

Note by Catherine

this is from Edgerton - Conn
James wrote me
Plough & Harrow 11-1-22
March 16. 1882. (1)

My dear Ames,

I yesterday received your letter of the 28th. I had heard from your uncle George that you had thought of all coming over this Spring, therefore I was not much surprised, tho' very happy to hear that you had taken room in the Servia for 17th May. You will find me at my old quarters, and I hope you will all come tomorrow and all and quarter on me for a few days West before going on to London.

You gave me a full report about accom-
modations at The U. S. Club - and I am glad you
put my name down for No 32 apartments for
August. Of course if anything prevents my
returning for that time I will give them due
notice. The fact is that when I reflect on
the changes that have taken place amongst my
kindred since I left New York, I am afraid I
would be afflicted with loneliness on a fair li-
ving up my abode there, and I hesitate whether

to rest the charge. true. I could, of course, return here if I wished after giving it a trial, but altho a good sailor, as the term is, I am not as indifferent to the discomforts of sea voyages as you and Carrie are, and so, between this and the desire to be again in my native land I ~~waver~~ know how to decide.

The "Evening Post" with that infamous letter on the Captors of Anvers, also came yesterday - and by the initials at the end of C. B. T. and its malicious slanders, I see it is furnished by a Tallmadge. It is well known that Major B. Tallmadge at whose command in the district the Captors of Anvers delivered him up, and who had no hand or merit in the capture (of such vast importance to the Union,) than to receive the prisoner so delivered, took all sorts of mean pretences to arrogate to himself all the merits of the capture, which redounded at the time to the honor of the Captors, and provoked his jealousy. So far as to induce him most meanly to try to disparage the patriots, who had thus saved their country, and had nearly saved

him, being in command in the district, from the disgrace by lack of diligence of permitting a British ship to pass openly through his lines.

The granting by Congress (when the events transpired and the means of investigation into the character and position ^{involves} of the captors were most reliable) of a silver medal stamped on one side "Fidelity" and on the reverse "Vincit Amor Patria" is sufficient for the descendants of the captors to treat the present slander with contempt, as at the time Congress and the people of the country, did the disgraceful attempt of Major Tallmadge of that day.

For the nest, the Vanwaats, and the Pauldings of Tarrytown were well known families settled in its neighborhood long before the war. Your grandfather Van Wart, gave me some notes giving particulars of their homes that of the father of Isaac V. W. of a Cape Cod Dutch farm house, with high peaked roof, and a good farm in the valley of the Sawmill

the site of
which he often visited when a boy - during the
war Isaac's father was adjutant, and served
in the district. I remember your grandfather
telling me that the House was occupied by Genl
Washington as he & quartered on his retirement
before the British - and on Washington's withdrawal
from it, an advanced body of Mexican took
possession of it, and burned it to the ground +

During the war the "Cowboys" and "Skinners"
of the borders between the lines of the opposing
armies, often harried the neighbourhood, and
it was to intercept a party of these cattle
thieves that Paalding, Williams and Paalhart
whose farms had in the night been robbed,
were on the alert on the high road, where
they knew they must pass with their booty.
~~and~~ to waylay the robbers.

A noted character at Laramie, when
Uncle W. took up his residence there was old
Jesse Corings, the nephew of Isaac W.W.
who was a small boy at the time of these events
and gave Uncle W. many anecdotes of the
time. I do not remember what mention

+ 400 + 100 W to me (a.v.w.) his Aunt Polly saw her husband
killed before he was in his defence

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Uncle W. makes of the capture and what he
says of the Captors, but I knew he was fully
aware of their respectability.

The old Boulding House, stands at the base
of the Surrlykn Hill, facing the River, and
before the rail road was made, the river flowed
up to its garden, which at each end North
South had pretty fishing houses. Uncle
William Inigo, the senior of the family, here
courted and married Julia Boulding, the
parents of cousin Julia Inman, and of my
cousin wife - my mother (your grandmother
V. W.) used, like Uncle W., to pass much time
there in the summer season, and here she
first met your grandfather - who soon
after entered the counting house of Uncle William
Inigo, became associated wth him in business,
and then came out to England to establish
his house here at Birm^g in correspondence
with the house in N.Y.

