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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

DUTCHESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

.....Dollars

# Meeting of Trustees and Pilgrimage Committee

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1922

Present: President Adams, Mr. Henry Booth, Dr. I. D. Le Roy, Mr. Charles B. Glass and Dr. Poucher.

It was decided to hold the Annual Pilgrimage September 16th and that the invitation of the Putnam County Society to visit Putnam County be accepted.

## Annual Pilgrimage

The Annual Pilgrimage of the members of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held September 16, 1922. The following record is copied from "The Cold Spring Recorder" of September 22, 1922.

"In its pilgrimage to Putnam County, the hikers were met at the county line at 10 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Vice-President of the Putnam County Historical Society, and Miss Mary H. Haldane, its Secretary, who gave them cordial welcome.

"The itinerary which had been arranged was then carried out. The first stop was made at the old Hustis house in the North Highlands, built by David Hustis, the first settler in Philipstown township in 1730. Generals Washington, Steuben and Lafayette had stopped at this house.

"After a short stop the party followed the state road inspecting the restored mile stones on the way to Nelson's Mills (Captain James Nelson's place) where a stop was made and its early Revolutionary history told. At this point the party turned into the old Albany Post Road, known in Revolutionary times as the "King's Highway."



Along this highway were strung out at intervals the winter camp of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The first camp site visited was on the old Hopper farm and known as "Camp Soldier's Fortune". And so the company proceeded down the King's Highway, stopping here and there to note historic points and to inspect milestones and boulders until they arrived at Continental Village, rich in historical associations and the Mecca of the pilgrimage.

"Arrived at Continental Village, the company inspected its many historic places and viewed with interest the boulder erected in the autumn of 1921 by Mr. Stuyvesant Fish to the Mothers of the Revolution. A further monument by Mr. Fish to the progress of these days that proved an object of their admiration was the splendid Continental Village farm with modern buildings and appurtenances.

"These modern pilgrims do not travel without provision against the call of appetite and so at the noon hour they gathered around tables set outside the community house and did full justice to the contents of lunch baskets that they had brought along. To this enjoyable repast the farm contributed, not the fruit of the vine, but the fruit of the splendid herds from its many hills—rich, creamy ice cooled milk.

"After luncheon President Gouverneur Kemble of the Putnam County Society introduced in turn President William P. Adams and Secretary J. Wilson Poucher of the Dutchess County Society who in brief but well chosen terms expressed the appreciation of the visitors in their cordial reception and their pleasure in the historical places already visited. Later, it was stated by an influential member of the Dutchess County Society that this was their most delightful and successful hike.

"President Kemble then introduced Mr. Fish, who gave the following valuable address:

## Address by Stuyvesant Fish

"Those of us whose heredity and antecedents take them back to the Revolutionary period, must remember that the County of Putnam in those days formed a subdivision of that of Dutchess, but it does not need any such recollections to make our welcome of our friends from Dutchess more hearty.

"As the rule of the day is for two minute speeches let me get to my subject.

"The evacuation of Boston by the British on March 17, 1776, took place before the Declaration of Independence. From that time onward no serious actions took place in New England, the British turning their attention to New York City, which they captured in September of that year. Then came the long, determined struggle for the possession of the valley of the North River, which, with Lake Champlain, afforded so nearly a complete water route to Canada. Had the invaders taken and held that line of communication the Thirteen Colonies would have been cut in two. But Burgoyne's expedition failed, resulting in his capitulation at Saratoga.

"Meanwhile in the autumn of 1776, Washington, seeing the military necessity of holding the Highlands, had given to General William Heath, general command therein. The latter in reporting (November 18, 1776) as to the disposition of the troops under his orders at previous points, on both sides of the river, said, 'Barracks and works are erecting at each of those places,' among them this spot, then named and since known as Continental Village. Although the British did in October 1777 burn the barracks here, their stay was but momentary. The barracks were quickly rebuilt and thereafter held unmolested until the end of the war in 1872. Indeed there sprang up all along the line of the road which brought you here, 'The King's Highway' and at other points on this and the other side of the river, in the Highlands, a series of camps. In them our fathers suffered as severely and through seven long winters, as did any of the heroes of Valley Forge through the one winter of 1777 and 1778. But Valley Forge is not in New York, and has therefore come down to us in history. On the other hand the heroism and the endurance of suffering and deprivation by the Continental troops in these Highland Camps is nowhere mentioned, further than that Thatcher and Dwight and other New England writers of the Revolutionary period, who served in these parts, do comment on the bleak barrenness of our mountains. Will the story of New York in the Revolution, which at



least was the battlefield and the bone of contention, ever be made public?

"All we claim for Continental Village is that it became a Military Post and Depot of Supplies in 1776, that it so remained until the end, and that being on the only road through the Highlands it was visited by every officer or man who served in these parts, being generally designated as "The Village" in the reports and on the maps of those days.'

"Following the pleasant visit to Continental Village the itinerary was again taken up and included stops at Camp Robinson Farm on the Cat Rock road, the site of the Beverley Robinson house and other points of historic interest.

"The joint pilgrimage terminated at St. Philip's Church. An influential member of the visiting society said that this was their most successful hike. It will go down as a red letter day in the annals of the local society.

"It is estimated that there were more than twenty-five automobiles.

"In appreciation of their reception, Judge Frank Hasbrouck of Poughkeepsie, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Fish and the Putnam County Historical Society."

#### CONTINENTAL VILLAGE, SEPTEMBER 16, 1922

Visit of Dutchess County Historical Society.

Gouverneur Kemble,  
Cold Spring  
Stuyvesant Fish, Garrison  
Mary H. Haldane, Cold Spring  
Rev. Walter Thompson,  
Garrison  
Mr. Walter Thompson, Garrison  
Miss Jennie F. Thompson,  
Garrison  
Lewis H. Allen, Staatsburgh  
George S. Van Vliet,  
Staatsburgh  
Robert S. Hadden, Staatsburgh  
William P. Adams, Red Hook

Miss Katherine Adams,  
Red Hook  
Radcliffe Heermance, Princeton  
Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Le Roy,  
Pleasant Valley  
Miss Helen W. Reynolds,  
Poughkeepsie  
Dr. J. W. Poucher,  
Poughkeepsie  
Miss Anna Poucher,  
Poughkeepsie  
Mrs. J. W. Poucher,  
Poughkeepsie  
Mrs. Samuel Verplanck, Beacon



