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**OBITUARY.**

Mrs. Catharine W. Elseffer (relict of the late John Elseffer), aged 75 years 5 months and 27 days, departed this life on Monday the 15th day of February inst. A. D. 1875, and her funeral was held at St. Paul's Lutheran church in this village on Thursday the 18th, at which there was a large attendance.

The services at the "Homestead" were conducted by Rev. Samuel G. Finckle, and at the church by the Rev. Wm. D. Strobel, D. D. We have been permitted to make an interesting extract from the sermon of Dr. Strobel on the occasion, and now reproduce the same as a part of this notice:

"In these days of swift changes, it is pleasant to trace a family history which reaches back beyond the century in which we live. More than one hundred and fifty years ago Hendrick Weidman, afterwards written Whiteman, set out from the Canton of Zurich in Switzerland, bringing with him to this land, the free spirit of that Borough and the liberal spirit of those brilliant reformers, Melancthon and Zwinglius, cotemporaries of Luther.

As a land agent of one of the original Patentees of the Crown, he secured to himself the "homestead" whence we have brought to-day for the purpose of sepulture, the remains of his great-grand daughter, MRS. CATHARINE WHITEMAN ELSEFFER, in the 76th year of her age, and so it is, that the "homestead" has remained through the fourth—even now unto the fifth generation. Hendrick Whiteman, Jacob Whiteman, Henry Whiteman, and now Catharine Whiteman Elseffer, each in a full ripe age, and each with spirits imbued with love of liberty and devotion to church and christianity, have in almost regular succession, passed from the same earthly tenement through the portals of this church to their heavenly home.

Just two years ago this day, the husband of her, who now lies before us, *the intelligent and respected JOHN ELSEFFER*, her stay and strength, was called hence. This blow to her, amidst her many infirmities, was terribly severe, yet in the elasticity of her spirit, there was some rebound, and two years were still given her to exemplify her and their love for the three sons, the daughter-in-law and the grand-children, who now set before me, yea more to exemplify her and their united regard for the whole race.

ELSEFFER. At Red Hook, N. Y., on the 27th of May, Miss Elizabeth Elseffer, in the 90th year of her age.

The departed belonged to a generation whose services in the kingdom of Christ make the history of the Lutheran church in Eastern New York as contained in the archives of the old ministerium. She was a woman of more than ordinary endowments both of heart and mind, and in her time exerted a marked religious and social influence upon an interesting circle of acquaintances. Her youthful life was moulded under the influence of the old style family religion which prevailed in the families of our German ancestors; and the maturity of her womanhood was reached under the influence of the eloquent preaching and the cultivated and somewhat courtly social life of the distinguished Dr. Quitman, between whose family and that of her father there existed very intimate social relations during the entire period of his long ministry in Rhinebeck.

As a Christian she was thoroughly trained in the word of God, and rejoiced in the experience of the love of God. Her life was beautiful by reason of the childlike simplicity of her faith, and joyous because of her constant communion with spiritual things. She grew old in the worship and service of her Lord, and was thereby fitted, when the summons came, to depart not as a stranger into a strange land and among a strange people, but to go home to the Father's house to meet and mingle with the spirits of the just, with whom her own was made kindred by the daily renewal and culture of the Holy Ghost. Her devotion to the Old Stone Church, a Lutheran landmark in Eastern New York, was a joy to witness. She had nothing too valuable to be devoted to its interests. Hers, too, was the possession of a kindly and appreciative nature, and of manners rendered exceedingly attractive by the refinements of culture. Of social attention she was not vain, but tenderly and gratefully appreciative.

She has gone, and unto us who survive she has left the example of a Christian culture round and full, and very beautiful in its completeness. And now that she is gone, what remains for us but to cherish the memory of the excellence to which by the grace of God she was able to attain, that it may be helpful to us during the remaining days of our pilgrimage?

J. A. E.  
Rhinebeck, N. Y., June 5th. 1882

I am well aware that he, who preceded, and she who now lies here, sought not so much to lay up wealth here, as to assist the needy, relieve the distressed and feed the poor. Whilst they preserved intact their beautiful inheritances, the fruits of their toil, were used freely for the relief of others.

Contemplating their characters both in worldly and spiritual things, it is but proper to advert as well to their wise conservatism as to their known liberality and steadfast adhesion to the christianity of their ancestors."

ELSEFFER. Died at Red Hook, N. Y., October 20th 1888, Delia Eliza Bonesteel, wife of Jacob W. Elseffer, Esq., aged 67 years and 17 days.

The deceased was a descendant of the Nicholas Bonesteel who settled in the Hudson River Valley as early as the year 1714, and whose many grandsons up to the middle part of the present century devoted themselves to trade as merchants. In her father's family were brothers who entered the legal profession, her brother Peter Bonesteel having practiced law in the city of Hudson, N. Y., where he was favorably known. Having ministered to and intimately known the departed during a pastorate of nearly eleven years, when in charge of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church of Rhinebeck, N. Y., of which she was a faithful member, it may be fitting that I should add a brief testimonial of her character.

Mrs. Elseffer was a finely endowed, cultivated, genial and lovable woman. In disposition, she was amiable and affectionate; in demeanor, modest and somewhat reserved; in her general intercourse with others she was kind and generous, gentle and cordial, and always candid and true. By those who shared the hospitalities of the home over which she presided, whether socially distinguished or obscure, she will now be remembered as always the same self-possessed, thoughtful and attentive hostess—qualities which made that home so attractive to a large circle of congenial and appreciative friends.

Her Christian life was not demonstrative; but her regard for sacred things was profoundly reverent; and her faith, always simple and trustful, was productive of those beautiful graces of the spirit, which make the cultivated refinements of life increasingly attractive. She was bravely unselfish; and when occasion required was not remiss in substantial sympathy and helpfulness. The realm in which she lived her life and in which her virtues shone with the brightest lustre, and in and through which she exerted her best and sweetest influence was the family. To make this what God designed it to be she devoted her best energies; and for reward she enjoyed the constant devotion of a husband who cherished her as his own life, and the filial love and reverence of a son and daughter who now bless God that he gave them such a mother. Such was the personality of the departed, who now rests from her labors, while her works do follow her. Behold the woman whose "price is far above rubies." "The heart of her husband trusteth in her." "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates." Prov. xxxi.

Mifflinburg, Pa.

J. A. E.

*From Rhinebeck Gazette  
Dec 27. 1889*

Dutchess Co. Politics 66 Years Ago.

The following is one of a number of old political letters to Christian Schell cast up by the reconstruction of the old Schell building to make room for Andrew Grube's furniture ware-rooms. Jacob Shook was a prominent Milan politician known among his opponents as the "Milan Her cabinet" who conducted a store and c. Shookville. He was a contemporary of Stephen Thorn, William I. Stewart, John V. A. Lyle, John Rawley, Jacob Benner, John Elseffer, John Radcliff and Jacob Van Ness, all prominent in the politics of Dutchess County in their day.

Jan. 23d, 1833.

DEAR SIR—I am more satisfied from what I have seen and heard that the interest and wishes of a majority of the Republicans of Dutchess can not be attained at Albany this winter. We will have a Federal judge in this County, (viz. Emett,) Federal Judge Tallmadge for our district and there is something rotten in

Yours Respectfully,  
JACOB SCHOOK

*Red Hook Journal Jan 16. 1890*

We learn that J. W. Elseffer, Counselor-at-law, generously contributes the difference between the value of the old bell weighing 629 pounds and the cost of a new bell to weigh not less than 1000 pounds, to be placed in the tower of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church, this village. The new bell comes from the same company that manufactured the old, Mency & Co., West Troy, N. Y., and will be put in position by the building committee at an early day.

FAURE.—At her residence, 238 West 11th St., on Friday 20th October, 1899, in the 85th year of her age, Catharine A. Faure, beloved mother of John P. Faure.  
Funeral services will be held at Calvary Church, corner 4th Av. and 21st St., on Monday morning, Oct. 23, at 9:45 o'clock, where relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment will take place in the family vault at Rhinebeck, N. Y. Kindly omit flowers.

DEATH OF MISS KATHERINE MESICK.

*Died March 16, 1898*

A Very Highly Esteemed Lady Passes Away at Claverack Yesterday.

The many friends in city and county of Miss Katherine Mesick will be very deeply pained to learn that she passed away, after a long and painful illness from cancer of the stomach, at the Mesick himestone, near Claverack, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Mesick was a woman of charming character and was highly cultured. With ample means for indulging in literary pursuits, she, after graduation from Claverack College, continued systematically the cultivation of her mind. She kept steadily abreast of the best thought of the day in all lines, and was a most interesting conversationalist.

She combined with other endowments those qualities of true womanhood that made her most attractive to all who came in contact with her. Versatile and happy hearted, generous to a fault, true to every friend, she had a host of warm heart friends who to-day are sincerely mourning her untimely demise.

She was a sincere Christian and was prominently identified with church work, and for more than twenty years she has been the organist at the old Dutch church at Claverack. She will be sadly missed from her accustomed place in the church, as well as from the homes of the village.

She was a daughter of the late Abram Mesick, and through the death of her uncles, the late Frederick N., Peter, and John Mesick, she came into possession of considerable wealth. She owned a fine farm on the Post road north of the village, and had completed arrangements for spending pleasantly long years promised her at the historic farm house, her possession; but she had not forgotten to plan for another home, and The All Wise has seen fit, though it grieves those left behind, to take her to the better and the brighter life—to the priceless heritage and the mansions prepared for the faithful in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Miss Mesick is survived in her immediate family by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bates, and a brother, Benjamin S. Mesick, of Claverack.

The funeral will occur from the Mesick homestead to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. The interment will take place in the Claverack village cemetery.