Captain Stephen Van Nest your
Grandfather's elder Brother, was known

and believed throughout Lorrytown and
Westchester County. he had all the urbanity
of your grandfather, a slight slender
figure, and had all the best characteristics
of a man of honor. As a boy he wished
to enter the navy, and had he done so no
doubt he would have earned distinction.
but his mother not consenting, he had the
limited stage for his career afforded by
the commerce between Lorrytown and other
River towns, and New York, owning and running
his sloop in the River trade, and later on
a steamer owned chiefly by Commodore
Vanderbilt, in which he had a share.

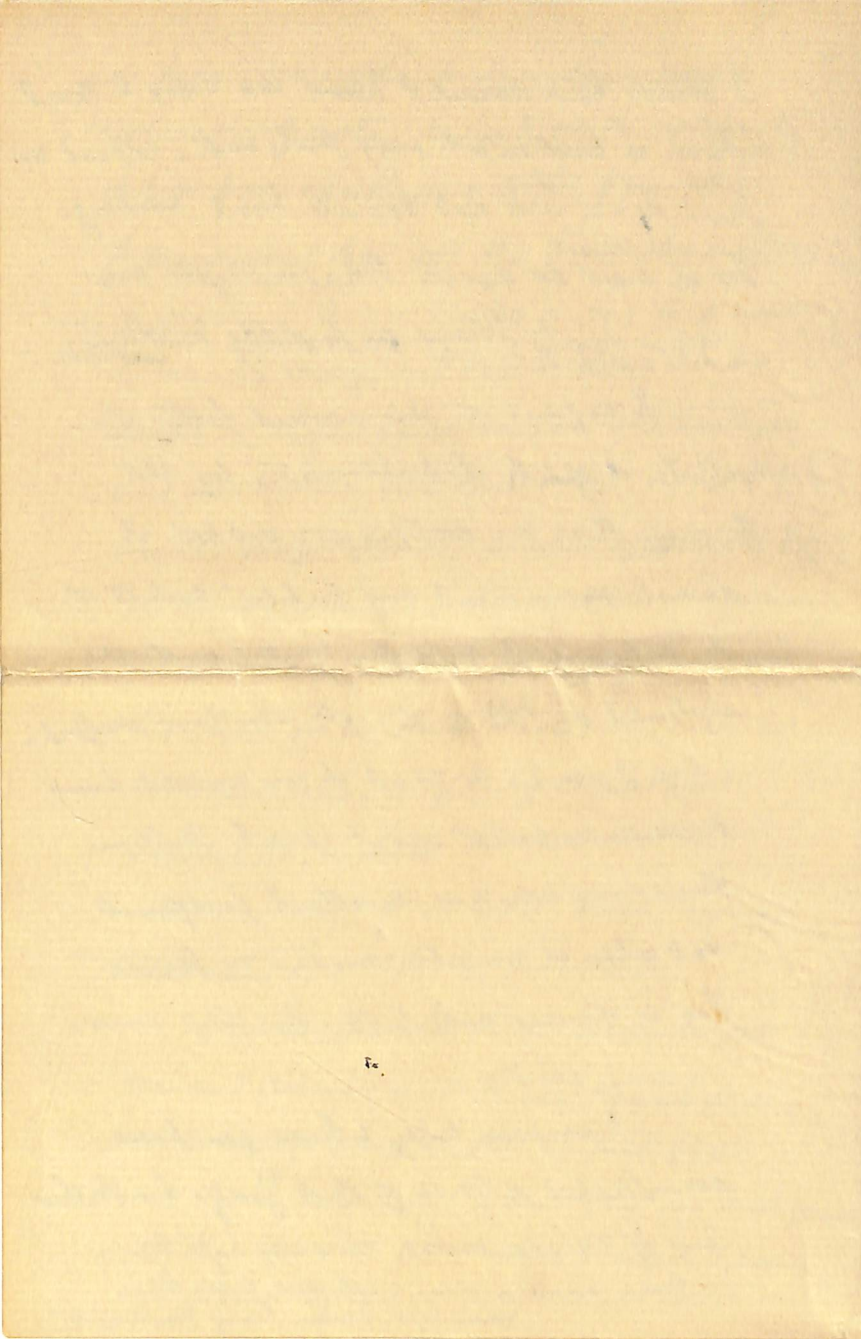
It was blown up at Groby Point, running
opposition and thus he perished.

