanks be to God, no more at  
p,sent but my Love to all Brot. Sisters & Uncle & aunt pawling & am  
Honour'd Father your most Dutifull Son

Ph: G. Livingston

Philip G. Livingston to Henry Livingston

Manour Livingston 4 September 1743

Loving Brot.

This will Serve to lett you know I am in good health Likewise all our Family, as I hope this may find you and all your family. I went a Journey to N E. 25 July & returned 15 August I was at N.Haven & found a pretty healthty time there. the furnace goes on Very well, as you may hear by Mr. Ellis. I am in hast but Remain in Love with Sister & her Son, and all her fathers family & am

Loving Brot.

Your most Dutifull Brother

Ph: G. Livingston

Philip G. Livingston to Henry Livingston

Mannor Livingston 14 July 1744

Loving Brot.

I hope these few lines may find you and family in good health as we Injoy at Psent; our furnace goes on Exceeding well Likewise our forge, we have found a new ore bed within 6 mile of ye furnace ye ore proves Exceeding good and a great quantity of it.

I Expect Uncle and family here next munday upon an Intent to live here, which will be no Loss to me, I Expect a line from you P first opertunity which would be a great Satisfaction to me. I have no more to add, But remain in Love with Sister and Couzin. Please to give my Service to Mr. & Mrs. Conclin & family so Conclude

Your Loving Brot.

Ph: G. Livingston

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## Obituary

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