*Died March 16, 1898*

~~and James Gray.~~ *Died March 10<sup>th</sup> 1900*

—Rev. Samuel G. Finckel, pastor of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, died suddenly Saturday night about 9 o'clock at the parsonage, 450 Third Avenue. Although Mr. Finckel had not been feeling well for the last few weeks, the announcement of his sudden demise came as a surprise to many friends and the members of his church, among whom he had labored faithfully for the last ten years. The deceased was born at Cumberland, Md., in 1845. He was a veteran of the civil war and served in the Quartermaster's Department at Washington, D. C., from 1861 to the close of hostilities in 1865. In the autumn of 1865 he entered the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Penn., but left during his sophomore year to take up a theological course at the Gettysburg Theological Seminary. During his college career he became affiliated

with the Zeta Psi fraternity. He was ordained at Rhinebeck, N. Y., in 1871, where he remained until 1879. During the next ten years he held charges at Taneytown, Md., Wilkesbarre, Penn., and Harleton, Penn. In 1889 he came to Lansingburgh and organized the English Lutheran Church, the pastor of which he had been up to the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. J. Stanley Ten Eyck and Elseffer Finckel. The funeral will be held from the church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains may be viewed at the church Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10 o'clock. The interment will be at Rhinebeck, N. Y. The burial services will be in charge of Rev. J. H. Weaver of Centre Brunswick. He will be assisted by Rev. Ira M. Derrick of Lansingburgh, Rev. A. F. Walz of Troy and Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer. The bearers will be Rev. G. M. Heindell, D. D., Albany; Rev. M. G. Boyer, West Sand Lake; Rev. William Thrall, Gunderland Centre; Rev. W. F. Barnet, Melderose; Rev. W. E. Crouse, Schenectady; Rev. A. A. Frederick, Altamont. The trustees of the church will act as honorary bearers. The church choir will render selections. Miss Ten Eyck of Troy will assist.

*March 12<sup>th</sup> 1900*

*VAN NESS HOUSE - 1250's*

Our community was shocked Monday morning to hear of the death of the Rev. John Richards Lambert, Rector of Christ Church in this village, which occurred on Sunday evening, Feb. 26th. Mr. Lambert had been Rector of Christ Church since July, 1885. He was born in 1858, at Sharon, Conn., and was educated at Amenia Seminary, St. Stephen's College, and Berkely-Divinity School, Middletown, Conn. The Rt. Rev. John Williams, Bishop of Connecticut, ordained Mr. Lambert to the Deaconate in 1884, in the chapel of the Divinity School at Middletown. His ordination to the Priesthood took place in the following year, in St. Paul's Church, New Haven. After a few months as Rector of St. James' Church, Glastonbury, Conn., (where he had been Lay Reader during his Theological Course,) Mr. Lambert accepted the call to Christ Church, Red Hook. The cause of death was diabetes, from which he had suffered for years, complicated with pneumonia which attacked him shortly before Christmas. He leaves a wife and eight small children, and a large circle of friends to mourn his departure. His funeral was largely attended from Christ Church Wednesday morning, and his remains were taken to South Amenia for interment. The clergymen present at the funeral were the Archdeacon, Revs. Dr. Olssen, Dr. Hopson, W. G. W. Anthony, and E. C. Saunders.

IN MEMORIAM.—Death has removed a member and director of the Red Hook Club, the Rev. John R. Lambert, the first to succumb to the fell destroyer in this organization. We recognized in the life and character of the deceased a determination to stand for that which he thought to be right and just. We hold in grateful remembrance the valuable service he rendered to the Club in its organization. We tender heartfelt sympathy to the widow and fatherless children, and trust that in this affliction friends may be with them to comfort and succor those in deep distress.

COMMITTEE.

INASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself our friend and brother the Rev. John R. Lambert, we, the members of the Eulexian Society of S. Stephen's College, desire to express our sympathy to his deeply bereaved family in their great affliction; and have therefore

RESOLVED—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to them in token of our sorrow and sympathy.

Resolutions adopted by St. Andrew's Brotherhood of Christ Church, Chapter No 1469, of Red Hook, N. Y., March 8th, 1899:

WHEREAS—Our Heavenly Father, in His Infinite Wisdom, has see fit to remove from our midst, our Rector and Brother, Rev. John R. Lambert, a conscientious and faithful worker and officer of our Brotherhood, therefore

RESOLVED—That we commend to all, his untiring energy and zeal for our welfare, and while we deeply regret that a life so full of promise should be taken from us, we express our firm belief that he will reap the reward of his faithfulness in the enjoyment of an everlasting life of happiness.

RESOLVED—That we tender to the bereaved wife and children our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the loving care of Him who hath power to heal the broken heart and dry the tears of sorrow.

RESOLVED—That these resolutions be entered on our minutes, published in the Red Hook JOURNAL, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

# The "Clermont Estate"

THE TIVOLI TIMES, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1902.

## THE TIVOLI TIMES

children. Then she divided her estate, giving to her son the northerly half on which she had built her residence and the remainder to her daughter. Her son Thomas Streatfeild married Mis. Whitmarsh through whom he became connected with the Beekman, the Van Cortlandt and the de Peyster families. Finding the house, built by his father's mother unsuitable he re-built it and called the place Chiddingstone. It is there where his widow and unmarried children are still living.

Margaret's daughter, Elizabeth married George Gibbs Barnwell of South Carolina as is shown by his names. She died a few years after her marriage leaving two children, the younger, a daughter lived but a very short time after her mother. Her son, however is still living and with his wife and son has his home at Tuxedo. Elizabeth Barnwell's estate was sold very soon after her death to William H. Hunt of New Orleans, later, Secretary of the Navy and U. S. Minister to Russia. He purchased the property for the sake of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Commodore Ridgely and Cornelia, the daughter of Margaret and Robert L. Livingston and hence a descendant of the Chancellor, Robert R. Livingston. Mrs. Hunt however lived merely to see the place and to call it Ridgely. She died in 1864, shortly after moving there from New Orleans. Subsequently William H. Hunt sold Ridgely to John T. Hall of New York, after whose death in 1895 it was purchased by Thomas Hunt, second son of the late

William and Elizabeth Hunt, so that Ridgely is now in possession of the The ceremonies will take place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The committee having the building of the Court House in charge have arranged for a dinner for the members of the Board of Supervisors, the County Officials, and the Grand Lodge Officers, who are to have charge of the ceremonies. A copy of this issue of the Times will be placed in the Corner Stone.

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The Terrors of a Real Blizzard  
A great deal has been said and ten about those blinding storms sometimes sweep with resistless

on Venus.—Harper's Round Table  
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IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, N. Y.,

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Biographical Sketches and Genealogical Records of Our First Families  
and First Settlers,

WITH

A HISTORY OF ITS CHURCHES AND OTHER PUBLIC  
INSTITUTIONS.

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BY

EDWARD M. SMITH.

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RHINEBECK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, N. Y.

1881.

# MARGARET E. ATWILL DIES AT A RIPE AGE

Mother of the Bishop of the Western  
Diocese of Missouri Succumbs  
After Short Illness—A Life  
of Good Deeds.

Mrs. Margaret E. Atwill, 88 years old, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, Bishop E. R. Atwill, 1709 Linwood avenue. Death came suddenly and was due to heart disease. A week ago she contracted a slight cold and was confined to her bed a portion of the time. Saturday she was able to go about as usual and had apparently fully recovered. She arose yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock, while her son was at church, and was starting to dress herself, when she was seized with a pain about the heart and complained of suffocation. She sank back on the bed and died within ten minutes, before a physician could be summoned.

The funeral will be held from St. George's Episcopal church, Linwood and Troost avenues, at a date not yet decided on. It is probable that the services will be conducted by Bishop Seymour of the diocese of southern Illinois, assisted by the clergy of Kansas City. Interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Atwill was one of the best known charity workers of Kansas City. She was born in Redhook, N. Y., in 1813. She had been a widow sixty years and her only child is Bishop E. R. Atwill of the western diocese of Missouri, with whom she has made her home since his marriage, about thirty-five years ago. She moved with her son to Burlington, Vt., and from there to Toledo, O., where they lived ten years. In 1890 Bishop Atwill was called to the western diocese of Missouri and she followed. Her only sister, Mrs. Catharine Faure, died in New York City a year ago, and her nephew, John P. Faure, was once commissioner of charities in that city.

Her life was devoted to the church and to charitable work. Since coming to Kansas City her health has not permitted her to take such an active part in the work as she took in Toledo, but she became well known here as a friend to the poor, and scarcely ever was she missed from her accustomed place in her son's church. She personally visited the slums and the homes of the needy, argued with them, gave them wholesome instruction, sought to elevate them spiritually, and gave them liberally of her means.

She leaves eight grandchildren, to whom she was much attached. They are: F. C. and E. R. Atwill, jr., who are in business in Chicago; Douglass Atwill, now in Yale college; John Atwill, rector of St. Mark's church in Kansas City; W. W. Atwill, advertising manager for Emery, Bird, Thayer Dry Goods company; Mrs. Charles H. Nearing, Mrs. E. A. Macklin, whose husband is a first lieutenant in the United States infantry, and is now on his way to Manila, and Miss Gertrude Atwill.

## Red Hook Lighting Company.

The Red Hook Light and Power Company was incorporated with the Secretary of State last week. The capital is \$25,000, and the directors are J. H. Sharpe and Anna W. Sharpe, of Bernardsville, N. J., and F. B. Sharpe, of Liberty, N. Y. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906

Hudson Republic

## SAD DEATH OF MAJOR BONESTEEL. 18 1902

FORMER BROOKLYN MAN WAS RETURNING FROM  
MANILA TO SERVE WITH HIS OLD REGIMENT.

News of the death of Major Charles H. Bonesteel, of the 23d United States Infantry, on a transport on its way home from Manila, has been received in Brooklyn from San Francisco. The major was a son of N. B. Bonesteel, of No. 310 Carlton-ave., Brooklyn, and was born in that borough.

Major Ebstein, deputy commissioner of police, an old comrade of Major Bonesteel, who served with him in the Cuban campaign, said yesterday that a braver officer of the army never walked. Major Ebstein said it seemed particularly unfortunate that he had died when he was on his way home to serve again with the 23d Regiment, which is now stationed at Plattsburg, and where Major Bonesteel made his home for years when he was in the United States.

Major Bonesteel was born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1851. He was a great-great-grandson of Nicholas Bonesteel, who on account of religious persecution at Palentine-on-the-Rhine, came with a party of Huguenots to this country in 1712, and settled in Dutchess County. Nicholas Bonesteel, 2d, was a member of the 6th Albany County Regulars, his son Jacob was an officer in the War of 1812, and his great-grandson, Major Bonesteel, was appointed a lieutenant in the regular army at West Point in 1876.

## HASTENS WEDDING TO SAVE THE HOME.

Daughter Will Acquire Title  
Lost by Her Mother to a  
Military Residence.

18 1902

Miss Katharine S. Bonesteel and Lieut. Charles Berthody Stone, jr., of the Twenty-third United States Infantry, announced their engagement yesterday to friends in Brooklyn.

Miss Bonesteel is a daughter of Major Charles Hartwell Bonesteel, of the Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, who died Sept. 24, while on his way to Manila, and Miss Gertrude Atwill.

