

HORSE AND BUGGY AGE OF THE OLD TOWN

• AS TOLD IN ITS

RECORDS

COMPILED

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FOREWORD.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Theodore Delaporte, Rhinebeck, in letting me copy book--"Horse and Buggy Age, etc" of Rhinebeck, I feel that she has willowed the Red Hook Public Library, Inc. to become possessed of much valuable historical matter pertaining both to the early history of Rhinebeck and Red Hook, and it was that I might place this data at the disposal of our Library, that I copied Mrs. Delaporte's work, verbatim.

Rev. Charles S. Champlin.

RHINEBECK

"Rhinebeck is a place of some distance from Staatsburgh further up from the river. It is inhabited by many Germans who have a church there. Their clergyman at present was the Reverend Mr. Hartwig, who knew some Swedish, having been in Gothenburg some time. This little town is not visible from the river."

The above quotation is from "The Trip up the Hudson to Albany, June, 1749, by Peter Kelm" found in "Travels in North America containing its natural History," translated into English by J. R. Foster. London 1777. 3 Volumes.

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RHINEBECK IN THE OLDEN TIME.

From the year 1748.

Rhinebeck was originally located near the Stone Church. The State Dock and the Long Dock were then unknown. Those used were the Camp's Dock near the Ehler's place (now part of the Astor place) and the Mills Dock near the Champerlain, lower place.

In 1748 Rhinebeck included Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and a large portion of the towns of Clinton and Hyde Park.

Records.

These were copied from transcriptions of the originals by Mr. Theodore Gillender, an old resident of the town, and deeply interested in all its history. They were published in the Rhinebeck Gazette. At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace at Poughkeepsie, and for Dutchess County on Tuesday the eighteenth day of October 1748.

Present

Jacobus Ter Boe	Stephen Hopkins
Matthew Du Bois	James Duncan
Jacobus Stoutengurth	Thomas Newcomb
Isaac Germond	James Ver Planck
Anthony Yelverton	Jacob Haviland
William Barton	Thomas Baker
John Ten Broeck	Arnout Viele

Ordered that every precinct clerk in the County be chosen yearly on every first Tuesday in April, must within ten days make returns of the election**** to clerk of the peace.

(Signed)-Henry Livingston Clerk per

Johannis A. Ostrander Precinct Clerk.

Dutchess Co.,ss:

At the election held in Rynbeck Precinct on the first Tuesday 1749
the following officers were elected;-

Supervisor	John Van Deuse	
Assessors	Garret Van Wagenen	Philip Feller
Collector	William Traphagen	
Constables	Johannes Sjeeve(?)	Jacob Ostrander Frederick Haaver
Masters of the Poor	Frederick Strydt	Roeloff Kip
Pound Master	Johannes Kip	
Fence Viewers	Jacob Sickner Garret Van Wagenen	Johannes Harkenbergh
Surveyors of the Highway	Isaac Kip Joseph Crawford Godfret Hendrick Lowrence Rysdorp Johannes Van Wagenen	Peter Tippel Michael Sipperlie John Marie Petrees Viele Christian Dederick

per J.A, Ostrander, Clerk.

On the first Tuesday in April 1750 the following persons were elected in the precinct;-

Supervisor, Assessors and Collector, same as in 1749.

Constables	William Ostrander	Jan Pier	Jan Buys
Overseers of the Poor	Roeloff Kip	Johannes Heyner	
Pound Master	Jacob Jos, Kip		
Fence Viewers	Frederick Meier Seymon Schöt	Hendrick Feeter	

Overseers of the Highways

Jacob Kip from Mill to Beekmans.

Nicholas Bgnesteel for Rhinebeck

Jacobus Van Etßen from Mill to Staatsburgh

Petrees Van Aken to Leeja Van Wagenen

Jan Van Etch to Matthew Van Etten

RHINEBECK RECORDS
1772-----1863
CONTAINING
BILLS OF SALE
MANUMISSIONS OF SLAVES
COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS
COMMISSIONERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS
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DUTCHESS COUNTY IN COLONIAL DAYS.

The first General Assembly of the Province of New York was organized under the administration of Dongan--Oct. 17, 1783.

At a meeting of this General Assembly held at Fort James, N.Y., Nov. 1. 1685, the Province of New York was divided into 12 Counties;--Ulster, Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Richmond, Kings, Suffolk, Dukes and Cornwall.

The bounds of Dutchess were those of Westchester, along the Hudson to Roeloff Jansen's Kill, and eastward into the woods for twenty miles. The bounds of Westchester and Albany were first stated--The land between was called Dutchess.

Oct. 1. 1691 these bounds were confirmed, except that the twenty miles into the woods were reduced to 12. Confirmed May 20. 1780.

Dutchess was at first provisionally annexed to Ulster, and was not represented in the Colonial Assembly until 1713, thirteen years after its creation. In this year the Counties were authorized to elect a Supervisor, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector. Dutchess was one Precinct. Livingston Manor was taken off in 1717 and annexed to Albany County, and later, to Columbia. Putnam County was taken off in 1812.

July 11. 1715 a county house and prison was ordered built, the time limit being two years, and the cost to be 250 ounces of good Mexico Pillar or Seville Plate.

May 17. 1743 another Act was passed ordering it built at Poughkeepsie within three years.

December 17, 1743, three hundred pounds were granted to enlarge the present building or to build one. In this Act the four several Precincts, South, Beekman's, Crom Elbow and North Precincts were declared to extend to the Colony Line of Connecticut.

In 1743 100 pounds more was granted to complete the court-house.

In 1750 another 100 pounds was granted to complete it.

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