The Beverley Robinson House

Judge Frank Hasbrouck,  
                                     Poughkeepsie  
 Mrs. Abram Van Wyck,  
                                     New York  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stringham,  
                                     Fishkill Plains  
 Dr. Wm. S. Thomas, New York  
 Mrs. Suckley, Rhinebeck  
 Miss Ethel Douglass Merritt,  
                                     Rhinebeck  
 Prof. Charles A. Colton,  
                                     Pleasant Valley  
 Prof. and Mrs. J. Franklyn  
                                     Freeborn, Cold Spring  
 Miss Julia Ross Freeborn,  
                                     Cold Spring  
 Mrs. James A. Glover, Garrison  
 Mrs. Charles de la Vergne,  
                                     Salt Point  
 Miss Adeline C. Brinckerhoff,  
                                     Beacon, N. Y.  
 Miss Emma O. Brinckerhoff,  
                                     Beacon, N. Y.  
 Miss Mary L. Hustis, Beacon  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Houten,  
                                     Beacon  
 M. Elizabeth Cole, Hyde Park  
 Mrs. E. B. Husted,  
                                     Pleasant Valley  
 Anna B. Moore, Poughkeepsie  
 Mrs. F. J. Snyder, Poughkeepsie  
 Mrs. Jas. Brown, Poughkeepsie  
 Mrs. Chas. Browne,  
                                     Poughkeepsie  
 Mrs. E. G. Minard,  
                                     Poughkeepsie  
 Wm. E. Verplanck, Beacon  
 Mrs. James C. Browning,  
                                     Albany  
 J. B. Waldo, Hopewell Junction  
 Miss Laura Culver, Amenia  
 Miss E. V. Hook, Amenia  
 Mrs. L. M. Sherwood, Amenia  
 Miss Lida Haight Millbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore de  
                                     Laporte, Rhinebeck  
 Miss Reed, Rhinebeck  
 A. H. Peckham, Poughkeepsie  
 Miss Margaret C. Peckham,  
                                     Poughkeepsie  
 Dr. Z. J. Arnold, Pawling  
 Frank W. Mylod, Poughkeepsie  
 Charles Mylod, Brooklyn  
 Thos. Mylod, Jr., Brooklyn  
 Mrs. Frederick W. Holmes,  
                                     Pawling  
 Chester Husted, Pleasant Valley  
 Wm. T. Livingston, New York  
 Edgar Briggs, Pleasant Valley  
 Mrs. Robert C. Smith,  
                                     Pleasant Valley  
 Mrs. Robert C. Smith,  
                                     Poughkeepsie  
 Helen A. Waldo, Fishkill  
 Charles de la Vergne, Salt Point  
 Mrs. Howell White, Fishkill  
 Helena White, Fishkill  
 Miss M. W. Fuller, Troy  
 Martha T. Taber, Pawling  
 Mrs. F. C. Taber, Pawling  
 Mrs. Sarah Sherman, Oneonta  
 Martha A. Taber, Pawling  
 Alecia H. Taber, Pawling  
 Charles R. de la Vergne,  
                                     Wappingers Falls  
 George D. Keenz, New York  
 Leonidas Westervelt, New York  
 Gretal Ziusser, Cold Spring  
 Mr. and Mrs. Claude Abel,  
                                     Verbank  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Knapp,  
                                     Millbrook  
 Mrs. A. Swift, Millbrook  
 Douglas Merritt, Rhinebeck  
 Edna H. Keith, Poughkeepsie  
 Edwin H. Keith, Poughkeepsie  
 Linsley J. Keith, Poughkeepsie  
 J. Lorton Lee, Carmel

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Quacken-  
bush, Cold Spring  
Mrs. Norman Maish, Garrison  
Everett H. Travis,  
Poughkeepsie  
Thos. Mylod, Poughkeepsie  
John J. Mylod, Poughkeepsie  
Mary V. Mylod, Poughkeepsie  
George E. Hustis, Cold Spring

Mrs. James L. Smith,  
Cold Spring  
Sylvanus Ferris, Cold Spring  
Wanen Ferres, Cold Spring  
Mrs. John Marie, Cold Spring  
Rev. Elbert Floyd-Jones,  
Cold Spring  
Miss Helen B. Didier, Garrison  
Miss Rynders, Rhinebeck.

# Meetings of Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1922

AT THE AMRITA CLUB

Present: President Adams, Mr. Booth, Mr. Mylod, Mr. Van Vliet, Mrs. Kaley and Dr. Poucher.

The following names for new members were proposed and elected: Rev. M. W. Rice, Wappingers Falls, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mapes, Beacon, N. Y.; Mr. Harry B. Culver, Amenia, N. Y.; Mrs. Laura B. Culver and Mrs. Arthur B. Culver, Amenia, N. Y.; Mrs. Cornelia M. Du Bois, 2 Lexington Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Reynolds, 231 Mill street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds, 130 South Hamilton street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. Charles Henry Roberts, Farmer's Loan and Trust Company, New York City, N. Y.; Mr. Irving Bruce Roberts, Farmer's Loan and Trust Co., New York City; Mr. Samuel I. Robinson, 20 Forbus street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Miss Katherine I. Arnold, 12 Forbus street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. Frederick Barnard, Trust Company Building, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. E. E. Perkins, 19 Market street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mrs. Ralph Butts, 124 Academy street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Smith, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.; Willet E. Hoysradt, 96 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. L.; Robert Wilkinson, 87 South Hamilton street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and Mrs. Jessie Edna Roake, 14 Grey street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Booth reported progress on the Year Book.

Dr. Poucher reported the receipt of a book entitled: "Glimpses Through Portals of the Past," by Hedden and Earle. It was accepted with the thanks of the Society and a note of acknowledgement sent to Mr. F. E. Ackerman and Mr. Earle.

On motion, the meeting was then adjourned.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

OCTOBER 19, 1922  
AT VASSAR INSTITUTE

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held Thursday, October 19th, 1922 at Vassar Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at eleven A. M.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and a report on the Pilgrimage given. The Secretary also reported as having received, in the name of the Dutchess County Historical Society, an invitation from Chancellor Livingston Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, to be present at the unveiling of a bronze tablet to mark the crossing of the King's Highway and the Ulster and Salisbury Turnpike at Beekman Square, Rhinebeck, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, October 28th, 1922 at three o'clock. A committee was appointed to represent the Society at the unveiling exercises, consisting of President Adams, Mrs. Newbold, Mr. Merritt, Dr. Lyall and Dr. Poucher. It was also requested that as many members as possible attend on that date. The secretary was requested to send a note of acceptance to Mrs. de Laporte, Regent.

Mr. Mylod reported on a trip to Albany with Miss Reynolds. A full report will be given later, by Miss Reynolds.

Dr. Lyall reported slight progress on Memorial Building committee.

Rev. Dr. Herge spoke on building a Memorial building at Fishkill Village, in the form of a Community Building. Dr. Lyall moved action be referred to Executive Committee to be acted upon at a meeting in November.

The following new members were elected: Dr. Elizabeth Thelberg, Vassar College; Mrs. George W. Merritt,



Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. Stephen H. Cutler, Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. H. D. Mac Kenzie, Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. George L. Osborne, Millbrook, N. Y., and Mrs. F. H. Lacy, South Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The meeting adjourned to the Nelson House for luncheon, after which the members enjoyed most interesting talks by Dr. Thelberg of Vassar College and Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck of Kingston, N. Y.

Among the total attendance of forty members were Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Vice-President of the Putnam County Historical Society, and its Secretary, Miss Mary H. Haldane and Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck, as out of town guests.

At the close of the luncheon, President Adams informed Mr. Stuyvesant Fish that he had been unanimously elected as honorary member of the Society. Mr. Fish accepted in a very gracious little speech.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1922 AT THE AMRITA CLUB

The Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society met Tuesday, November 28th, 1922, at the Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at 12 o'clock.

Those present were: Mr. Henry Booth, Mr. George Van Vliet, Mr. John J. Mylod, Dr. Irving Le Roy and Dr. Poucher.

General affairs of the Society were discussed.

Twenty-four new members were elected: Miss Marion Dutcher, Miss Anna Sleight, Mrs. Frank Van Kleeck, Mr. Henry P. Titus, Mr. Raymond Guernsey, Mr. Charles A. Hopkins, Mr. Earl Hawley, Mr. George Worrall, Mr. Ronald F. Bogle, Mr. Philip A. Mylod and Mr. George W. Krieger, Jr., all of Poughkeepsie; Miss Laura Myatt and Mr. E. Darwin Morse, of Amenia; Dr. and Mrs. R. H.

Breed, of Wappingers Falls; Mr. John M. Ham, of Millbrook; Mr. J. Gerow Dutches, Pawling; and Mr. John Peter De Windt, of 40 Wall Street, New York City; also Herbert Pinkham, W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Wilber, Dr. Herge, of Fishkill Village and Mr. R. Coe.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1923  
AT THE AMRITA CLUB

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held Tuesday, March 13th, 1923, at the Amrita Club, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at 12 o'clock.

Present: President Adams, Mr. Henry Booth, Dr. Le Roy, Miss Helen W. Reynolds and Dr. Poucher.

The following were elected to membership: Mrs. James McLane and Miss Alice McLane, of Millbrook, N. Y.; Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Pine Plains, N. Y., and Mr. John E. Mack, Arlington, N. Y.

Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Morris P. Ferris, of Hempstead, New York, offering to give the Society a map of the Village of Poughkeepsie, 1831, if the society had a proper place to keep it. Accepted and Secretary requested to send Mrs. Ferris a letter of thanks.

Miss Lois Allerton, Newark, New York, presented to the Society an original notice to Members of Poughkeepsie Military Company to assemble for the reception to General La Fayette, upon his visit to Poughkeepsie. Received with thanks and ordered suitably framed for preservation. Secretary to send letter of thanks to Miss Allerton.