Q. It was your thought by day and by night? A. No, I didn't stay awake at night.  
Q. But the thought of this terrible thing haunted you through day and night, and it continued until you had nervous prostration? A. No, not all the time.  
Q. But the thought that you had seen the package mailed that actually killed a woman? A. I was sorry that I ever saw it.  
Q. Did you pay about it? A. (turning toward Justice Lambert) Must I answer?

Not Her Constant Thought.

Very nervous.  
age which had gone through the mails and killed a woman? A. Oh, no, not so

An event of unusual interest to the Masonic Fraternity took place in Rhinebeck on Sunday afternoon of

At the Annual Election of Officers of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck held on Tuesday, January 1st, 1884

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# Rhinebeck Gazette

July 11, 1896 Written for the Gazette.  
OUR PALATINE SETTLERS.

E. M. S.

On the 20th of October, 1718, the Palatines, still on the lands laid out for them, received leases for their farms from the Beckman heirs; Henry Beekman, the son, John Rutsen and his wife Catherine, and Gilbert Livingston and his wife Cornelia, daughters of Henry Beekman. These leases located the farms "at Rinebeck, eastward from Hudson's river there within the bounds of the patent formerly granted to Henry Beekman, deceased;" and at a rental of "two couple of live fat hens," annual-ly for five years; and thereafter, "in addition, annually, one and a half pecks of good, merchantable winter wheat for every acre of land contained in the said farm, forever."

By what tenure these Palatines held their farms before the granting of these leases there is nothing at hand to tell us. They were German people, and from the Palatinate on the Rhine, and at their own, or Beekman's suggestion, their settlement was called "Rinebeck." Whether the name was to apply to the whole of Beekman's patent, or only to the portion specially laid out for them, is not certain. And whether the last syllable of the name was to be *beck* or *beck* is equally uncertain. *Beck* is the saxon name for a small brook; their settlement was on the small brook now called Rhinebeck Creek; and it was just as probably taken from this creek as from Beekman's name. Besides, Beekman, Bachman and Beekman are the same name, and all have *water* in them, in Low as well as in High Dutch.

Whether applied to the whole, or only a part of the Beekman patent in the beginning, in 1737, when Rhinebeck became a legal precinct, it was extended northward to take in the whole of the Schuyler patent, westward to take in

four acres of land, probably laid out for it as early as 1714, when the land was laid out for the High Dutchers from the Camp. Dissensions having arisen among them, they deemed it best for each sect to have a church and cemetery of its own. Accordingly, in 1729, the Lutherans obtained a grant of five acres of land from Gilbert Livingston for a church and grave yard, and immediately thereafter sold their interest in the old church and grave yard to the "High Dutch Reformed people" for twenty-five pounds. In the next year, they completed the erection of a church edifice on the ground now occupied by "St. Peter's Rhinebeck Lutheran church." In the sale to the Reformers, the Lutheran people were represented by Carl Neher, Joseph Reichart, Barnet Ziperlin and Henrich Schaffer; in the purchase, Frantz Kelder, Coenradt Bearinger, Wendel Polver and Jacob Wolleben represented the Reformed people.

The Reformed church prospered, and kept the best record now extant of church proceedings in the town of Rhinebeck. All its pastors, to 1823, were of German birth, and highly educated men. It remained at Way's Corner until 1802, when its house, becoming old, was devastated by a hurricane. It was at once rebuilt three miles futher north, in what is now Red Hook, where it was absorbed by the Lutherans in 1840. There is not now a Reformed German church in the state of New York. The Lutheran is probably to day the strongest in membership of our Rhinebeck churches.

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## INTRODUCTORY.

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The map on the preceding page includes the patents to Maj. Peter Schuyler and Gerrit Artsen & Co., in 1688, and that to Henry Beekman in 1697, and shows the territory which constituted the town of Rhinebeck from 1788 to 1812. The precinct of Rhinebeck, organized in 1734, contained, in addition to this territory, "Pawling's purchase" on the south, becoming in part the property of Dr. Samuel Staats, of New York, in 1701, and known thereafter as **Staatsburgh**. (See Appendix.) The town of Red Hook covers all of the Schuyler, and we think a part of the Beekman patent, while the town of Rhinebeck contains the Beekman patent, and also the patent to Artsen, Roosa, Elton, and the two Kips, known as Kipsbergen in our early history. The town of Rhinebeck contains 21,353 acres, about 2,200 of which were included in the Artsen patent, and the town of Red Hook 22,225 acres. Rhinebeck creek is so-called because it has its main springs in the part of the town laid out for the "High Dutchers," and called Rein Beek. It runs through level meadow land from beginning to end; has no falls, and has, therefore, never turned a mill. Landsman's creek was so-called, either because all its water-falls, or landlord, in his sales to the settlers; or, because it was discovered or first settled upon by Casper Landsman, whose name is found in our old church records. These two streams join in Fritz's mill-pond. At this point the Rhinebeck

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The English of the inscription on the tomb stone in the cemetery of the old Rhinebeck Lutheran church, copied by Mr. Herbert Neher, literally translated, is simply this: "On January 25th, 1733, Carl Neher died, aged 61 years, and was buried here." This does not tell us who or what Carl Neher was. He came to New York with Governor Hunter in 1710, aged 38 years. He came a widower, or lost his wife on the passage over.

The Rev. Joshua Kecherthal, a Lutheran minister, and pastor by government appointment to the people from the Rhine, in Germany, who founded and named the town of Rhinebeck, recorded the following marriages in a book found in the West Camp church: "August 29, 1710, Carl Neher, a tanner, from Burkenfeld, Germany, widower, with Appolonia, daughter of Peter Matthesen, of Eckersweil, Germany." "January 11, 1715, Carl Neher from Burkenfeld, Germany, widower, with Anna Constantia, daughter of Joseph Reichart, from Kirchburg, Germany. Married in Rhinebeck."

It is not doubted that we have in these two records the same man, twice a widower, with Anna Constantia Reichart for a third wife; an efficient officer in the first Rhinebeck Lutheran church; actively engaged in the construction of its second edifice in 1730; dead, and interred in its grave-yard in January, 1733.

There is no record in the Camps, or in Rhinebeck, of children borne to him by either of his wives. Frantz Neher, married to Rebecca Kool in Kingston in 1724, was, probably, his son by his first

wife, and born in Germany. He settled in Rhinebeck, and also took an active interest in the affairs of the Rhinebeck Lutheran church at an early day. Among the many Neher men and women found here in 1760, it is not possible, without carefully kept family records, to tell who were Carl's and who Frantz's descendants, except in the case of Jacob.

The record of Jacob Near's marriage with Elizabeth Dater, on Jan'y, 20, 1747, says he was the son of Carl. Their children, found in the church records, were, Anna, George, Clara, Hannes, Anna Maria, Frederick, and David.

We find Frederick Neher a sponsor at the baptism of a neighbor's child in 1737, and thus we think, too old to be son of Frantz. In 1742 he was the band of Anna Maria Schaffer, when he had children, baptiz-  
 Zacharias, Elizabeth, Car.  
 Valentine. Rebecca. Eva,  
 Frederick, Zacharias.

The Joseph Neher who married Eva Schaffer, and settled east of the village of Upper Red Hook before 1760, on the farm now the property of John Hen. Teats, was, probably, Carl's son named after his grandfather, Joseph Riechart. He had children baptized as follows: Anna Maria, Zacharius, Carl, George, Anna, Johannes, Henrick; the three latter, apparently, by Eva Conrad, a second wife.

The family record of Jost Henrich Neher, known among the people simply as "Jost," is not perfect. His wife was Anna Maria Dater, by whom, we think, he had more children than the church records give him credit for. Jost is simply an abbreviation of Joseph, and Carl certainly would not give the same name to two of his children. Besides, he died, April 11, 1824, aged eight-four years. He was thus born in 1740, seven years after Carl's death. His wife being a Dater, and brother to Henrich Dater, who married Belti, Frantz's daughter, I conclude that he was Frantz's son.

Carl Neher, whose wife was Catharine Schaffer, died July 10, 1810, aged eighty years. Born in 1730, he may have been Carl's son; and, marrying a Schaffer, I assume that he was. He had children baptized as follows: Anna Marie, Catharine, George, David, Rosina and Belti, (twins) Henrick, and Petrus.

There was a Nicholas Neher, with Anna Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ for a wife; a Zacharias Neher, with an Anna \_\_\_\_\_ for a wife; a Barent Neher, with Anna Barbara Treber for a wife; there was a Gertrude Neher, with Henry Teal for a husband; an Elizabeth Neher, with Johannes Schaffer for a husband; a Barbara Neher, with Johannes Kunkel for a husband; a Christina Neher, with Cornelius Miller for a husband; an Anna Maria Neher, with Nicholas Feller for a husband, a Catharine Neher, with Zacharias Haber for a husband; all married and having children baptized before 1750, and, therefore, all direct descendants from Carl and Frantz Neher. The names of descendants in hand, born before the close of the eighteenth century, with dates of birth, baptism, marriage and death would fill THE GAZETTE. Suffice it to say, they came into Rhinebeck when it was a wilderness, did their full share in subduing and peopleing it, and left the savor of good names behind them; and their blood is still flowing in the veins of some of the best people in the country.

E. M. S.

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## THE RADCLIFF FAMILY.

The Radcliffs, like the Van Nesses, make their first appearance in the records of the Camp, or Germantown German Reformed Church. Joachem Radcliff's wife, Hellitje Hogeboom, was probably sister to William Van Ness's wife, Gertroy Hogeboom. Joachem Radcliff and Hellitje Hogeboom were pretty certainly parents to all the following children :

Petrus, baptized May 19, 1741, married Catharina Traphagen ; Johannes, married Neeltjen Schermerhorn ; Elizabeth, baptized 1746 ; Joachem, baptized 1748 ; Hellitje, married Adam Bergh ; Cornelius, married Rebecca Traphagen ; Rachel, married Petrus De Witt ; William, married Sarah Kip ; Jannetjen, married Rev. Ego Tonkins Van Hovenburgh. William Radcliff and Sarah Kip had children baptized in the Rhinebeck German Reformed Church, as follows :

Jacob, April 29, 1764 ; Klaertjen, May 18, 1766 ; William, born January 9, 1768 ; John, baptized June 7, 1772 ; Peter, July 3, 1774. These are all in the record before us ; there may have been more. William Radcliff was one of the most influential men in the town of Rhinebeck in his day.

## THE RED HOOK VAN NESS FAMILY.

These Van Nesses make their first appearance in the records of the Camp German Reformed Church. We think William Van Ness and his wife, Gertroy Hogeboom, were the parents of John Van Ness, whose wife was Jannetje Bradt ; of William Van Ness, Jr., whose wife was Elizabeth Contyne ; and of David Van Ness, whose wife was Cornelia Heermance, the sister of General Martin Heermance, of Rhinebeck.

