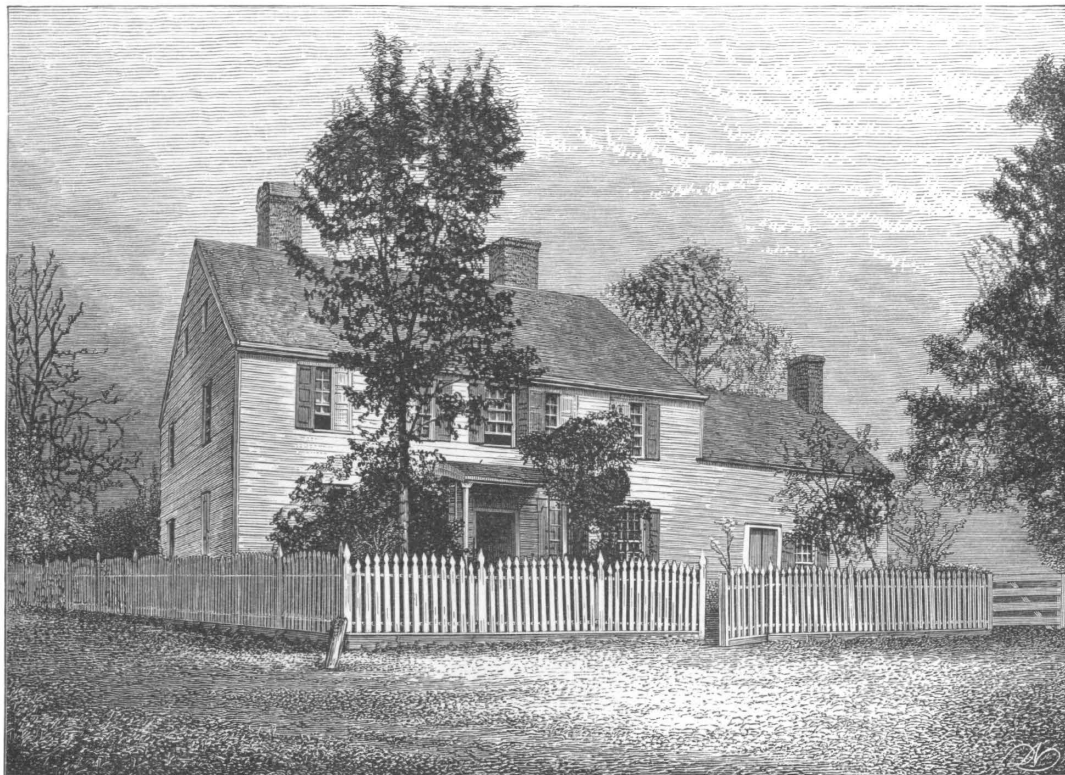


THE
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OR
ORANGE COUNTY,
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THE OLD HOMESTEAD OF 1742.

INTRODUCTION.

The facts contained in the following pages have been collected with much difficulty, owing to the small amount of information in regard to the family in the possession of any one individual. Each member of the family is earnestly requested to send corrections and additional facts in relation to the family together with the sources from which they are derived to, Chief Engineer, Wm. L. Nicoll, U. S. N., Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Should any letters of information not be promptly acknowledged, the kind writers will please bear in mind that the compiler is often on some foreign station.

Dr. John Nicoll, being the first member of the family in this country, is designated by, (1), which *precedes* his name, and, being of the first generation in this country, the number, ¹, is placed *above* his name. His children, being the second and third of the family, and of the second generation, in this country, are designated by, (2) ², (3) ². This method is continued throughout the register. These numbers include only

Nicolls by birth, the children of the eldest son being taken first, then those of the second son, and so on through that generation and through each succeeding generation. No child can be given a number whilst there is living a son having a number preceding that of the child's father. No marriage is registered in which neither the man nor the woman is a Nicoll by birth.

In 1874 a fruitless search was made in the parish registers of West Calder and Linlithgow, and in registers of deeds, for the ancestors of Alexander Nicoll.