Treasurer reported bills all paid and a nice balance in the bank.

Plans for 1923 Pilgrimage and Year Book were discussed.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1923  
AT VASSAR INSTITUTE

The annual spring meeting of the Dutchess County Historical Society was held at Vassar Institute, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 17th, 1923, President Adams presiding.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved after which the Treasurer reported a balance of \$561.30 after payment of all bills.

Miss Helen Reynolds of the Committee on preservation of Colonial and Revolutionary records reported that a satisfactory arrangement had been made for their care and preservation in the Court House.

Mrs. Theodore de Laporte was appointed Chairman of Committee for 1923 Year Book, with power to appoint her assistants on the Committee.

The annual Pilgrimage was discussed at length. Several plans were suggested by members. Miss Reynolds called attention to the fact that this year was the centennial of the birth of Chancellor James Kent, which was to be celebrated June 4th, 1923 by Columbia University where he was first Professor of Law and also by the Dutchess County Bar Association and that it might be appropriate for the Society to join in some manner either in its pilgrimage or by a delegation. Finally the following committee was appointed with power: Hon. Frank Hasbrouck, Mr. J. Adams Brown, Hon. Samuel K. Philips, Prof. James Baldwin and the Secretary.

A committee was appointed by the President to report upon the rumored restoration of the Verplanck House consisting of Hon. S. K. Philips, Mr. J. J. Mylod, Mr. Wilson Carpenter, Mr. Douglas Merritt and also Mr. Verplanck.

Mr. Glass read a very interesting sketch of an old Colonial house which stands near the Hudson River, just below New Hamburg.

The Secretary reported upon the presentation of a portrait of the Dutchess of York by the Dutchess County Historical Society to the Dutchess County Society on the occasion of its annual dinner in New York City.

Mr. Wm. P. Verplanck offered a resolution of condolence on the deaths of Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. I. R. Adriance, Rev. Dr. Lyall and Mr. Robert B. Radcliffe. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Brinckerhoff asked that members render whatever assistance possible especially of an educational value to the Boy Scouts on their hikes about Dutchess County. Mr. Brinckerhoff, Mr. J. J. Mylod and Dr. Newton were made a committee in this relation.

Mr. Mylod spoke on Josiah Quimby.

The Secretary requested members to send him any information of any old Colonial houses, churches or other buildings in their neighborhood.

Professor Baldwin spoke concerning the uncertain wording of certain of our history text books, and urged the adoption of the following preamble and resolution which had been adopted by the Association of History Teachers held May 5, 1923 at Teachers' College, Columbia University. Miss Helen Reynolds seconded the resolution which was unanimously carried.

"WHEREAS there has come to the attention of this Association and its members the existence of considerable agitation in some of the newspaper press and elsewhere on the subject of the teaching of American history in the schools which has tended to reflect on the patriotism and intelligence of the teachers of history;

"WHEREAS this agitation has in many cases been largely carried on by persons little conversant with the fundamental sources of American history, who have garbled the wording and intention of certain history textbooks so as to make them appear unpatriotic;

"WHEREAS this Association feels that the object of the teaching of history is to give a truthful picture of the past with due regard to the age of the pupils for whom the work is intended; that the truth should not be distorted for any purpose whatsoever and that both sides of a controversial question should be adequately presented from an academic point of view so that students of history shall be trained

in the habits of open minded tolerance so as to prevent narrow minded bigotry and prejudice.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association go on record as deploring an agitation based on either ignorance or malice, or which has for its object the promotion of animosities between classes or nations; that this Association lend its influence to defeat the attempts made to get legislatures to write into the statutes the content of courses in history and the social sciences; that the proper place for determining such content is with the state and local educational authorities, and that we deplore the publicity that has been given this agitation as being both pernicious in its effect upon the training of our young American citizens and destructive of sound scholarship;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of this Association send copies of these resolutions to other associations of teachers of history and the social sciences requesting them to take similar action."

Thirteen new members were elected: Dr. D. H. Mac Kenzie, Millbrook, N. Y.; Dr. H. K. Du Bois, Port Orange, Florida; Mr. J. H. Du Bois, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Julia and Miss S. Dorisa Carpenter, Shekomeko, N. Y.; Miss Helen A. Waldo and Mr. John B. Waldo, Hopewell Junction, N. Y.; Miss Mary B. Sabin, New York City; Dr. and Mrs. John Newton Boyce, Miss Marguerite Adriance and Miss Lawton, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; also Mrs. Louis Gillette, of Beacon, N. Y.

Election of officers being announced, Dr. Newton moved that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot for the re-election of all the retiring officers. The Secretary announced that he had cast one ballot for the following:

Mr. W. P. Adams, President.

J. Wilson Poucher, Elective Executive Secretary.

Irving D. Le Roy, Treasurer.

Henry Booth, Curator.

Henry Booth and Irving D. Le Roy, Trustees.

The remaining Trustees are: John J. Mylod, George S. Van Vliet and Alexander C. Dow, whose terms expire in

1924; Tracy Dows, Mrs. Kaley and Dr. Poucher, whose terms expire in 1925.

The Vice-Presidents elected were:

Amenia—Major J. E. Spingarn.

Beekman—Jacob Brill.

City of Beacon—Hon. S. K. Phillips.

Clinton—Lewis Allen,

Dover—Hon. John A. Hanna.

East Fishkill—William E. Verplanck.

Fishkill—Benjamin Hammond.

Hyde Park—Hon. Thomas Newbold.

La Grange—Joseph H. Van Wyck.

Milan—John P. Fulton.

North East—David Dempsey.

Pawling—Miss Martha Taber.

Pine Plains—

Pleasant Valley—J. Adams Brown.

Town of Poughkeepsie—Everett P. Wheeler.

City of Poughkeepsie—John S. Wilson, M. D.

Red Hook—William S. Massonneau.

Rhinebeck—Douglas Merritt.

Stanford—Wilson Carpenter.

Wappingers—W. Willis Reese.

Washington—Silas Wodell.

The Society then adjourned to the Nelson House for lunch. Here the seventy-three members present enjoyed a pleasant social hour. President Adams introduced Hon. Hamilton Fish, who entertained the Society by an account of the visit of General La Fayette to Poughkeepsie and vicinity in 1831.

Mr. Walter C. Anthony, of Newburgh, for many years president of the Orange County Historical Society, entertained us with a very interesting account of historical matters in Orange County.

J. WILSON POUCHER, Secretary.





Old Colonial House on the Hudson near New Hamburg

## An Old Colonial House on the Hudson

A short distance below Wappingers Creek where it flows into the Hudson at the foot of a lane that leads to the Lovilland Spencer mansion stands an old Colonial house. It is in full view of the river hardly a stone's throw from the water's edge where the ebb and flow of the river tides lap the sandy shore. To the casual observer it is of little interest but if you are an American with patriotic blood in your veins and a loving reverence for the landmarks of your ancestors it will at once engage your attention and fill you with a desire to learn something of its early history. According to tradition the building was erected before the Declaration of Independence gave birth to the Nation, by whom, history has failed to chronicle. The house is built in the old Dutch style of architecture prevalent in those days with a peaked roof and with eaves that project over the front and form a broad and inviting piazza which commands a beautiful view of the Hudson. The house itself is constructed of Stone except the gables which are of brick, plastered with stucco. Small pieces have from time to time dropped off leaving the inner surface exposed, the result of time's gentle but wasting touch. The wind and storms of a hundred and seventy years or more have beaten against its sides. Still it is in a good state of preservation. Small windows with panes of glass 7x9 inches with sash unusually heavy, pierce the walls. Entrance to the house is had through two doors in front which open into large rooms with low ceilings and high wooden mantles with closets on either side of the Dutch pattern. The general appearance of the house conveys the impression that it has a story to relate according to the best authority and as related by some of the most trustworthy descendants of the old Dutchess county families long since passed away. When Sir James Wallace sailed up the Hudson with his fleet of gunboats devastating its shores and terrorizing the inhabitants along the waterfront, he made a target of the old house but the solid American masonry withstood the attack of British balls which did little damage. Another relic of that struggle for liberty escaped destruction to remind us of the days when patriots fought and died to vindicate the rights of humanity. A little southeast of the house on an elevation known as Vail's ridge, members of the Hughson family, Mrs. William John and Lovegood Hughson, had gone hither to spy on the enemy. When the British fired on the old house many of the balls went wide of the mark, one falling within a short distance of the trio which was afterwards recovered and remained in the family until fifty years ago, when it was sold to a junkman.