David Van Ness and Cornelia Heermance had children baptized as follows ; Gertrui, June 30, 1771, married Harry Lyle ; Jacob, baptized November 8, 1772 ; Catharine, July 31, 1774, married William Radcliff, Jr. ; Jannetjen, June 21, 1778, married John Radcliff ; Wilhelm, March 29, 1784 ; Cornelia, June 24, 1786, married John J. Close ; Annatjen, November 17, 1787 ; Maria, October 25, 1789 ; Catalyna, August 13, 1791 ; David, April 14, 1798.

David Van Ness built the Punderson House in Upper Red

October 20th, 1888, Delia Eliza Bonesteel, wife of Jacob W. Elseffer, Esq., aged 67 years and 17 days.

The deceased was a descendant of the Nicholas Bonesteel who settled in the Hudson River Valley as early as the year 1714, and whose many grandsons up to the middle part of the present century devoted themselves to trade as merchants. In her father's family were brothers who entered the legal profession, her brother Peter Bonesteel having practiced law in the city of Hudson, N. Y., where he was favorably known. Having ministered to and intimately known the departed during a pastorate of nearly seven years, when in charge of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church of Rhinebeck, N. Y., of which she was a faithful member, it may be fitting that I should add a brief testimonial of her character.

Mrs. Elseffer was a finely endowed, cultivated, genial and lovable woman. In disposition, she was amiable and affectionate; in demeanor, modest and somewhat reserved; in her general intercourse with others she was kind and generous, gentle and cordial, and always candid and true. By those who shared the hospitalities of the home over which she presided, whether socially distinguished or obscure, she will now be remembered as always the same self-possessed, thoughtful and attentive hostess—qualities which made that home so attractive to a large circle of congenial and appreciative friends.

Her Christian life was not demonstrative; but her regard for sacred things was profoundly reverent; and her faith, always simple and trustful, was productive of those beautiful graces of the spirit, which make the cultivated refinements of life increasingly attractive. She was bravely unselfish; and when occasion required was not remiss in substantial sympathy and helpfulness. The realm in which she lived her life and in which her virtues shone with the brightest lustre, and in and through which she exerted her best and sweetest influence was the family. To make this what God designed it to be she devoted her best energies; and for reward she enjoyed the constant devotion of a husband who cherished her as his own life, and the filial love and reverence of a son and daughter who now bless God that he gave them such a mother. Such was the personality of the departed, who now rests from her labors, while her works do follow her.—

Behold the woman whose "price is far above rubies." "The heart of her husband trusteth in her." "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates." Prov. xxxi. **Midflinburg, Pa. J. A. E.**

ECK GENEALOGY.

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Anna Maria Neher had children as follows: [unclear] Schultz, and moved into the southcounty; Maria, married John Barringof New York; Henry, married Lydia [unclear] on the old Elsever homestead, which his widow and his only child, Eliza [unclear] ing; Susanna, married John I. Teats, child, the wife of William P. Stall; [unclear] an in the early settlement of that [unclear] olas Ostrom, of Rhinebeck.

Maria Elseffer left a daughter, Emeline, and resides at Elizabeth, N. J.; and married John Martyne, and resides at [unclear]

Elizabeth Eckert settled on the place [unclear] Oct 20, 1888

It is with profound sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Jacob W. Elseffer. She expired last Saturday after a protracted sickness of many months; her age was sixty-seven. The funeral on Monday last was largely attended by friends; her remains were interred in St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery in this village....

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Oct 20. 1888

The death of Delia E., wife of Jacob W. Elseffer, at Red Hook on Saturday, removes one of the kindest ladies in Dutchess county.

THE SHARP FAMILY.

now the property of Lewis D. Elseffer, and had children as follows: Anna Maria, born August 24, 1788, married John N. Bonesteel; Susanna, born September 30, 1790, married John P. Me-sick, of Claverack, Columbia County, N. Y.; Elizabeth, born March 10, 1793, is unmarried, and living with her sister, Grace Elseffer, in Red Hook; John, born August 24, 1798, married Catherine Weitman, and became the owner of the old Weitman homestead in the town of Red Hook; Lewis D., born December 16, 1802, married Cornelia Shook, and has an only son, John L., who resides with him, on the paternal homestead, the first house south of the stone church (St. Peter's Lutheran), and thus one of the farms laid out for the High Dutchers by Henry Beekman, the patentee, in ancient Rein Beek, before 1714.

John N. Bonesteel and Anna Maria Elseffer had children as follows: Margaret E. Atwell, of Burlington, Vt.; Catharine A. Faure, of New York City; and David N. Bonesteel, deceased. Mrs. Mary B. Pier, of Staatsburg, is the only daughter of the latter.

John Elseffer and Catharine Weitman had children as follows: Henry D., deceased; Jacob W., counsellor at law at Red Hook; and William L., civil engineer in the city of New York. John Elseffer was a magistrate in the town of Red Hook for twenty-four consecutive years, and elected a member of the Legislature of New York of 1843.

THE SHARP FAMILY.

The six thousand acres of land (now Germantown, in Columbia County, N. Y.), bought by Governor Hunter for the Palatines, of Robert Livingston, in 1710, were conveyed by the government to Jacob Sharp and others, in 1724, in trust for themselves and all the other Palatines willing to remain thereon. This Jacob Sharp had three children—viz.: Petrus, George and Catharine.

Petrus Sharp married Eva Schneider, and remained on the old Germantown homestead. They had seven children—viz.: Peter, Abraham, Jacob, George P., Eva, Sarah and Maria.

George Sharp married Margaret Tedter, in 1771, and settled in that part of Rhinebeck which is now Red Hook. They

May 23, 1882  
On Tuesday, Miss Elizabeth Elseffer was stricken with paralysis while taking an afternoon nap. She is a lady nearly ninety years of age, and her life is despaired of. She is an aunt of Counsellor J. W. Elseffer. The funeral will be May 27

1882  
ELSEFFER—At Red Hook, May 27th, Elizabeth Elseffer, aged 89 years, 2 months and 17 days. Buried on Monday, such first, at 1 o'clock from the house, two o'clock at St. Peter's (Stone) Church in Rhinebeck, where the funeral services will be held.

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Sept. 3. 1896

Written for the Gazette.

## OUR PALATINE SETTLERS.

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### THE SHARP FAMILY.

The Scharps were of the Palatines brought to the country by Gov. Hunter from England in the year 1710. Their first settlement was in the East Camp, now Germantown, N. Y. They were zwinglians in their religious faith. They maintained their connection with the Reformed German churches, and I have looked in vain for births, baptisms and marriages of Scharp children in Dominie Kocherthal's records. At the baptism of Killian Minkler's son, Jacob, July 27th, 1712, the sponsors were Jacob Scharp and his wife. From this time on until 1724, I have found nothing to tell me where he lived or what he did for a living. In this last named year, he headed the petition for the conveyance of the Germantown lands to the settlers who chose to remain thereon. He headed the list of the families who made this choice, and was the only person of the name in the list.

A Kingston marriage record reads as follows: George Scharp, young man, and Anna Barbara Smit, young daughter, both residing in Livingston Manor. Bans published in the church of the High Dutchers in the said Manor, Dec. 28th, 1724. This couple had their son, John Jacob, baptized in 1725, the sponsors being Jacob Scherp (grandfather to the child) and his wife, Anna Maria. At this baptism, which was by Rev. W. C. Berckenmeyer, the father is called George Henry, and of the Reformed church. Now, this son of Jacob Scherp was evidently born in the old country. We have found that Jacob Sharp was in the country with a wife in 1712. After the organization of the Germantown Reformed German church, in 1728, we get this record of children born to Jacob Scherp and his wife, An-

wife of Hon. John Elseffer, of Red Hook.

5. Henrich, Sept. 22nd, 1782, married Helen Hasbrouck; settled in Kingston as a merchant, and became a man of wealth and influence; Gen. George H. Sharp, of Kingston, a prominent man, in the politics of the state, and twice speaker of the house of Assembly in the State legislature, was their only son.

6. George, Nov. 28th, 1784; settled in New York; became the leading member of the firm of Sharp and Tuttle in Pearl St.; was a member of the State Legislature in 1836.

7. Johannes, baptized in Kingston July 6th, 1787; married and settled in Schoharie, where he left descendants.

8. Maria, born July 27th, 1790, baptized in Kingston; married Nicholas Bouck, cousin to Gov. William P. Bouck; settled in Schoharie county; left descendants.

C. Peter Sharp married, before 1782, Blendina De Lamater, by whom he had children baptized in the Germantown Reformed German church as follows:

Eva, Sept. 1st, 1782; Peter, Nov. 23rd, 1783; Maria, Feb. 7th, 1789; Maria, July 30th, 1791; Abraham, born Feby. 25th 1794; George, Feby. 5th, 1800.

Of this family Eva married Wessel Ten Broeck.

Peter, married Maria Whittaker; became a physician, and practiced his profession in Kingston, N. Y.

Abraham, commenced business as a merchant at the old Red Hook Landing, and, finally, settled as a merchant in Upper Red Hook village, on premises purchased in 1825, from Eliza C. Bartlett. He married, 1st, Helen C., daughter of Capt. John W. Pitcher, of Red Hook; 2nd, Helen C. Kip, cousin to his first wife. By the first wife he had daughters Catherine Eveline, and Helen C; the former married Edwin Kneckerbacker, the second Abraham Pells. By the second wife he had daughters Mary L. and Sarah C., and son Jacob. Mary L. married Thomas Little of Brooklyn; Sarah C., William Bayles. Jacob, a gallant

Sept 16, 1905

A social event occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elseffer on Wednesday of this week. The occasion being the 83d birthday of Mr. Elseffer, to which only the Bank Officials, the Directors with their wives, the Teller and Clerks, were invited. Regrets and complimentary salutations were received and read from Cohoes, Annandale and Red Hook from those who could not be present, also from Monumental Lodge No. 374, F. & A. M.

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THE BONESTEEL FAMILY.

Nicholas Bonesteel and Anna Margretha Kuhns, his wife, with some of their children, were among the earliest settlers of what is now the town of Red Hook, possibly at a period as early as 1714. His name is among the people taxed in the North Ward in 1723, at which time it is believed he held, by life-lease, the farm bounded northerly by the road leading to Barrytown, easterly by the post road, southerly by the Benner farm, and westerly by the Hans Waldorph farm. A portion of the village of Red Hook is now on the easterly part of this farm.