I give you this little episode for
you and Carrie, and Eric's knowledge,
as belonging somewhat to her pedigree
and I am now going to send you our pedigree
on the other side (my mother's) which I have
just had copied in full round text and

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I think you should have the copy I send
which is written wth very pale ink, copied in
good dark ink and round hand writing.
for it would be worth transmitting to our
descendants - being so perfectly authentic.

In regard to this insolent letter of
C. B. T. I think its publication by the
Evening Post an outrage. and yet I
do not recommend any public notice of
it, believing it will be treated with the
contempt it deserves by all who care to read.
- but I would be glad if you would have
some conversation about it wth William
Paulding, who has excellent judgment
and also is an able writer - Invite
him to dinner and talk the thing over
in your studio.

I am very happy to hear you have
accomplished a bust of Miss Gray. her father
will of course value it very highly.
I have another day - with love to all three
your aff. father J. M. T. T. T.



Genealogy of the Princes of Orkney and New York

William de Irvine. Sec^y of Bruce. Rec. Knight-
-hood - Coat of Arms - Lands
Yfrost of Bruce - 1306.
- 1332 died in 1348.

Wm 7 Erwyn - Orkney (Kirkwall.) 1369

Wm de Erwyn - alias Irving - 1442 -
(Forpenn Hist^y) 1423.

Pro Erwyn Erwyn or Erving 1438 seal of Chief
Judge

Christie Erwyn - 1460. Mar^d - Edm^d
Paplay - Nurse beheaded.

Exchanged the Lands of Helms and Paplay for
those of Lelach, husband of the said 27th Feb 1460

John Elderst son of this marriage appears in 1483.
1504. 1526 dead 1539

James of Lelach. Lawman or Chief Judge appears 1534. ¹⁵⁵⁵
dead 1581

Erwyn appears 1563 - married Christian Grista was
bequeathed her share of Lelach property to
her younger brother William in 1597 becomes
male head of the Princes of Orkney by the
death of his elder brother James. without issue
removes from the mainland to Thapenston prior to
1608.

Thomas in Lichene. Thapashtha 22 March 1646
Younger brother of William Irving of Lanchester - the
occupant of the ancient and now demolished
Stamchlopf. near the site of the present Halfpenny
Castle. and at William's death without male issue
- male head of the family in Lichene.

Magnus of Lichene - the second of the names of Magnates
and probably the first Irving born on the Island
of Madagaskar.

William - eldest son of the marriage - Normal

Lichene. August 31 (old style) 11 Sept (new)

1731. Married Sarah Sanders 18 May 1764

Settled at New York 1763. Died Oct 25 - 1807

Leaving eight children surviving him - viz:

1. William born Aug 15. 1766. married Julia

D'Aulding Nov 7. 1793. died Nov 4th 1821. (2)

Ann Sarah born Feb 14. 1770 - married Richard Dodge

1788. died May 10. 1808. (3) Peter born Oct 30. 1771

died June 27. 1838. (4) Catherine Rodgers born

Jan 1. 1774. married Daniel Paris Nov 1796

died Dec 25 1849. (5) Elizabeth born Jan 27

1776 married Elyah Rife - Nov 14 - 1808 -

(6) John Treat - born May 26. 1778. married
Abigail Finney Apr 28. 1806 - died March 15. 1838

(7) Sarah born June 30. 1780. married Henry
Van Wart 8 Jan. 1806 - died Nov 29. 1848

(8) Washington born Apr 3. 1783 d 1859

(9) Irving - Son of Sarah &
Henry Van Wart
born March 7th 1808 - married

Sarah ^{Craig} Ames 1839

{ Iris ^{pro} died 1870

(10) Ames - Born Jan 20th 1841
married Caroline Marshall Roberts
April 13th 1869. (she died Jan 24th 1893)

(11) Evelyn - Born April 5th 1870 -
died April 3 - 1910