Miss Belinda De Lavergne, to whom I am indebted for this information, is a relative of the Hughson family from which Hughsonville derived its name. When I interviewed her, she was eighty-seven years old and her memory and faculties were unimpaired. A few rods below the house are the remains of an old dock long since passed into disuse. Before the waterfront at New Hamburg was improved it was the landing place for passengers and freight consigned to Wappingers Falls. In those days a prosperous freighting business was carried on by means of sloops which plied between here and New York carrying the produce from the surrounding country while packet sloops conveyed passengers to their places of destination. The Clermont, Robert Fulton's first steamboat, also landed here on her regular trips from New York to Albany. The advent of the Hudson River railroad and larger and more commodious steamboats made it unprofitable to continue the business and it was abandoned as a freighting place.

CHARLES B. GLASS.

# T R A V E L S

THROUGH THE

INTERIOR PARTS

OF

# A M E R I C A.

IN A

SERIES OF LETTERS.

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BY AN OFFICER.

*Ensign The Anbury, 29 Feb*

Τί ἔν, ἂν τις εἴποι, τὰυτα λίγας ἡμῶν ἔσσι  
ἵνα γνῶτε, καὶ αἰσθῆσθε ἀμφότερα.

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# James Kent

## Sometime of Dutchess County

*Helen Wilkinson Reynolds*

About the Honorable James Kent, Chancellor of New York, author of *Commentaries on American Law*, distinguished citizen of New York State and outstanding figure in the country at large, many columns have appeared in print of late, occasioned by the celebration at Columbia University on June 4, 1923, of the centennial of the Chancellor's membership in the university faculty as professor of law. With the record of official positions held by Kent, with his public services through those channels, these present lines are not concerned. The legal profession can best estimate their value, the national historian orientate them. It is with James Kent, the man, that the Dutchess County Historical Society is concerned, for it was in connection with his life in Dutchess County that the charm and magnetism of his personality were conspicuously exhibited.

In his early years the youth who ultimately became the famous lawyer formed the custom of keeping a diary, filing letters and memoranda and taking notes methodically and he left behind him when he died a large collection of books and papers. Based on those original documents his great grandson, Mr. William Kent of Tuxedo Park, New York, published in 1898 the *Memoirs and Letters of Chancellor Kent*, a delightful biography, filled with quotations of the words of Kent himself in regard to his home and family, his studies and his profession, and the book reveals clearly the personal character and tastes of the man within the jurist. In 1904 Messrs. William Kent and Edwin C. Kent of Tuxedo Park deposited in the Library of Congress many hundreds of the Chancellor's private papers, which have since been arranged and made available for study. It is probably safe to assume that these data have never been thoroughly examined for the sole purpose of learning the side-lights they throw upon men and affairs in Dutchess County in the post-Revolutionary period and they undoubtedly would yield to such an examination numerous significant items. One such item occurs in a letter (quoted in the *Memoirs*) written by Kent in 1847 to William B. Reed, where he says: "In 1781 I left college and was placed as a law-student at Poughkeepsie, in the office of Mr. Benson, then Attorney-General of

the State, and there I saw, and from time to time listened to, the great men that visited there, such as George Clinton, Washington, Hamilton, Lawrence, Schuyler, Duer, Duche, etc. and imbibed the utmost veneration for such characters." Here is incidental evidence of Washington's visits to Poughkeepsie and of the impromptu gatherings that occurred in the little village of brilliant and prominent men

Among the original papers of the Chancellor that are still in the possession of his family is a diagram, made by him in 1846, to illustrate the neighborhood in which he was born, the diagram being reproduced in these pages through the courtesy of Mr. Edwin C. Kent. The testimony of the Chancellor, himself, which it provides, is that his birth occurred in a house which stood on the west side of the main highway at Doanesburgh in Putnam County, about a half mile north of the Presbyterian church. There has been a tradition at Doanesburgh that he was born in a house that stood east of the church but this record, prepared by his own hand, is direct evidence that completely offsets tradition. Putnam county, originally a portion of Dutchess, was erected as a separate unit in 1812, hence Kent, born in 1763, was born in Dutchess. The spot marked by him on the diagram as the place of his birth is, however, in 1923 in a state of decay that stifles any expression of sentiment and there is little occasion to linger upon the thought of Kent's connection with Doanesburgh. He left there when five years old, spent his school-years with relatives in Norwalk and Danbury, Conn., and Pawling, N. Y., and in September, 1781, was graduated from Yale. Then he returned to Dutchess and for nearly twelve years lived at Poughkeepsie, occupied with those studies out of which grew his later achievements and with the happy domestic life, to which he always afterward referred with pleasure. Chancellor Kent died in 1847 in New York City. In the eighteen-fifties his son, Judge William Kent, who had established a home at Matteawan, brought the Chancellor's body there and the dust now lies in the beautiful yard of St. Luke's Church, Beacon.

Of his life at Poughkeepsie Kent wrote in his Memoranda: "In November, 1781, I was placed by my father with Mr. (now called Judge) Benson, who was then Attorney-General, at Poughkeepsie, on the banks of the Hudson, and in my native county of Dutchess. There I entered on law and was the most modest, steady, industrious student that such a place ever saw. I read the following winter Grotius and Puffendorf, in huge folios, and made copious extracts. My fellow students, who were more gay and gallant, thought me very odd and dull in my taste, but out of five of them, four died in middle life, drunkards. I was free from all dissipations; I had never danced, played cards, or sported with a gun, or drunk anything but water.



In 1782 I read Smollett's *History of England*, and procured at a farmer's house where I boarded Rapin's *History* (huge folio), and read it through; and I found during the course of the last summer, among my papers, my ms. abridgment of Rapin's dissertation on the laws and customs of the Anglo-Saxons. I abridged Hale's *History of the Common Laws* and the old Books of Practice, and read parts of Blackstone again and again. The same year I procured Hume's *History*, and his profound reflections and admirable eloquence struck most deeply on my youthful mind. I extracted the most admired parts, and made several volumes of Mss." Again, he said: "I was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court in January, 1785, at the age of twenty-one, and then married, without one cent of property; for my education exhausted all my kind father's resources and left me in debt four hundred dollars, which took me two or three years to discharge. Why did I marry? I answer that, at the farmer's house where I boarded, one of his daughters, a little, modest, lovely girl of fourteen, gradually caught my attention and insensibly stole upon my affections, and, before I thought of love or knew what it was, I was most violently affected. I was twenty-one and my wife sixteen when we married, and that charming and lovely girl has been the idol and solace of my life and is now with me in my office, unconscious that I am writing this concerning her. We have both had uniform health and the most perfect and unalloyed domestic happiness and are both as well now and in as good spirits as when we married. On the 12th of April, 1785, I entered into partnership with Gilbert Livingston for twelve years, with liberty to remove out of Dutchess at any time after six years. The great and established run of business which he then had and my embarrassments and poverty rendered the connection necessary and advisable. I had now reached the age of twenty-one and the marriage state. I soon felt the salutary effects of business and after boarding a year and a half at my father-in-law's I had purchased and repaired and fitted a snug dwelling-house in town, to which I moved and began housekeeping the 10th of October, 1786."

In 1839 the Chancellor's diary records that: "We are reduced at present to the primitive state in which we began housekeeping in October, 1786. We had then no person with us but my brother and a servant girl, at fourteen shillings a month, and a little boy; \* \* \*. But in 1786 we were young and buoyant and full of hopes and joys and love. Our house was very small and our furniture very scanty, but it was new and charmed us as elegant for that day; and my brother was a good helpmate and was willing and able to do anything. We lived neat and simple and snug and so I want to live now, with a cheaper establishment and a house of less size."