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You are respectfully invited to  
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Mifflinburg, Pa.

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The late Hon. Charles H. Adams,  
formerly of Cohoes, N. Y., whose  
death at his home in New York  
City on the 15th inst., was hur-  
riedly and briefly noticed in the issue  
of the JOURNAL of last week, deserves  
further notice. He was a lineal de-  
scendent of Samuel Adams, signer of  
the Declaration of Independence, of  
John Adams, who succeeded Wash-  
ington in the Presidential chair, of  
John Quincy Adams sixth President  
of the United States, and of Rip Van  
Dam acting Colonial Governor and  
President of Council of New York.  
While Hon. Charles H. Adams was a  
resident of Cohoes he was elected to  
public office frequently. Member of  
Assembly, State Senator, Mayor of  
Cohoes, and Congressman from that  
District. His son, Mr. William  
Platt Adams, of Cohoes, in 1884,  
married Miss Katharine Elseffer,  
daughter of Mr. Jacob W. Elseffer,  
of Red Hook.

*Died Dec., 15<sup>th</sup> 1902*

his wife, Margaret Staats, had  
married Alida Van Bramer, and  
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# Red Hook Journal.

Red Hook, N. Y.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1904.

**AN OVATION.**—On Monday last, Dec. 28th, on invitation of Mrs. Elseffer, the Officers, Directors, Cashiers, Bookkeeper and his Assistants, of the First National Bank of Red Hook, at the close of the Bank, repaired to Mapleton to enjoy a few hours of social intercourse. On being led to the Library, a collation was served. Mr. Lewis gave the first toast, "To the founder and the first President of the Bank," when Mr. Elseffer replied, reciting incidents of interest relating to the organization of the bank in 1865, of the purchase and transmission of the bonds by express to Mr. McCullough, Secretary of the Treasury, at Washington, and of his introduction to the Secretary by Senator Ira Harris, and the issuing of the Secretary's Fiat, all finished and done in advance of a remonstrance against the application from an adjacent village bank. Much pleasant chat was indulged in, and about six o'clock, after many congratulatory remarks to the host and hostess of the occasion, all present repaired joyously to their respective homes, leaving many thanks for the first entertainment of the kind that had thus far been extended to the board.

the French homestead, and his records are in the Rhinebeck Lutheran book. Peter Fraleigh became the owner of the farm at the death of his father, and the graveyard known as Peter Frolich's took its name from him, and was on the opposite side of the road from his house. The Bergs, Burgers (Burckhards in the old records), Frolichs and Van Benschotens and Schryvers

## MRS. MARGARET EDSON HELD INCOMPETENT

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Mrs. Margaret B. Edson, widow of Marmont B. Edson, and a member of an old and wealthy New York family, has been adjudged incompetent to care for herself or her property because of old age and loss of memory. The inquiry was conducted before MacGrane Coxe, Dr. Edgar T. Weed and Henry J. Hardenbergh, as commissioners, and a Sheriff's jury. This will be followed by an application for the appointment of a committee of her person and estate.

Mrs. Edson lives at the St. Andrew Hotel, at Broadway and Seventy-second street, and is about eighty-five years of age. The commission to inquire into her sanity was appointed by Judge Davis, of the Supreme Court. Drs. Austin Flint, Carlos F. Macdonald, Allan McL. Hamilton and Andrew J. Richardson were all examined before the jury and expressed the opinion that Mrs. Edson is suffering from senile dementia. She has two children, Jarvis B. Edson and Mary Gertrude Edson Aldrich. Mrs. Edson is possessed of stocks, bonds and other securities and cash in bank aggregating \$260,754, from which is derived an annual income of \$9,450.

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were buried in this ground, and generally without tombstones.

A family record before us says Peter Fraleigh was born August 15, 1720, died January 26, 1792. Margaret, his wife, born August 25, 1724, died June 2, 1805. This is not the beginning of the record. We have placed it first because the first in date. It is preceded by the record of Stephen which follows, and we are left in doubt whether Peter was father or elder brother to Stephen.

Stephen Fraleigh, born July 28, 1742, married, October 23, 1764, Maria Van Benschoten. They had issue as follows: Maria, born April 13, 1765; Margaret, born July 22, 1767; Solomon, born December 18, 1768; Peter, born November 10, 1770; Elsjen, born January 26, 1775; Lanne, born January 26, 1781, died March 28, 1794. The mother died August 11, 1812, aged sixty-six years; the father died April 11, 1820, aged seventy-seven years.

Solomon Fraleigh married Christina, daughter of Conrad Lasher, born March 28, 1770, married, September 5, 1789. They had issue as follows: Maria, born October 5, 1790; Conrad, born May 27, 1792; Peter, born April 25, 1794; Stephen, born November 12, 1796; Lydia, born April 12, 1799.

Petrus Frolich and his wife, Elizabeth Felder, appear in the records of the German Reformed Church for the first time on the 9th of July, 1780. On this day, their son, Johannes, was baptized by Dominie Cock, the sponsors being Johan Felder and Anna Maria Streit; on April 21, 1782, their daughter, Elizabeth, was baptized, the sponsors being Peter Eckert and Elizabeth Frolich; on September 3, 1784, their son, George, was baptized, the sponsors being Johannes Stickel and Elizabeth Behm; on December 3, 1786, their son, Phillippus, was baptized, the sponsors being Phillippus Felder and Anna Milthaler. Peter was another son, and Hannah another daughter of this family. She married John A. Stickle, died January 12, 1850, aged seventy-four years, and was thus born in 1776. This is the well-known Red Hook family of Fraleighs, whose ancestor was doubtless also Stephanus, the first settler of the name. Peter married Elizabeth Smith; Johannes married Catharine, daughter of Henry Tidter, Jr., and his wife, Anna Maria Pros-

## DEATH OF JACOB W. ELSEFFER.

Jacob W. Elseffer, son of John Elseffer (Member of Assembly from this district) and Katharine Whitteman, died at his home in Red Hook Friday afternoon. He was born September 6th, 1822, at Red Hook, N. Y., and at his death was in the 86th year of his age. His ancestors had been early settlers in Dutchess County, and for one hundred and fifty years prominent in local history. After an academic course of three years at Claverack, Columbia County, N. Y., he passed the examinations to enter Williams' College, but instead of pursuing a college course he commenced the study of law with Judge Rowley, at Upper Red Hook, N. Y., and was admitted to practice at the January term of the Supreme Court at Albany, A. D., 1845, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest lawyers in Dutchess County. He was admittedly

who died April 20th, 1907. Mr. Elseffer had been a resident of Red Hook during his entire business life and took great interest in all local affairs. He had a large circle of friends in Dutchess, Columbia and Ulster Counties. In politics Mr. Elseffer was an earnest and consistent Democrat of the old school. While never holding any public office, yet he was a representative man of his party. Mr. Elseffer was of a social nature, and very fond of entertaining friends at his home, "Mapleton," in Red Hook. His demise will be keenly felt by the people of his native place and the surrounding community. Mr. Elseffer was a man of intellectual power, brilliant in conversation, courteous in manner, and a man who made friends and kept them.

Mr. Elseffer was a member of the fraternity of F. & A. M. In April, 1855, at the first meeting of Monumental Lodge, No. 374, after its organization, he petitioned for membership, and at once became an ardent and zealous member.



THE LATE JACOB W. ELSEFFER.

successful in the practice of law, and his first and earliest clients, as well as their descendants adhered to him until the last. He organized the First National Bank of Red Hook, and was elected President of the same. He was continued as a Director from year to year, and was also attorney for the bank for a long time, and much credit has been awarded to him for the favorable condition of its affairs.

October 5th, 1847, he married Delia Eliza Bonesteel, of Clermont, N. Y., by whom there survive their son, John H. Elseffer, of San Diego, California, and daughter, Katharine, wife of William P. Adams, of Cohoes, N. Y., and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Platt Adams and Katharine Elseffer Adams. Mrs. Elseffer died October 20th, 1888, and November 11th, 1890, Mr. Elseffer married Harriet E., daughter of the late Frederick Mesick, of Claverack, N. Y.,

During the year 1860 he served the lodge as its Master, and much of the early prosperity of the lodge was due to his activity and zeal. During the Civil War, when for various reasons the lodge was at low ebb, and a majority of the members were inclined to surrender the charter, it was by Mr. Elseffer's timely advice and action that such a course was averted, and the lodge removed to Tivoli, where it has since prospered. At the time of his death Mr. Elseffer enjoyed the proud distinction of being its oldest member and the Senior Past Master.

His funeral will be held at his late residence on Monday, at 2 p. m. after which his mortal remains will be borne to the Lutheran cemetery and there deposited in their final resting place, with the highest Masonic honors which can be paid to a Master Mason. Monumental Lodge, No. 374, will have charge of the ceremonies.

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ty, yeoman, for £1,000. Ten yeoman stone house, which remained until facing the road, was carved, on two B.,—A. B., H. B.,—Je. 21, 1771 the initials being his own, his wife's—the latter's wife. After the death the property was owned by his son, John released it to Charles Shaw and on the 7th of March, 1789. In the following year the northerly half to Captain Jesse Eames and the same State. In these two deeds the tract "commonly called Malmoe." This preserves the memory of a man who to change the name of Staatsburgh in the army, in the War of the Revolution, was so charmed with the place, he removed to it after the war. Captain Russell, of Rhinecliff, is the youngest son of Anna Elizabeth Schuyler

Feller, 27th of March, 1764. In 1767, sold to Timothy Dougherty (nephew, from Long Island), and for £1,025, all of lot 2 and part of lot 1, in the 1st Precinct. She was the "Clove," and was now a widow.

Her sons, John and Captain Frederick, succeeded to the property, one of the finest in Staatsburgh, and it was the home- stead of the family about half a century. Captain Frederick Uhl married Huldah, daughter of Captain David Mulford.

Catalina (Staats) Van Cortlandt owned lots 7 and 16. Her heirs sold these on the 9th of May, 1775, to Captain David Mulford, of Easthampton, Long Island. He died of small pox, January 31, 1778, aged 55, and was succeeded by his son, Job Mulford. The latter, who married Hannah, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Uhl, was father of the late David Mulford. Most of this prop-

One of the most affable and interesting old men in the village is Lawyer J. W. Elseffer, who lives in a stone's throw up the street from the hotel. Mr. Elseffer has recently suffered a severe loss by the death of his wife, a most estimable, christian woman, and a devoted and loving wife. Mr. Elseffer is troubled with rheumatism and has been confined to the house for some time. He takes his illness very philosophically and declares that in view of his advancing years he must expect these ailments. Mr. Elseffer was a candidate for District Attorney of this county a half century ago but that was his only excursion into political realms. He has quietly pursued the practice of his profession since then and has amassed a competence. Mr. Elseffer is 86 years of age, and his mind is still active while his memory is a marvel, he being able to recall innumerable anecdotes and incidents of his long and busy life. His many friends hope that with the return of settled warm weather his health will

improve, and we heartily join in that hope.