The origin of the coat of arms (vide page 28) has not been ascertained. These arms have been in the family from so remote a date that they have become accepted, apparently, without comment or inquiry. They are found on the seals of certain letters more than a century old and on the silver bowl, which is, at least, a century and a half old. Identical paintings are found in various branches of the family more or less widely separated, yet no one knows the source whence they arose.

On 14th June, 1878, an engraving of the old painting was forwarded to Mr. R. R. Stodart, of the Lyon Office, Edinburgh, Scotland, and the inquiry made as to whether such arms had ever been granted to any person, his attention being directed in connection therewith to the Nicolson arms in Burke's "Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire," London, 1870, page 826. On 1st July, 1878, Mr. Stodart replied, as follows: "The arms engraved are certainly those of Nicolson but the crest and motto are not registered for any person either of that name or called

Nicoll.” On 7th August, 1878, in replying to another letter, Mr. Stodart stated, “No one has a legal right to use the arms crest and motto, forming a complete coat of arms as described in your former letter, as they are not recorded in our books.”

In Burke, as noted above, under “Nicolson” is found, “Arms (not registered in the Lyon office)—Or, a lion’s head between three falcons’ heads, erased, gu.; a bordure, of the last.” This is the description of the arms of the coat of arms shown in the old painting. On account of this identity, Mr. Chas. H. Athill, Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms, of the College of Arms, London, Eng., was requested, in a letter dated 24th December, 1885, to search for a connection between the Nicolson and Nicoll families, both having lived at the same time near Edinburgh. The result of this search, given in a letter from Mr. Athill dated 6th February, 1886, was, as follows: * * * “no record exists of your family history as connected with the Armorial Bearings of the Nicolson family * * *. There is no record of the Grant of these arms so that I am unable to say whether they were used by the family prior to the creation of the baronetcy in 1637.” Again, on 17th March, 1886, Mr. Athill wrote, “In reply to your letter of the 5th Inst. I beg to inform you that no record exists of the original Grant of the Arms to the Nicolson family and as the right to use them has never been admitted they cannot legally be borne by any person. There are I regret to say many persons who use Armorial Bearings to which they are not entitled altho there are laws which are still in force against the practice.” * *

From the foregoing it appears, that this coat of arms must have been assumed and used by the Nicoll family in Scotland, and, that the same is the case with the Nicolson arms found in Burke and described above, since neither is registered in the Lyon Office.

A copy of this FAMILY RECORD will be placed in "The Astor Library," New York City, and, in the "Newburgh Free Library," Newburgh, N. Y.

GENERAL RECORD.

John Nicoll, son of Alexander Nicoll of Haddieweel, parish of West Calder, shire of Edinburgh, Scotland, was the first of the Nicoll family of Orange Co. to locate on the Hudson River, purchasing the homestead lands there on 7th Oct., 1734. This Alex. Nicoll is the most remote ancestor of whom any record has been obtained. His son, John, held the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor in Medicine, from the University of Edinburgh. The medical diploma,* dated 12th June, 1724, reads as follows :

“Nos Universitatis Jacobi Regis Edinensis Professores his Literis Testamur Dominum Johannem Nicoll Scotor Britannum, olim Academiae nostrae Alumnus, & Artium Magistrum, postquam se suos^{que} in Re Medicâ Progressus Medicinæ apud nos Professori, alijs^{que} Regij Medicorum Collegij Edinensis Socijs fatis probasset, ab iisdem Luculento Testimonio nobis Commendatum, id^{que apud nos} ~~gza~~ ^{que} apud nos usque cō ut par erat valuisse, ut Eidem summos in Medicina Honores Doctoratûs Gradum, delato prius Jurejurando, Solennibusque Riti peractis Detulerimus ; Eiq̃ue Amplissimam Potestatem Medicinam Faciendi, Docendi, Profitendi, alijs^{que} Concesserimus Privilegia, Immunitates, Jura quæ hic aut usquam alibi ad Doctoratûs Apicem Evectis Concedi Solent: Cujus Rei quō major esset fides Sig-

* Owned by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll⁶.

nūm Inclyti Senatores Edinensis Athenæi nostri Cūratores &
Patroni Chirographanos Apposūimūs Edinbūrgi Anno Salūtis
hūmanæ vicesimo-qũarto sũprà Millesimũ et Septingē-
tesimũ : die vero duodecimo Mensis Jūnij.