The year after Kent's admission to the bar he chanced to meet Edward Livingston, who read to him some passages from a pocket Horace, assuming that Kent understood the original. The latter, having forgotten much of his college classics, was, he writes, "stung with shame and mortification. I purchased immediately Horace and Virgil, a dictionary and grammar and a Greek lexicon and grammar and the Testament and formed my resolution, promptly and decidedly, to recover the lost languages. I studied in my little cottage mornings and devoted an hour to Greek and another to Latin, daily. I soon increased it to two for each tongue in the twenty-four hours. My acquaintance with the languages increased rapidly. \* \* \* I purchased a French dictionary and grammar and began French and gave an hour to that language daily. I appropriated the business part of the day to law and read Coke on Littleton and made copious notes. I devoted evenings to English literature in company with my wife. \* \* \* She inherited, not only a sound and vigorous mind, but the principles of correct taste and soon perceived the beauties and felt a relish for the pleasures of pure and elegant learning."

From 1786 until he left Poughkeepsie in 1793 Kent occupied himself in reading in the original the works of the best Greek, Latin and French writers and he stated that: "By the year 1793 I had become a master of the Latin and French languages and read the authors with facility. Few persons ever pursued classic studies with more pleasure and ardor than I did. They opened to me a world of learning, of happiness and of fame and I flattered myself I had discovered the true time of my most solid happiness and honor. I gradually adopted a method of dividing my time and adhered to it with the exactest punctuality. In the morning till half after eight I read Latin, then Greek until ten. Then I gave myself up to law or business until the afternoon and, after two hours attention to French, I concluded the rest of the day with some English author. This division of time has ripened with me into habit and I adhere to it in a great degree still. It enables me to do more reading than I otherwise could. \* \* \* But I recall my recollections back to the period at which I commenced the independent and happy station of lord of my own fireside. Our house was small but neat and convenient. It impressed all who entered it with the image of domestic taste and felicity. I suspect that few persons have ever lived with more satisfaction than I did in my simple, snug and classic style at Poughkeepsie from October, 1786, to my removal to New York on the 27th of April, 1793."

In still another place he said: "When settled as a lawyer in Poughkeepsie in 1785 I remained in practise until I removed to New York in May, 1793. I was then a young and married housekeeper.

I owned one acre of ground and fitted up, in neat style for that day, a snug and endearing little cottage, and I cultivated an excellent garden and my income by practise did not reach on an average above \$500 a year. My wife was my young housekeeper, with only a servant girl for cook and everything else and all my furniture might have cost about \$250; but we lived as creditably and attractively as any persons in the village. My brother was my inmate and helpmate for the three years that he was a clerk in my office. \* \* \* After he left me, Smith Thompson took his place as my clerk and served me faithfully for three years, or until about the time I removed to New York. He had been nominally educated at Princeton College and he kept an English school at Poughkeepsie before he joined my office. He was a plain, modest, sensible, ignorant, young man, with narrow views and anti-Federal politics. \* \* \* The Federal Convention and the new Constitution and the discussions therein gave amazing impulse to my feelings and with an intensity of ardor I embarked in Federal politics and quite gained an ascendant in the local proceedings and discussions. I had General Bailey, who lived next door to me, and my partner, G. Livingston, and Thompson, my clerk, as controversial antagonists, and Judge Benson, then living at Poughkeepsie, as my patron and coadjutor. Jacob Radcliff, who studied with Judge Benson and settled as a lawyer at Red Hook, was a correct, sensible and respectable young lawyer and he and I became great political and professional friends. \* \* \* I did very little business in the Supreme Court while I remained at Poughkeepsie. My practise was almost confined to County Court practise and to issuing writs to collect debts and to entering up judgments in the Supreme Court. I was not admitted into the Court of Chancery until after I removed to New York. My great occupation for the eight years of my settlement at Poughkeepsie was studying the classics, attending to quite inconsiderable county practice and conveyancing and studying Federal politics and reading all the histories and travels and poetry that I could lay my hands on and in devoting my leisure to my garden, to my lovely wife and to the nurturing and tending the blessed little daughter that I had at Poughkeepsie and carried with her mother to New York in 1793, where she died within four weeks after I got there, to my inexpressible grief. Hamilton became my idol very early in life. \* \* \* It was a great blessing to me at Poughkeepsie to live adjoining Theodorus Bailey, for he had much better country patronage and practice and he got an ambitious desire to buy books, and such as I recommended, and I in that way got access to the best English authors and translations."

The occasion for James Kent's removal from Poughkeepsie arose in connection with his growing support of Federal politics. In the

election for the governorship of New York, when John Jay and George Clinton were the opposing candidates, certain votes cast for Jay (which would have elected him) were thrown out by the official canvassers and Clinton was declared elected. Feeling ran very strongly and a cleavage was created between Kent and his friends at Poughkeepsie (Gilbert Livingston, Theodorus Bailey, Judge Platt and others), who supported Clinton as warmly as Kent did Jay. "The partnership with Mr. Livingston had by this time become a heavy and mortifying burden," Kent later recorded, "and this was my principal inducement to quit Poughkeepsie. I carried with me to New York my wife, then in the splendor of her personal accomplishments; a lovely and precious little daughter of upwards of two years of age \* \* \*; a small, well chosen library, scanty furniture and £100 in cash; leaving real property behind to the value of £200; and this was the total result of my eight years settlement at Poughkeepsie. But I owed nothing and came to the city with good character and with a scholar's reputation. I do not believe any human being ever lived with more pure and perfect domestic repose and simplicity and happiness than I did for those eight years."

And it was to Poughkeepsie that his thoughts turned at once when, in 1798, Kent was appointed to the office of a Justice of the Supreme Court. His *Memoranda* say this was "the happy mean of giving me opportunities to travel and to follow literary pursuits,\* \* \*. By the acceptance of this office I renounced all my offices in New York, with all their accumulated income, and all my prospects of wealth, for a moderate but permanent support, for leisure to study, for more rural enjoyments and for a more dignified reputation. \* \* \* In April, 1798, I removed to Poughkeepsie and found myself upon my ancient ground after an absence of five years. \* \* \* No sooner had I settled myself at Poughkeepsie than I resumed my long lost acquaintance with the classic writers. \* \* \* I perceived this year my love of home and my vivid and exclusive fondness and esteem for my wife to have received strength and addition." And elsewhere he added: "In February, 1798, I was offered by Governor Jay, and accepted, the office of youngest Judge of the Supreme Court. This was the summit of my ambition. My object was to retire back to Poughkeepsie and resume my studies and ride the circuits and inhale country air and enjoy *otium cum dignitate*. \* \* \* In 1799 I was obliged to remove to Albany in order that I might not be too much from home."

The little cottage at Poughkeepsie, of which Chancellor Kent spoke so fondly, stood on its acre of ground, in the midst of its garden, on the north side of Main street, at the present numbers 337 et seq., immediately east of the Wallace Company store. The land (76 links in front and rear, and 13 chains, 18 links deep) was part

of lot number six in the partition of a portion of the original Van Kleeck farm, the partition, made in 1756, being recorded in the office of the Clerk of Dutchess County, liber 11, page 347. James Kent and Theodorus Bailey, together, on May 1, 1786, acquired lot number six giving a mortgage on it to Anne Maria Jay of Rye, N. Y., for £400. Egbert Benson joined Kent and Bailey in a bond to Miss Jay for £800, and the satisfaction of the mortgage was noted November 21, 1791. Miss Jay had previously held another mortgage on the property, given for £400 by Captain Israel Smith, May 1, 1785 (Melancthon Smith lending his name to his brother's bond), and it is to be supposed that Kent and Bailey assumed that incumbrance also, for it was not cancelled until February 10, 1788, at which time they were occupying the lot.

On August 4, 1789, Theodorus Bailey sold the east half of lot number six (a frontage on Main street of 76 links) to Myndert Van Kleeck and bought of the latter a parcel on the southeast corner of Market and Cannon streets, whither he presumably removed. In the *Eagle's History of Poughkeepsie* a local tradition is cited to the effect that Chancellor Kent, while in Poughkeepsie, had his law-office in a small building on Cannon street (next to the W. C. T. U.) which was torn down late in the nineteenth century. This may have been the case. He may have rented that little place from his brother-in-law, Mr. Bailey. But as yet no evidence has been produced to verify the tradition.