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erty has remained in the family to this day. They held their "centennial" in 1875. The village of Staatsburgh is mostly built on lot No. 7.

Lots 5 and 14 fell to the share of Sarah Gouverneur, and descended to her daughter, Sarah, second wife of Lewis Morris, who sold to Peter Prosius and George Stover, about 1774. November 22d, that year, these two divided the lots, Prosius taking the northerly, and Stover the southerly halves of each, excepting that previous to this time 125 acres off the east end of lot 14 had been sold to Jacob and Adam Shaver, and 25 acres to Everardus Bogardus. All these are Rhinebeck names. Prosius sold his part to Jacob Lewis the next year, for the latter mortgaged it to Mrs. Morris, 16th of June, 1775. Stover had mortgaged his part to her also. These mortgages were foreclosed by Samuel Ogden, executor (and son-in-law) of Mrs. Morris, and sold to Morgan Lewis, of the city of New York, May 4, 1792. General Lewis obtained re-releases from all the parties interested, shortly after. Jacob Lewis was then deceased, leaving a widow, Rebecca, one son, Leonard, and four daughters, all married but the youngest. Stover was living at Claverack. Christiana, wife of Prosius, re-released dower. Her maiden name was Zipperly. The house built by Jacob Lewis is still standing.

About 1776 Captain Christopher Hughes came to Staatsburgh from New Haven, where he had been in partnership with Benedict Arnold in the West India Trade. He was a man of means and enterprise, and invested largely in land, both in Staatsburgh, and in the Patent of Hyde Park. His residence was at the forks of the road at the top of the "Clay Hills," on the northerly half of lot 3. He married, as his second wife, Abigail, daughter of the first David Mulford, and they had, besides sons, two daughters; Elizabeth, who married Christian Schell, and Abigail, who married Elijah Baker, and inherited the homestead. Mr Baker built the large white mansion north of the old Hughes house. Christopher Hughes, a son of Captain Christopher by his first wife, married Rachel, daughter of Major John Pawling, and was ancestor of the present Hughes family of Staatsburgh. Captain Hughes died May 22, 1805, aged 60 years.

There were doubtless other residents than those named in Staatsburgh, before the Revolution, but on the post road the properties were large, and the proprietors owned many slaves. Among the largest slave owners were the DeWitts and the Uhls. The negroes had their own burying ground, still known to the residents. There were often two or more dwellings on the same property, besides the negro houses, some of which were occupied by persons engaged in mercantile or mechanical pursuits, both at the landing and on the post road, at an early day. Job Mulford is described as of "Rhinebeck Precinct," merchant, in 1778.

Several of the inhabitants of Staatsburgh signed the "Revolutionary Pledge," at Rhinebeck, in 1775, as John Pawling, Petrus DeWitt, David and Lemuel Mulford, and others, as will be seen on reference to the list.

EDWARD BRAMAN.

New York, January 20, 1881.

#### AN OLD SETTLEMENT.

Jacomintie's Vly was deeded to Gerrit Artsen, Jan Elting and Arie Roosa by the Indians, on the 8th of June, 1686, but not covered by the royal patent to these people from Governor Dongan in 1688. It was included in the patent to Henry Beekman for his Rhinebeck lands in 1697, and on the 2d of January, 1705-6 he sold it to the heirs of Jan Elting for sixteen pounds, subject to a rent of two shillings per annum, Jacomintie being the name of Jan Elting's widow. Passing from one owner to another, the Vly, in 1757, was the property of Barent Van Wageningen, Gose Van Wageningen and Mathis Sleight. At this date the quit rent was all in arrears, and paid by these parties in a settlement set forth in the following old document in possession of Captain William Van Wageningen. The remarkable thing about this settlement is that Henry Beekman, the son, charged the rent, not from the date of his father's patent, but from that of Artsen & Co., which was ten years older, and which did not include the Vly.

I met Jacob Elseffer of Red Hook in Poughkeepsie yesterday. Mr. Elseffer is one of the oldest and, they say, most fortunate barristers outside of the city, in Dutchess county. April 9<sup>th</sup> 1892

Mr. J. W. Elseffer and wife, and Mr. J. H. Elseffer, attended the funeral of Mr. W. L. Elseffer, in New York on Tuesday Jan 4, 1898

The New York papers announce the death of Capt. Leonard D. Shaw, one of the oldest and best known navigators in this country, which occurred in New York on Tuesday of last week. He was eighty years of age and had followed the sea for more than half a century, having begun as cabin boy on board the frigate Enterprise during the war of 1812. He took the first center-board schooner to South America, a very perilous undertaking in those days. He was the son of "Deacon" Shaw, of Portland, Me., known throughout the State for his wealth and hospitality. He leaves four children. His daughter, Amanda Shaw Elseffer, is well known as a writer.

*W. J. Shaw  
Feb 7. 1884*

OBITUARY.

CAPT. LEONARD D. SHAW.

Capt. Leonard D. Shaw, who died in this city on Tuesday, was one of the best and most widely known navigators of the old school living in this part of the country. He was a few days over 80 years of age and for 40 years had followed the sea for a living. He was a native of Portland, Me., and when a lad at school had as classmates Gen. Neal Dow, ex-Secretary Fessenden, and Rear Admiral Alden. He was a son of "Deacon" Shaw, then the wealthiest man in Maine, and one whose name was a synonym for hospitality of the most abundant and genial character.

Capt. Shaw began his nautical career during the war of 1812, when he was a cabin boy on board the frigate Enterprise, which had a historical fight with the British vessel Boxer, off Portland. On leaving the Enterprise, young Shaw shipped on the privateersman Teaser, his service on that famous vessel giving him the sobriquet of Teaser Shaw, one that clung to him for many years. At the conclusion of the war he entered the merchant service, first as a subordinate officer, and subsequently as master and owner. His voyages, which were principally to the East Indies and South America, continued nearly to the time of the breaking out of the civil war. He was too far advanced in years to take a very active part in this conflict, but the Government accepted the offer of his services and placed him in command of the Dunderberg. This vessel will be remembered as one of the white elephants of the navy at that time. She was accordingly assigned to harbor defense duty, and was stationed at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, out of commission. On her decks Capt. Shaw did his last service for his country and his last duty as a sailor, retiring at the conclusion of the war and living either in the city or at his country residence at Southport, Conn. This residence is on the site of the landing of the British in the war of the Revolution, when they sacked and burned the towns of Norwalk, Fairfield, and Danbury.

Capt. Shaw took the first centre-board schooner to South America, landing at Maracaibo, where the vessel's peculiar build was an object of the greatest curiosity. His brigantine Jersey Oak was the fastest craft of the kind in her day, and many gray-haired old salts still take pleasure in reciting tales of her prowess. Like his father, Capt. Shaw was noted as a most hospitable gentleman, and was especially so to sailors who had suffered shipwreck, no one of whom ever appealed to him for assistance in vain. The Captain will be buried in the Southport village cemetery beside his wife to-day. He leaves four children. His daughter, Amanda Shaw Elseffer, is well known as a writer for children, her best-known book being "Down in the Clover." One of his sons is "Gus" Shaw, the comedian, another, Frank, is the secretary of Gen. Ketchum, Appraiser of the Port, and a third is Dr. Eben Shaw, S. D., in the throat department at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.

The death of Mrs. Lavina G. Elseffer occurred on January 25th at her residence at Troy, N. Y., aged 75 years. She was born in the town of Livingston, Col. Co., N. Y., and removed from Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., to Troy, where she resided about 16 years. She was the widow of the late John L. Elseffer, who was a nephew of the late Hon. John Elseffer, of Red Hook, and a sister of James E. Wey, of Rhinebeck, N. Y. Before the death of her husband the family resided on the old Elseffer homestead below the Stone Church. During Mrs. Elseffer's lifetime she formed a large circle of friends who mourn her loss. She is survived by one brother and three daughters, Mrs. Nellie E. Finkel and the Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Elseffer. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 28th, at the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Troy, by the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hain, and later at the Stone Church, Rhinebeck, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Lawrence. Interment in the Stone Church cemetery in Rhinebeck.

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FAURE.—On Saturday, June 5, DAVID BONESTREEL FAURE, in the 39th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 238 West 11th st., on Monday, June 7, at 5 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited. The remains will be interred in the family vault at Rhinebeck, N. Y., on Tuesday. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent.

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It would be much better to have several smaller reservoirs than the huge basin proposed. The supply could then be better guarded against impurities."

Historical discourse delivered by Rev. J. A. Earnest, pastor, at the reopening of the Old St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Rhinebeck, N. Y., November 2d, 1881.

#### Its Colonial History.

This audience will pardon me, I know, when I say that I feel proud to-day in being permitted from this place to extend to you the Christian salutations of a congregation whose organization lies sixty-one years farther back in the history of the past than the date of the Declaration of American Independence. A fortnight ago, on the 19th of October, the government of the United States celebrated the centennial of the capitulation at Yorktown, the victory that closed the war of the Revolution and realized the hopes of our patriot fathers.

But in October, 1781, when cannon roared and musketry rattled around Yorktown, the congregation now known as the Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's Church of Rhinebeck had been preaching the gospel of peace and dispensing the sacraments of our most holy faith in this locality, already for a period of sixty-six years; and Rev. John Frederick Ries, the congregation's fourth pastor, was then already in the twenty-first year of his pastorate.

Before the House of Stuart retired from the throne of Britain; and before the Elector of Hanover became George I. of England, the fathers who organized this church had already fled the persecutions inflicted upon the Reformed and Lutherans in the Palatinate by the Roman Catholic house of Neüburg. Joseph Reichert, Carl Nehr, Barent Zipperly, Nicholas Feller and John Nicholas Treber (now Traver) whose names are prominent in the early history of this church, and whose descendants are with us to-day, were here already in 1710 and 1711, as we learn from the Documentary History of New York, vol. 3. Joseph Reichert's name occurs among the 257 Palatines settled on the west side of the Hudson river by Governor Hunter in 1710; and Carl Nehr's and Nicholas Feller's are found in a list of volunteers, from Queensbury on the east side of the Hudson, for the expedition against Canada in 1711. These settlements were then known as the East and West Camps, the latter retaining its name to this day.