WILL: WISHART pr: pr:

MATT CRAWFURD SS:T: & Hist: Eccl: Pr: R.

GŪL: HAMILTON ss T. P.

CAROLUS ARESKANE I. N. et G. P. R.

JAC. CRAWFORD Med. P. JAS. CRAIG. j. M. p.

CAROLUS MACKY Hist. P. GULIELMUS SCOTT P. P.

ROBERTUS STEWART p. p.

Col. DRUMMOND P. P.

M. BAYNE P. P.

ROBERTUS HENDERSON B. &

[L. S.] ”

*Acad: ab Archivis.

* S. S: T: & Hist: Eccl: Pr. R.—Sanctissimæ Theologiæ et Historiæ Ecclesiasticæ Professor Regius—Regius Professor of Divinity and Church History.

I. N. et G. P. R.—Jurisprudentia naturalis et gentilis Professor Regius—Regius Professor of Public Law.

Med. P.—Medicinæ Professor.—Professor of Medicine.

Hist. P.—Historiæ Professor.—Professor of History.

pr: pr:—Acting Professor—of what not known.

ss. T. P.—Sanctissimæ Theologiæ Professor.—Professor of Divinity.

j. M. p.—Jurisprudentia Medicæ Professor.—Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

P. P.—Pro-Professor.—He was acting Professor of Greek.

p. p.—Pro-Professor.—Acting Professor of Natural Philosophy.

P. P.—Acting Professor of Logic and Metaphysics.

P. P.—Acting Professor—of what not known.

B. & Acad: ab Archivis.—Secretary to the University.

These titles were sent by Sir Alexander Grant, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, in a letter dated 5th July, 1878.

He came to New York* in 1711 and soon after was married in Boston, Mass.

In 1716† he, Patrick McKnight, Gilbert Livingston and Thomas Smith, organized a congregation according to the discipline of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, this being the first one in New York City, and on 5th January, 1718,‡ purchased for £350 a piece of ground on Wall Street, 88 by 124 feet, where their first church building was erected in 1719. The site§ of this church was in Stoutenberg's Garden on the north side of Wall Street between Nassau Street and Broadway. In 1750 the Rev. Alexander Cumming|| was called as colleague of Rev. Mr. Pemberton, the pastor.

In 1720** a petition was presented to Wm. Burnett, Esq., Capt. Gen^l & Comdr in Chief of N. Y., which, after stating the condition of the presbyterian organization, read as follows:

“They Therefore Humbly Pray
May it Please Your Excell^{cy}

By Letters Pattent under the Great Seal of This Province to Incorporat them by the Name of the Ministers Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church in the City of New York to make them One Body Politick & Corporat in fact and

* Note in (54) John Nicoll's⁵ bible.

† “Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D.,” by S. Miller, 1813, p. 133. Smith's History of New York, p. 295. “Earliest Churches in New York,” by Gabriel P. Disosway, 1855, p. 132.

‡ Book of Deeds, 28, p. 473.

§ Doc. History N. Y., by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D., 1850. Vol. 3, p. 403.

|| “Earliest Churches in New York,” by Gabriel P. Disosway, 1855, p. 135. “Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D.,” by S. Miller, 1813, p. 146.

** Doc. History N. Y., by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D., 1850. Vol. 3, p. 460.

name Capable and able in the Law of sueing and being sued answering and being answered unto Defending and being Defended in all Courts of Law and Equity in all matters and Causes whatsoever of taking and receiving holding and Enjoying to them and there Successors for Ever there said Church and Ground and Cemetry where the same now Standeth with such other necessarie powers and Authority for the Preservation and Continuation of there Succession The Management of there Affaires and the free use and Exercise of there said Religion in the said City of New York as your Excellency with the advice of His Maj^{ties} Council see meet and Reasonable and the Petitioners As in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c

New York Sept^r 19th 1720

JAMES ANDERSON
PATRICK MACKNIGHT
JOHN NICOLL
JOSEPH LEDDEL
JOHN BLAKE
THOMAS INGLES."