To be weighed against tradition is the known fact that Kent's partner in the practise of law, Gilbert Livingston (whose dwelling stood where Catherine street now joins Main), had his office on the north side of Main street, a bit east of Catherine street (map of Poughkeepsie, dated 1790, printed in the Year Book of the Society for 1922), and the question arises: why should Kent have had a separate office at a considerable distance from his partner's? In the *Memoirs* (page 120) the statement occurs that his office when he lived in Albany was his study in his own house, which might easily have been his arrangement at Poughkeepsie. The Chancellor's own words show how methodically he spent his time, reading and gardening at home, and he definitely accounts for himself as busily engaged in his own house for the greater part of each day. From Kent's little cottage to Livingston's office was but a step and it is difficult to see why he should have imposed upon himself the inconvenience of an office at Cannon and Market streets. That he transacted his business in his own house or with Mr. Livingston would seem much more probable.

Whatever uncertainty remains regarding the location of his law-office, none exists in connection with the Chancellor's loved fireside,

study and garden, where his happiest hours were spent and where his character, personal tastes and his moral values in life were vividly demonstrated.

As the members of this society walk Poughkeepsie's thoroughfare today, let them forget the present and picture for themselves the scene once set there. Gone are asphalt and gasoline, jostling crowds and discordant noises and lo! in their place, stately trees, lining a quiet roadway, sunshine and shadow playing upon detached dwellings, set in the midst of grass and flowers; and, in a modest cottage, a young man giving himself up to the pursuit of things unseen but eternal,—wisdom, learning, love and duty. Is not this vision a green oasis in a twentieth century desert and a reminder that life offers other and more enduring rewards than those of a merely material sort? It is because of his qualities as a man and a citizen and because of his devotion to the pleasures of the intellect that James Kent is remembered, while many contemporaries of his, more prosperous outwardly than he, are now forgotten.

Herein lies the significance for the Historical Society of the Kent Centennial and a tablet, placed in Main street on the site of the Chancellor's house and garden, would bear tribute to the essential meaning of his life and public career.



## Deed of the Great Nine Partners

The following is a copy of the original Indian deed of the Great or Lower Nine Partners patent granted 27th May 1697 to Caleb Heathcote, Augustine Graham, James Emmot, John Aertson, Henry Filkins, Hendrick Ten Eyck, Jarvis Marshall, David Jamison and William Creed. The Indian deed releasing the rights of the Indians was not given until 1737 at which time all of the patentees except David Jamison were dead.

GEORGE S. VAN VLIET.

### DEED

To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come, wee, the native Indian proprietors of Land in Dutche County, viz't, Aegans, Nimham, Ouracgacguis, Taquahamas, Seeck, Pecewyn, Mamany, Perpuwas, Sasaaacgua, Wasanamong, Arichapeckt, Narcarindt, Ayawatack, Sacayawa, Cekounamow, Seeck's son named Arye, Wappenas, Tintgeme, Naghcharent, Nonnaparee, Kindtquaw, Shawanachko, and Shawasquo and Tounis son of the said Shawask:

Whereas there was granted by patent under seal of the province of New York, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of May in the year sixteen hundred and ninety-seven, by Christian calculation, unto Colonel Caleb Heathcote, one of King William's Council for the province of New York, in America, in his lifetime, Major Augustus Graham in his lifetime, James Emmott in his lifetime, Lieu't Colonel Henry Filkin in his lifetime, David Jamison, Henryck Teneyck in his lifetime, John Aertson in his lifetime, William Creed in his lifetime, and Jarvis Marshall in his lifetime, a certain tract of vacant land, situate and being on Hudson's river, between the creek called by the natives Aquasing, and by the Christians by Fish Creek, at the markt trees of Pawling (including the said Creek) and the land of Meyndert Harmense and Company; then bounded southerly by said Land of Harmense & Company so farr as their bounds runns; then westerly by said land of Harmense and Company until a southerly line run so farr south until it comes to the southside of a certain meadow where-in there is a white oak tree marked with the letters HT; then bounded southerly by an east and west line to the division line between this province of Newyork and Colony of Connecticuts, and so bounded easterly by the said division line & northerly by said Fish creek

as farr as it goes & from the head thereof by a paralell line to the south bounds, running east and west to the said division line, with ith hereditaments & appurtenances,—to hold unto them, the said Caleb Heathcote, Augustus Graham, James Emott, Henry Filkin, David Jamison, Henrydeck Tenyck, John Aertson, William Creed, and Jarvis Marshall, their heirs and assigns, forever. NOW, know you, that wee, the native proprietors of said tract of land, for and in consideration of certain goods and merchandize, to us in hand paid or secured to be paid at & before the ensealing of this present writing, have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed, and do by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm, unto the said David Jamison, the only surviving patentee of the said patent, and to the heirs, Exec's, & assignee or assignees of the other eight patentees, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever; and the said tract of land so patented as aforesaid, and all that our and every of our right & claim to the interest or demand whatsoever of, in, or to the said tract of land & every part & parcel thereof, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same tract of land and premises unto the said David Jamison, and the heirs, Exec's, assignee or assignees of the other patentees aforesaid, and to their respective heirs & assigns forever. IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto put our hands and seals this Thirteenth day of October, in the year 1730.

Perpuwas	his mark
Sasaragua	her mark
Makerin	his mark
Memram	his mark
Shawanachko	his mark
Shawasquo	his mark
Tounis, Son of Shawasquo	his m.
Acgans	his mark
Nimham	his mark
Ouracgacguis	his mark
Taguahams	his mark
Seeck	his mark
Cocewyn	his mark
Mamany	his mark

Meeorandum—that the words “John Aertson,” between lines 8 & 9 from the bottom, & the words “do by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm,” between lines 6 & 7 from the bottom, were enterlined before sealing and delivery.

A rye, Seeck's Son	his mark
Wappenas	his mark
Tintgeme	her mark

Ayawatask	his mark
Nonnaparee	his mark
Kindtquaw	his mark

SEALED AND DELIVERED by Shawanachko and Shawasco, and Tounis his Son, in the presence of us.

Phillip Cortlandt,  
John Crooke, Junior,  
Robert Benson,  
Lymon Arygier.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

Barant Vankleeck,  
Tealk Tietsoort,  
Frans Ia Roy,  
Joseph Webb,  
Henry Vanderburgh,  
Jacobus V. D. Boogert,  
The mark of H. O. Hendrick Ostrom,  
The mark of X Jonas Scott.

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On the back of the deed appears the following endorsements, showing that a not very high consideration was demanded for the property.

#### ENDORSEMENTS

Received the thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty, of and by the hands of Mr. Henry Filkins, for all the land in full formerly granted by Patent and now sold by an Indian Deed for and in consideration of certain sums of money, goods and merchandise, to the value of one hundred and fifty pounds, to us Acgans & Nimham, Principal Sachemache and Proprietors, in behalf of all the rest, in hand paid by Mr. Henry Filkins as aforesaid, for the use of Mr. David Jamison, the only surviving patentee of said patent and Indian Deed, and to the heirs Exec's, and assignee or assignees of the other eight patentees, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being in full for the said tract of Land according to the Limitts and Bounds within mentioned as wittness our hands and seals the day and year above mentioned, only excepting still the Whrits of some North Indians that are . . . which we since except.

The mark af Acgans,  
Nimham, his mark.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us,

Henry Van Derburgh,  
Barant Van Kleeck,  
Frans La Roy,  
Jacobus V. D. Boogert.

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, personally came and appeared before me, Philip Courtlandt, one of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, Shawanachko and Shawasquo, two of the Indians within named, and acknowledged the within Deed to be their and each of their Voluntary Act and Deed, and that they executed the same for the uses therein mentioned; and also confessed and declared that they had respectively received the goods following, to witt, the said Shawanachko three striped Blanketts, three Duffills Blanketts, four Dozen of pipes, ten knives, two Hatchets, one Strouds Blankett, six pounds of powder, ten pounds of lead, two white shirts, and One Gunn.

