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Dear Mr. Davis:

Please excuse the long delay in replying to your letter of May 27th relative to Anna Bishop and her husband, Martin Schultz.

Martin Schultz was born May 1, 1815 at Rock City, New York. Rock City is a small settlement just East of Red Hook and members of the Schultz family still live in the Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and Milan area. I contacted a relative of this family and was unable to learn much about Martin Schultz, except that he was a merchant in New York City and is believed to be buried there. A search of local records did not give evidence of his dying locally. If any other information regarding Martin Schultz is learned within the next week or 10 days, it will be forwarded to you.

Martin Schultz was the son of David & Lucy Griffin Schultz, and the grandson of Jacob & Ursula Schryver Schultz. This family settled in the Rhinebeck area in the early 1700s.

Enclosed is a copy of an item regarding John G. Schultz of Rock City, a brother of Martin Schultz. This would be the family they visited when they were in the Red Hook area.

From newspaper items and from conversation with relatives of the Schultz family, it is apparent that Anna Bishop and Martin Schultz spent considerable time in the Red Hook area visiting family and friends. They often spent the summer at the Hoffman residence on North Broadway, Red Hook and also with the Shook family in Red Hook.

Also enclosed are two items from the RED HOOK JOURNAL for 1859. I hope they will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Losee  
Documents Chairman  
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Red Hook

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From the WED HOOK JOURNAL, Friday, March 21, 1884

MME. ANNA BISHOP SCHULTZ....

Her many friends and relatives in this vicinity were startled on Wednesday by the announcement of her sudden death, which occurred at her residence in New York, on Tuesday night. Her illness was very brief, for on Sunday last she attended church in the morning as usual, and on her return she seemed in her usual good health. A few minutes later however, she was stricken with apoplexy, and the disease in two days proved fatal. She had been for over forty years one of the celebrated singers of the world.

....There follows an account of her early life and concerts.....

...Her last tour around the world was begun in 1875, and since its completion she has lived quietly in New York. Her last appearance in public was at Steinway Hall, in 1883. Sir Henry Bishop died in 1855 and in 1858 she was married to Mr. Martin Schultz, well known in this vicinity, where he formerly resided. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but the remains will be bro't to this village for interment in the Lutheran cemetery, where her son was buried some years ago.

from the RED HOOK JOURNAL, Friday, March 28, 1884

The remains of Mme. Anna Bishop were brought to this village, on Saturday, and interred in the Lutheran cemetery. The Episcopal burial service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Moore.

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Note: I shall check the Poughkeepsie papers when I am in Poughkeepsie this week and if I find anything further relative to Mme. Anna Bishop or her husband, I shall send it on to you.

C. W. Losee