That these men were indeed here at these dates, is confirmed by entries made in a ministerial record kept by Rev. Joshua Kocherthal, commenced on sea, in 1708. Through the kindness of the venerable Dr. Strobel, in whose custody this rare record was for a short time, I had the opportunity of handling and briefly examining it, and from it learned the following facts, viz.: That on August 29, 1710, he married Carl Nehr, of Queensbury, to his second wife; that January 19, 1711, Joseph Reichert, of the West Camp, married his second wife, who was a daughter of John Nicholas Treber; that on January 27, 1711, Barent Zipperly married a daughter of Hans Reichert, presumably a sister of Joseph.

Next we learn that on the 11th of January, 1715, in Rhinebeck, about twelve miles south of the Camps, Carl Nehr married his third wife, who is a daughter of Joseph Reichert; and this tells us therefore, that Nehr and Reichert were in Rhinebeck in 1714—the year in which Col. Henry Beekman laid out lands for the "High Duchers." From the "History of Rhinebeck" by our townsman, Mr. E. M. Smith, we learn that in 1718, the year in which the deeds were given for the lands bought in 1714, Joseph Reichert owned and occupied lands now occupied by Mr. Alex. S. Traver and Carl Nehr—lands north of St. Peter's church, on the east side of Post Road. We find also in the record that the rite of confirmation was performed on April 3d, 1715, on October 14, 1716, and on April 29, 1717; from which it is apparent that there was a Christian organization in Rhinebeck as early as April 3, 1715; and that Rev. Joshua Kocherthal, who visited it regularly, (his time being divided, as the record shows, between Rhinebeck, the two camps, and Schoharie) was the pastor in charge. That he was a Lutheran minister we learn from the report of her Majesty's Council, convened at the Court of Kensington, "ye 10th of May, 1708," in which he is called "the minister of the poor Lutherans from the Lower Palatinate."

Where did this Lutheran minister and his people worship? Where they worshipped in 1715 we do not know. But we know from a document now in the custody of St. Paul's church at Red Hook, which I have also read, that in 1721 there was a church prop-

erty—a house and four acres of land at what is now known as Pink's Corner, on the Post Road, not a half mile south of us—owned jointly by the German Reformed and Lutherans. How long it was built before 1721, the year in which the four acres of land were given to the church then already there, we do not know.

From a paper in the custody of this church, we learn that on the 4th of November, 1729, Franz Nehr and Michael Bonesteel applied to Gilbert Livingston, of Kingston, N. Y., for a grant of land for the use of a church and graveyard; the lands described as lying by lands of Barent Zipperly. In response to this application, the congregation received the ground whereon we are to-day assembled—five acres, three roods, eighteen perches. Then, on December 10th following this grant, our fathers sold their interest in the church and four acres to the Reformed, for twenty-five pounds, New York money. In this transaction, Hendrick Schaeffer, Joseph Reichert, Barent Zipperly and Carl Nehr, acted as trustees for the Lutherans. Then, in 1730, two years before the birth of Washington, these men commenced the building of the first church edifice on this spot. The building then erected, tradition says, was a frame structure, in dimensions than considerably less church; for the same tradition says that this was built around that, and that the fathers worshiped in the old until the new was completed.

To the date of the building of this stone structure such a degree of uncertainty has attached, that hitherto no satisfactory affirmation could be made respecting it. It is believed, however, that we have recently succeeded in definitely settling this uncertainty, and I can now state that by a comparison of facts and dates as given by the oldest living members, we are able to fix its date at 1786.

In 1798, two acres of land were bought, lying about one hundred yards north of the church, and the present large and commodious parsonage was built. At different times subsequent to this date, other lands were added, until now the glebe, including the cemetery, incloses forty-two acres three roods. The tower and steeple, which give the edifice its imposing appearance, were not a part of the original stone church.

These were added in 1824 and 1825, the architect and builder being Stephen McCarty; and our town historian says he recalls the name of Philip Schuyler as one of the building committee. This improvement cost between \$3000 and \$4000. As the years rolled on, repairs and improvements were made as follows: In 1843 the walls on the outside were stuccoed and a new roof put upon the building, at a cost of \$1165; in 1861 an extension to the parsonage and other improvements, costing \$883; in 1870 there was expended for a new pulpit and chancel, together with their furniture and a carpet for the church, the sum of \$436; and in 1881 is made the extensive improvement which you now witness, and which cost \$1054. The committee under whose direction this last improvement has been made, consisted of Jacob W. Elseffer, esq. of Red Hook, and Mr. William A. Lown and Mr. Samuel Ten Broeck, of Rhinebeck.

I said, I was proud to be permitted to stand here to-day and greet you, who have come to mingle with us in the gratulations of this joyous occasion. Is it wrong to be proud of an occasion like this? Would it not rather be wrong were our hearts cold and dead to-day? Indeed, in view of what we possess and of what we recall, were our hearts not thrilled, we should be unjust to the dead whose dust lies entombed around us. We beg you, therefore, suffer us to be a little elated to-day, in view of the fact that after one hundred and sixty-six years, the old church not only lives, but lives in the enjoyment of so much vigor.

In 1842 she contributed men and their money to organize the congregation and build the Third Evangelical Lutheran church in the village of Rhinebeck; and six or eight years earlier she gave a very large proportion of her membership and her wealth to organize St. Paul's Lutheran church, at Red Hook. And now, after having been thus drawn upon and decreased, with a Lutheran church  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of her and another  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of her, it began to be feared, and indeed was predicted with much confidence, that her end was nigh. For surely she could not live in such close proximity to the two village churches, but must be gradually absorbed by them; and the most that could be hoped for the old church was, that the dear old house, with which were associated so many tender and sacred memories, would at least be kept in such repair

as to be sufficient to answer for funeral services.

But forty years and more have passed, and the prediction so mournfully but confidently made, is not yet fulfilled. And more; instead of the occasional tolling of the old bell in the belfry announcing the approach of a funeral train, that old bell, by the grace of God, on every Lord's day morn rings out a gladsome peal, which, as it reverberates o'er all this plain, calls a grateful people to worship at the altars of their fathers. And old as she is, and depleted as she has been by giving of her own blood to nourish the children on either side of her, she does not live by sufferance. Nor is she fossilized. Her life is not that of the mouldy past, but of the active, living present, and her people receive you her guests to-day, not in the buckles and knee-breeches of their fathers, but in a garb at least somewhat in keeping with the style of the times.

There are some particulars, it is true, in which she is somewhat unlike what is common to the times, and in regard to which her age does seem to have made her a little slow. She is slow to change the old for the new simply because it is new; and to adopt measures and methods simply because they are popular. She seems to have learned from the observation and experience of one hundred and sixty-six years, that *vox populi* is not always *vox Dei*.

She is also a little slow about making debts, and as a consequence of this, her finances are always in a satisfactory condition. It is due to say of her, however, that she is not slow in making provision for those who serve her. For in proportion to her membership, and for the work required of her ministry, she supports her pastor as liberally and as promptly as either of her daughters is able to do; and is as careful for his needful comfort as they can desire to be.

But now, perhaps, notwithstanding what I have said, you will cast your eye over the congregation, and as you note that among us are not a few whose thin, white locks tell you that they are ripening for the grave, you feel inclined to say to yourselves, "Nevertheless, Dominie, after all, the end is but a matter of time." Well, that is safe to say. For you may look out over this broad earth and up into the blue heavens and conclude your

looking with the same observation, because it is written "heaven and earth shall pass away." But that will be only when the heaven and earth, as now constituted, will be no longer needed. And just so of our old church—the end will be when her great Head shall have no more need of her. Must the old church die because the fathers will die? Young men, young women, this question is addressed to you. I ask you, therefore, ye young men and women of St. Peter's church, shall no gospel be preached from this pulpit, no communicants gather at this altar, in that near future in which the fathers who are now with us shall be laid to their rest? And, instead of the myrtle and the ivy planted and cared for by loving, loyal hands, to ornament and adorn the sanctuary of your fathers, shall the mould of neglect gather upon all which is now so fair, so comfortable, and so beautiful? Ah, I seem to hear you answer me, as with one heart and voice, "No! No! God helping us, no!"

#### The Pastoral Record.

And now I owe a duty to the men who have preceded me here in the ministrations of the sacred office, which, while I perform, I beg your patience. It is due to them that on this glad day we at least recall their names, and record them here in the order in which their services were rendered in the years that are past.

When and by whom the old record, now in my custody as pastor of St. Peter's church, was commenced, we have no means of knowing. A record of 287 baptisms is all that appears in the handwriting of the man who commenced it; and the opening page, as also the six following containing the first thirty-six entries, are lost. At the top of page 15, however, is the following, which seems to be in the chirography of Rev. John Christopher Hartwig: *Sequentes a M. I. Spahlero baptizati sunt utque, p. 17.* The following is No. 37, and a specimen of his record: *Johan Peter Berg. Nat. d'n 20 Nov. Pater Christian Berg, Mater Anna Margareta. Test. Peter Traver cum uxor Cath. getauft 2 Advent 1733.* He made his last record April, 1736. Who M. I. Spahler (whom we take to be the minister) was, and when he became pastor of the congregation, we do not know. But we do know that the aforementioned Rev. Joshua Kocherthal died in 1719; and we further know, from a deed now in the possession of Mr. Samuel Ten Broeck, that

in 1723 Johannes Spahler purchased a small farm not a quarter of a mile from the stone church, and from these two facts we conclude that Spahler succeeded Kocherthal as pastor of the Lutheran congregation when the people worshiped at Pink's Corner.

Between the years 1736 and 1746 there occurs an interregnum; and whatever administration of affairs was had must lie buried in the oblivion of the past, as the record contains nothing at all. Among the papers in the old chest, I found, however, the following receipt given by Rev. W. C. Berkenmeyer, who, we learn from the Doc. Hist., came to New York as early as 1725:

RHYNBK, 1744, Juni ye 16th.

Received from ye vestry of Rhynek two pounds, ten and six shillings, in behalf of ye money for ye ministers and ye assurance. I say received by me, £2, 16s. 0d.

W. C. BERKENMEYER.

From this we conclude that the people were not without some pastoral oversight during these years.