And the said Shawasquo seven striped Blanketts, seven Duffills Blankets, eight Dozen of pipes, twenty knives, five hatchets, one Strouds Blankett, eighteen pounds of powder, eighteen pounds of Lead, and one good gun, four white shirts, and one half barrel of strong beer, in full satisfaction of and for of consideration of their Respective shares, right and title of, in, and to the within Tract of Land—the words, “two white shirts” and “four white shirts” being interlined.

Phillip Cortlandt.

New York, October 20, 1922.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Let me thank you, and through you the Dutchess County Historical Society, for the honor done me yesterday, and particularly for the good time you gave us. Miss Haldane was most enthusiastic in her praises, and I must say I shared her enthusiasm.

The suggestion which I made, of a hike at some future time into Connecticut, should not interfere with the proposal to go into Ulster and Orange Counties. Let us first get our four river counties to know each other, or better say six, so as to include Rockland and Westchester; and having done so then let us make proposals to our friends in Connecticut. With regard to the latter, an interesting place, accessible to us in New York State, would be the old iron mines along the Housatonic, stretching from say Cornwall north to Salisbury. These as you know supplied much of the iron used in the Revolutionary War, and if I mistake not the first cannon cast in the United States during that war were made up there. There is something in Force's American Archives about this which I have not had time to look up; but I am very sure that the Litchfield County (Conn.) Historical Society have got it all written up.

We would only have to deal with two counties in Connecticut, Litchfield and Fairfield. Prior to the Revolutionary War the people of those counties had been pressing over into New York across the Oblong, and into the manorial lands of Livingston, Philipse, Van Cortlandt and others. After the war large parts of Philipse's confiscated estate (or to be exact Robinson's and Morris's who had married Philipse sisters) were taken up by settlers from Connecticut and the Eastern States. So also I doubt not they have bought a good deal of the land which the Van Cortlandts, Livingstons and others sold. That is to say we have in our eastern counties, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester, a great deal of Connecticut and New England blood.

There is of course no hurry about this matter, and it is getting too late to arrange for a hike this season. Moreover we have next year, as said above, to get in touch with our New York neighbors on the other side of the river. Of the Orange County or to be exact Newburgh Society I have been a member for a good many years.

With renewed thanks,

Very sincerely yours,  
STUYVESANT FISH.

William P. Adams, Esq.,  
Red Hook, N. Y.

# Minutes of the Council of Appointment of New York State

## A Recovered Record of the Revolution

Through the courtesy of the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt of Hyde Park, an interested member of the Dutchess County Historical Society, the Year Book Committee is permitted to announce that at an auction sale in Philadelphia last May Mr. Roosevelt purchased a manuscript volume containing the original minutes of meetings held by the Council of Appointment of New York at Poughkeepsie in 1778 and 1779.

What the varying fortunes of this small volume were from 1779 to 1923 there is now no means of knowing but the book is source-material of the first class and the committee is fortunate in being able to offer to the society an analysis of its make-up and contents. In size it is about eight and a quarter by six and a half inches and it is endorsed on the front cover: "No. 3 Council of Appointment Minutes." Within the cover are two sections, one detached, one sewed fast; the former consisting of thirty-six leaves (numbered by pages, one to thirty-six), and the latter of fifty-six leaves (one hundred and twelve pages, not numbered). Only the last three leaves (six unnumbered pages) are blank.

The subject matter of the detached section comprises: "Minutes of 2d April continued. \* \* \* \*;" page 1. Minutes of April 4, 1778, complete, pages 1-6. Minutes of May 28, 1778, not complete, pages 6-36.

In the section fastened to the cover are found the minutes of seventeen meetings, held at Poughkeepsie on June 16, June 18, June 20, June 22, June 25, August 18, October 24, October 30, November 4, (1); November 4, (2); November 5, 1778 and February 6, February 18, February 27, March 6, April 22, May 3, 1779. Throughout the period covered by the two sections of the volume (April 2, 1778 to May 3, 1779) the Council of Appointment was presided over by His Excellency, the Governor of New York, George Clinton, Esq., the names of the members of the council appearing as: John Morin Scott (April-August, 1778), Abraham Yates, Jr., (April-August, 1778), Alexander Webster (April-June 1778), Jesse Woodhull (May-August, 1778), Zephaniah Platt (October, 1778-May, 1779), Dirck W. Ten Broeck (October, 1778-May, 1779), Ebenezer Russell (October, 1778-March, 1779), Jonathan Lawrence (October, 1778-May,



1779). The minutes of fourteen meetings bear at their close the signatures of the attending members of the council.

At the meeting held on June 25, 1778, Jacobus Swartwout, Esq., was appointed Colonel Commandant of the militia of Dutchess County. Space is lacking to quote here in full the entries relating to the local military forces, (appointments appear for one hundred and eighty-six officers, with incidental references to others) but interesting civil appointments mentioned are:

April 4, 1778, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson & Israel Thompson of Dutchess County to be Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies within the State.

June 16, 1778, Gilbert Livingston, Esq., to be Surrogate for the County of Dutchess.

August 18, 1778, Alexander Kidd and John Chamberlain to be Justices of the Peace in Dutchess.

August 18, 1778, John Jay, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York; Robert Yates and John Sloss Hobart, puisne Justices of said Court; Ephriam Paine, Zephaniah Platt, Anthony Hoffman, Esquires, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess; to be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in and for Dutchess; Whereof the said John Jay or the said Robert Yates or John Sloss Hobart is always to be one.

March 6, 1779, Melancton Smith to be Sheriff of the County of Dutchess.

March 6, 1779, Jacobus Swartwout, Israel Thompson and Henry Livingston, Jr., to be Coroners for Dutchess.

April 22, 1779, Morris Graham, John Gaisly, John Platt, Thomas Nelson, George Freligh, John Slegt, William Van Wyck, Matthew Van Bunschoten, Lemuel Brush, Matthias B. Miller to be Justices of the Peace in Dutchess.

These citations from the minutes, regarding the action taken by the Council in connection with Dutchess, illustrate the nature of the information the minutes afford about affairs in other parts of the state and it is much to be desired that, at no distant day, the record should be printed in full for general public convenience.

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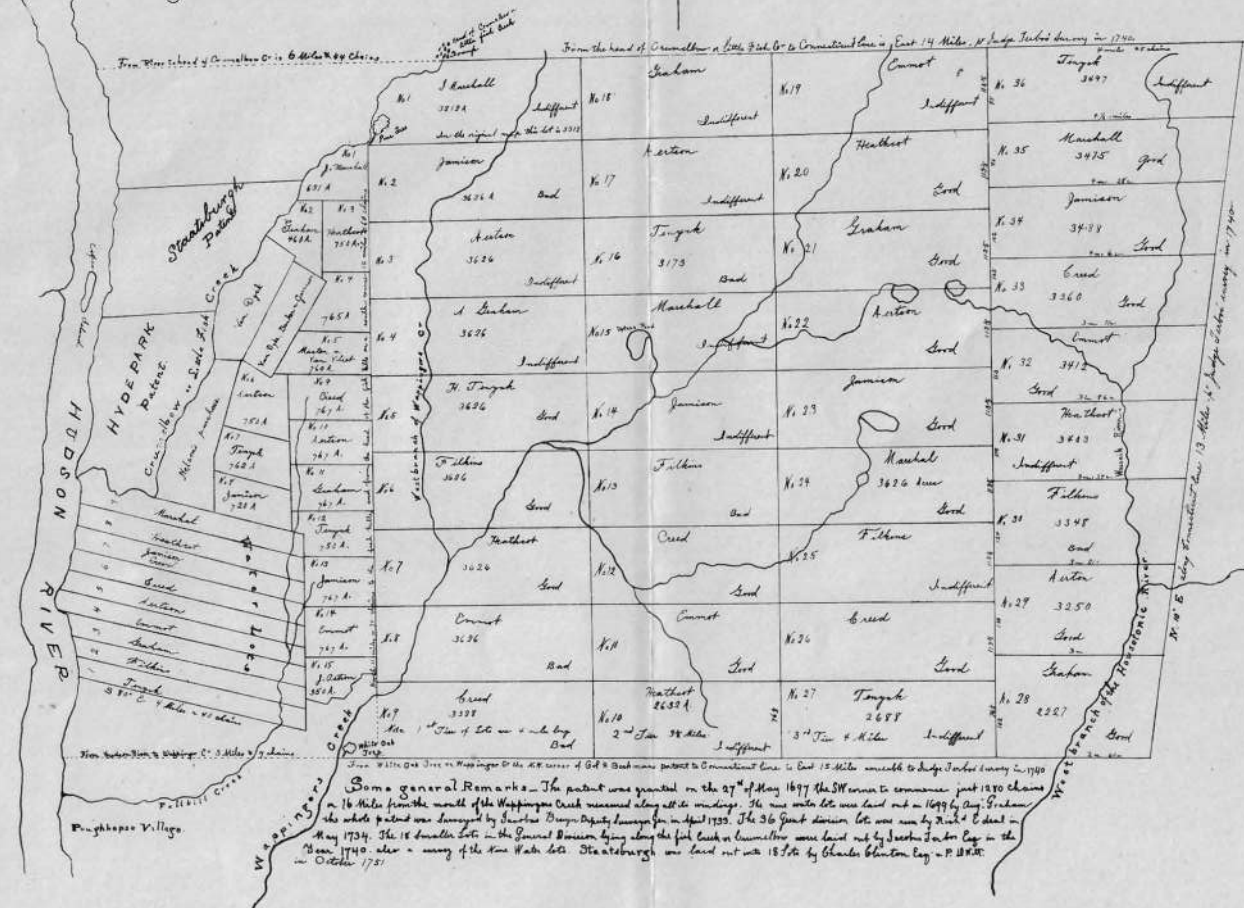
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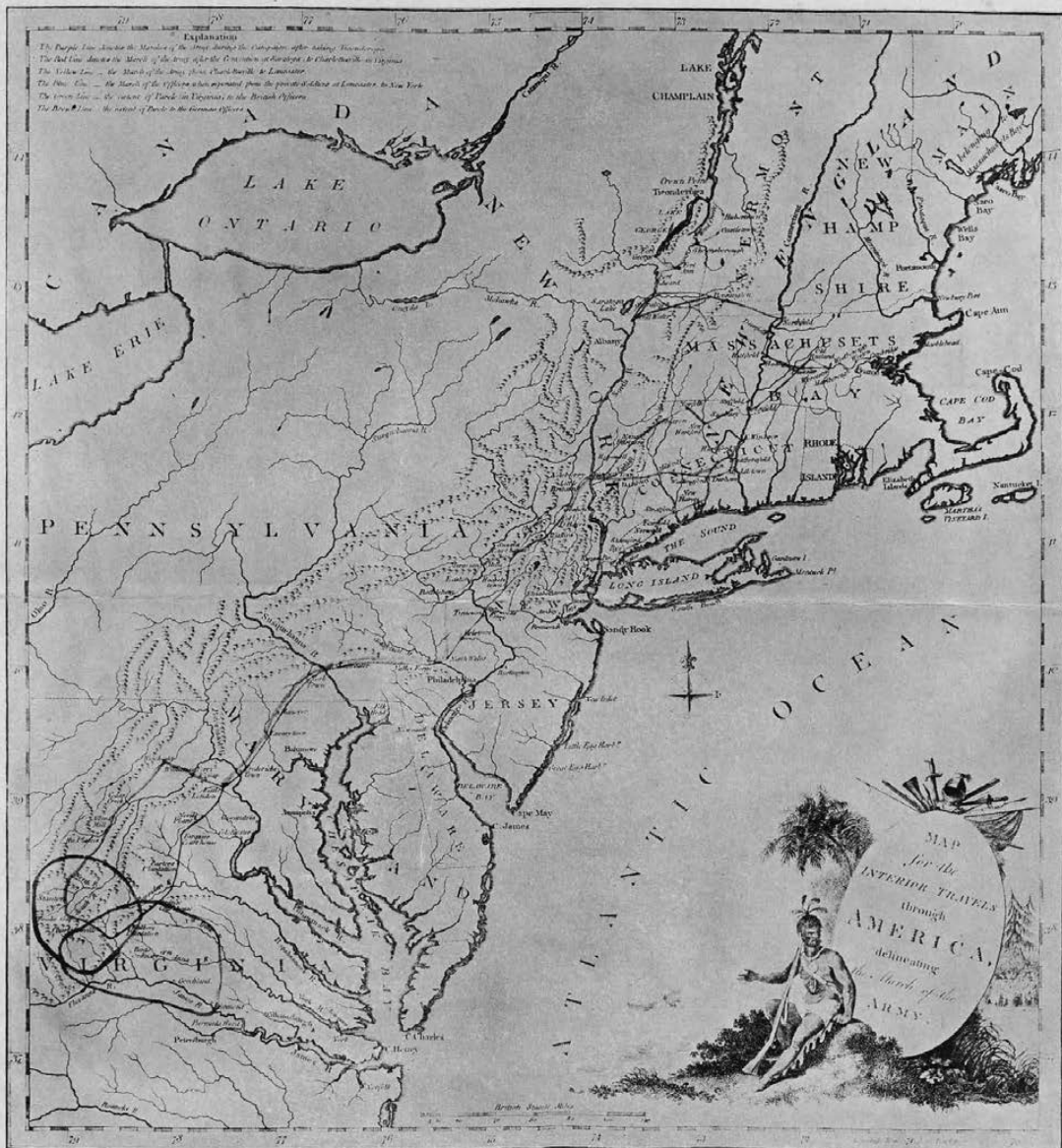
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Permit me to trouble you and enquire if you  
do not know where we can hire a good woman to  
do house work - either white or black preferring a  
white one & one of 30 or 40 y<sup>r</sup> of age - we want one  
who understands baking, churning - washing & cooking &c  
- we have a little girl besides to help in the house -  
Since my little girl left us we have had much trouble  
in getting kitchen help that was good & steady -  
Perhaps you may know of some good steady person  
of this description in or abt. your village who would  
come - the usual wages here for such work is 6/  
per week - at least that is the most we have ever been  
asked - & the past winter we had a good old black  
woman for 4 - 5 - week -

If you should want money from the Van  
Burenians I suspect you can get it on any terms - they  
have I understand a very considerable sum on hand  
not let or promise me any explicit

Y<sup>r</sup> s<sup>v</sup>  
J<sup>n</sup> Reddick

Please to write me if you know or hear of any  
woman we can hire who you think well sent -

I have taken the liberty to request Mr. Stone  
Cutler in America who is making a Tomb Stone for my  
father's grave to leave it in your care - will you be  
so good if it comes to hand to set inside of the Church  
yard in a safe place & let me know - Capt. Beecher  
will have it put by the grave -



The last

M<sup>rs</sup> James Montgomery

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

Head Quarters before Lake  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

I have been favoured with my dear  
Janet's letters up to the 20<sup>th</sup> ulto.

- Since I can't yet see you it is  
a very great pleasure to hear from  
you - But are you not unreasonable  
to expect long letters in a style  
as if I had nothing of greater impor-  
-tance upon my mind than the (last  
chat of friends? - all you asked  
from me at letting out was frequent  
short letters to acquaint <sup>you</sup> of my health  
- now you have enlarged your demands  
- you are what unreasonable (meaning  
you women are, & how hard to be  
satisfied -

I begin to admire much your  
Heroism - you have more of it at



present than I am possessed of -  
I wish most sincerely to hit by my  
own fire side - let others by their  
military talents ~~and~~ look for  
applauds - give me an glorious  
country life - I hope the Public  
affairs will never have occasion  
again for my service - nothing but  
a very gloomy prospect indeed shall  
draw me out of my nest -

I think myself the most fortunate  
of men in nothing so much, as that  
Pralice has not yet attacked my  
character - a circumstance which  
very rarely attends those held up  
to public view - if they will hold  
her hand a little longer I think  
I shall be wise enough to get out  
of her way - perhaps you will be

for taking my place - shall I become  
command you for a Brigadier?

Remember <sup>me</sup> in prospect terms to  
G. D. etc.

Yours well  
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