REV. JOHN CHRISTOPHER HARTWIG.—In April, 1746, Rev. John Christopher Hartwig enters the field, and his record, which is in Latin and German, very full and carefully kept, shows that he preached at Rheinbeck, Staatsburg, Ancram and the Camp—now Germantown, the residence of the appreciated and esteemed Rev. W. A. Luckenback. He gave his first receipt for salary at Rheinbeck, October 14th, 1746, for 23£. 7s. 6d. and his last, dated Camp, ye 30th May, 1758, for 19£. 13s., "part of arrears of my honorary." This is the only receipt given in English. From his record and receipts, it appears that Hartwig served these churches during ten or twelve years continuously, with the single exception of an absence of six months, when he resided in Pennsylvania, and of which he makes mention both in his marriage and baptismal record. He prefaces a list of baptisms with the following: *Folgende sind von Herr Rauss. meinen substituto getauft.* These *Folgende* begin with November, 1750. At the top of another page stands the following: *Continuatio Catalogi Baptizatorum a me post reditum meum ex Pennsylvania, qui catalogum matrimonio junctorum interruptus erat.* His record shows no ministerial acts performed by himself from October 1750, to May, 1751.

I will here take occasion, for the benefit of the curious into whose hands

this may hereafter fall, to call attention to the fact that the above record, made by the hands of Hartwig himself, is not at agreement with a statement made in the *Evangelical Review*, vol. VII. p. 168, and repeated in substance on p. 467 of the same volume, and which is to the effect that Mr. Hartwig relinquished his first regular charge, embracing several congregations in the county of Hunterdon, N. J., in 1748, and accepted a call to the congregation in the city of New York; and after this accepted an invitation to minister to several congregations in Dutchess and Ulster counties, N. Y. *R. Rees*

REV. JOHN FREDERICK NIES.—John Christopher Hartwig succeeded by Rev. John Frederick Nies, in January, 1759; and in March of same year this congregation contributed its *pro rata* for the building of the "Pfarr Hous" located at the Camp. Mr. Nies served the church until January, 1783, in an uninterrupted ministry of twenty-four years. His record reports the baptisms only, which in the twenty-four years number 813.

REV. WILHELM GRAFF.—From July, 1784, to August, 1785, Rev. Wilhelm Graff, *Prediger in der Jersey*, seems to have labored among the people as a supply; and the record of his work attests the prosperous condition of the congregation at the close of Nies's long pastorate, as well as his own success. On the fourth Sunday after Trinity, 1784, he confirmed 33, and administered the Sacrament of the Holy Supper to 150 communicants, including those confirmed. On the twentieth Sunday after Trinity, in the same year, he confirmed 41, and administered communion to 131; and on the tenth Sunday after Trinity, 1785, his last record, 86 communed.

REV. GEORGE HENRY PFEIFFER.—In October, 1785, Rev. George Henry Pfeiffer became pastor, and continued to January, 1798. He records his first baptism, October 2d, 1785; his last, January 29th, 1798; in all, 660. Mr. P. who was much afflicted by impairment of the reason, continued to reside among his people until his death, which occurred in 1827. He was the recipient of many kindnesses from his distinguished successor, Rev. Dr. F. H. Quitman, and the regular beneficiary of the New York Ministerium. "His sepulchre is with us unto this day."

REV. FREDERICK HENRY QUITMAN.—In February, 1798, Rev. Frederick Henry Quitman succeeded Mr. Pfeiffer.

fer. Adjudged by his record, Mr. Quitman would seem to have been a man of the utmost neatness and accuracy. His record is a model. In 1806 the congregation numbered 253 communicants, of which number he confirmed 93; and from September, 1806, to 1826, he added to the church by confirmation 290 persons. "Dominie Quitman"—his familiar name in this locality—was the father of a much more than ordinarily endowed family of sons and daughters. The distinguished Gen. John A. Quitman, member of Congress and Governor of Mississippi, was his son. Frederick William, a physician of high distinction, was another. Dr. Quitman died in June, 1832, and is buried in a lot selected by himself, and not fifty yards from the chamber in which he expired. On December 1st, one year ago, it was my privilege to assist at the obsequies of the last survivor of the family—Miss Eliza A. Quitman. Dr. Quitman rose to a position of commanding influence among the churches and in the Ministerium of New York; and in this locality that influence is still felt.

REV. WILLIAM J. EYER—Dr. Quitman was succeeded by Rev. Wm. John Eyer, but *when*, he has not put upon record. The first child he baptized was born in October, 1828, but when baptized he does not say. The first marriage he records was solemnized in September, 1832, and the first death record is in August, 1832. He served the congregation until some time in 1836.

REV. J. GOERTNER succeeded to the pastorate in January, 1837, and continued to January, 1845. During the ministry of Mr. Goertner, St. Paul's congregation, at Red Hook—at this writing the residence of the efficient and popular young pastor, Rev. S. A. Weikert—was organized, and the pastorate so reconstructed as to consist of only St. Paul's in Red Hook and St. Peter's in Rhinebeck.

REV. DR. C. F. SCHAEFFER was called to the pastorate in 1846, and continued to 1851. Dr. Schaeffer's name is to-day, after thirty years, spoken with reverence, and his ministrations among the people are cherished with the most affectionate remembrance. He was a good man. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. DR. W. D. STROBEL, now of Rhinebeck, came to the charge in

1851, and continued to 1860. Dr. Strobel, though by no means a worn-out, decrepid old man, has nevertheless come to the years of the sere and yellow leaf. He has accordingly, retired to the quiet station of a private gentleman, and enjoys in his retirement the affectionate regard of his younger brethren.

REV. FREDERICK M. BIRD.—After the departure of Dr. Strobel, the membership of this church concluded to withdraw its connection with St. Paul's church, and to support a pastor for themselves. Rev. Fred'k M. Bird was accordingly the first pastor whose entire time was employed in the interests of this congregation. Mr. Bird commenced his ministry in December, 1860, and continued to the autumn of 1862.

REV. G. W. SCHMUCKER.—Mr. Bird was succeeded by Rev. G. W. Schmucker, son of the late Dr. S. S. Schmucker, and son-in-law of Mr. Jacob Feller, who is a descendant of one of our very oldest families. Mr. Schmucker entered the pastorate in December, 1862, and continued to May, 1868. It was during Mr. Schmucker's ministry that the congregation declared itself independent of synodical connection, in which independency it still continues.

REV. CHARLES KOERNER, of the Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., became pastor in 1869, continued to the spring of 1871, when he resigned to take charge of congregations in and around Pottstown, Pa.

REV. SAMUEL G. FINCKEL.—Mr. Koerner was succeeded in the summer of 1871 by Rev. Samuel G. Finckel, from the Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., a son of the late Rev. Dr. Finckel, of Washington, D. C., and son-in-law of Mr. John L. Elseffer, also a descendant of one of the oldest families amongst us. Mr. Finckel continued to April, 1878, having added forty-two to the church by confirmation, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. J. A. Earnest, who commenced his ministry May 19th, 1878.

These, then, are the names of the fifteen men who have preached the gospel of Jesus Christ in this locality since 1715. And now may "our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work!" Amen and amen.

claims amounted to \$100,000. ing the trials and appeals both sides have been represented by the best legal talent. At one time the city's interests were looked after by Austen G. Fox, Elihu Root and James C. Carter. The contractors spent a fortune in the legal fight. Their lawyers included Robert G. Ingersoll, ex-Attorney-General Tabor, William F. Sheehan, and L. Lafin Kellog. The city will now have to pay O'Brien & Clark \$700,000.

**FIREMANIC.**

It is not generally known that the State Firemen's Home at Hudson has been turned over to the State Association. Such is the case, and the president of the State Association holds the deed.

Col. Johnson L. DePeyster, of Tivoli, has presented to the hose company at that place bearing his name, a handsome new parade carriage costing \$1,800. The carriage is expected the latter part of this or the first part of next week.

Kingston and Poughkeepsie are having a hot political fight.

**Headache for Forty Years.**

For forty years I suffered from sick headache. About a year ago I began using Celery King. The result was gratifying and surprising, my headaches leaving at once. The headaches used to return every seventh day, but thanks to Celery King, I have had but one headache in the last eleven months. I know that what cured me will help others.—Mrs. John D. Van Keuren, Saugerties, N. Y. Celery King for the nerves, Stomach, Liver and Kidneys is sold in 50c. and 25c. packages by B. N. Baker, Rhinebeck; B. L. Hover, Staatsburg.

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**DEATH LIST OF A DAY.**

**Mrs. Catharine A. Faure.**

Mrs. Catharine A. Faure, mother of ex-commissioner of Charities John P. Faure, died at her home, 238 West Eleventh Street, yesterday.

Mrs. Faure was about eighty-four years old. She was Miss Catharine A. Bonesteel and was born in Red Hook, Dutchess County, being a descendant of the old German Bonesteel and Elseffer families. She was brought up in Red Hook, and there married in 1844 John Reauf Faure, and came to this city with him to live. Mr. Faure was one of the early dress-goods importers of the city, being a partner of Francis Cottnet, and having a store at Broad and New Streets, about the present site of the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Faure died twenty-three years ago. They had two children—John P. Faure, who was Charities Commissioner under Mayor Strong, and David B. Faure, who was an invalid throughout his life, and to whom his mother devoted herself until his death fourteen years ago. Mrs. Faure was interested in charitable work, and especially in that which drew the attention of her surviving son. When St. John's Guild, which maintains the floating hospital, was organized, in 1887, he became its Secretary, and has since held that post. Mrs. Faure was present on May 4 last when the guild's new boat, the Helen C. Juilliard, was launched at Poillon's yards, in Brooklyn. When the boat made its first trip, on July 6, to New Dorp, S. I., (where the most sickly of its passengers were sent to the Seaside Hospital.) Mrs. Faure was on board, and on that occasion, in recognition of her son's connection with the guild, presented to the boat a permanent crib, to be placed in one of its wards, and named it the "Mother to Son Crib."

Mrs. Faure had been for twelve years a member of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, and was much interested in the Galilee Mission work maintained on the east side by that parish. She was for a number of years a contributor to the Industrial Christian Alliance.

The National organization of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of which John P. Faure has for ten years been Treasurer, and which is holding its fourteenth annual convention at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday sent through its President, H. D. W. Englesh, a telegram of sympathy to Mr. Faure. The funeral will take place at 9:45 A. M. Monday at Calvary Church, Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street. The rector, the Rev. Dr. J. Lewis Parks, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. D. A. A. Gardner of Mission to Seaman, at West and Housatonic Streets, in which Mrs. Faure was interred. The burial will be in the family vault at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

and confidence by continual squ... in every way. It is our aim and purpose who enters our establishment so well as dollar they expend their interests of the people w... their needs in the various things which... quality than will be found elsewhere. V... pays," and we carry out our belief in ou... The clothes we make... for two hundred pounds.