Samuel Miller, D.D., in his "Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D., late pastor of the Wall-Street and Brick Churches in the City of New York, 1813," says of Dr. Nicoll, on page 135: "His exertions in behalf of the church in New-York were as useful as they were unwearied. In a sermon, preached on the occasion of his death by the Rev. Dr. Pemberton, at that time pastor of the church, and which was afterwards printed, the following paragraph is found: 'These walls will be a lasting monument of his zeal for the house

and the public worship of God ; in the erecting of which he spent a considerable part of his estate, and undertook a hazardous voyage to Europe, for the establishment and security of this infant society. Upon these, and other accounts, too numerous to be mentioned, while a Presbyterian church subsists in the City of New-York, the name of Nicoll will ever be remembered with honour as ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL FOUNDERS, AND ITS GREATEST BENEFAC-TOR.'” During the visit to Europe, here referred to, Dr. Nicoll was made Burges and Guild Brother of the Burg of Linlithgow, Scotland. The certificate* of membership is addressed

“BURGES TICKET

For

JOHN NICOLLS

Chirurgion Apothicary

in New York

1721,”

and reads as follows :

“Linlithgow The Twenty fourth day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty one years.

The which day The Honourable Walter Hamilton of Westport Provost of the burg of Linlithgow, Thomas Main, John Andrew, William Smith, Alexander Rule Ballies, and Mr. John Higgins Dean of Guild In Testimony of their Respects

* Owned by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll.⁶

to John Nicolls Chirurgeon Apothicary in New York Lawfull son to the deceased Alexander Nicolls in Haddieweell in the parish of West Calder and shire of Edinburgh, Did Receive and Admitt him Burges and Guild Brother of the said Burgh, Entituleing him to the haill privileges and Immunitys belonging to a Burges. And the Towns Common Seall is hereunto Appended

Extracted By

ALEXANDER BELL, *clks.*

[L. s.]”

In 1729, the following entry appears in the Index of the Acts of General Assembly of the Church of Scotland: “The state of the collections for a Church to the Presbyterian Congregation in New York in America is set down. A letter of thanks is ordered to be written to Doct. Nicoll for his care about the interest of the foresaid congregation and a method is proposed for securing the foresaid church to the Presbyterians there to Posterity &c”

“As * long as Dr. Nicoll lived, the management of the temporal concerns of the church, was, by common consent, committed almost unreservedly to his care. He conducted them with so much fidelity and judgment, that very little real inconvenience was experienced from the want of a charter, and of a regular board of trustees. From the period of his death, in 1743, a different method began to be pursued.”

* “Memoirs of the Rev. John Rodgers, D.D.,” by S. Miller, 1813, p. 142 and 235.

During the Revolutionary War, when the British occupied New York, "The church in Wall Street was immediately seized and converted into Barracks."

In September, 1844,* the corner-stone of a new building was laid on Fifth Avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, and this church was opened for Divine worship on 11th January, 1846, by the old pastor, Dr. Wm. W. Phillips.

On page 87 of "A memorial of the goodness of God, in two discourses delivered at the opening of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 11th January, 1846, by the Pastor" (Dr. Wm. W. Phillips), is found the following:

"In illustration of how much may be done towards sustaining a Church, by a single individual, to whom God gives a heart and mind for his service—and also in justice to the dead—it may be mentioned, that the whole management of the temporal affairs of this Church, during the most troublous and trying times of her history, was entrusted, almost entirely, to Dr. Nicoll.

"All testified to his singular attention, diligence, assiduity, fidelity and perseverance in promoting the interests of the Presbyterian Church in this city, and to his success in sustaining them during his life. He has left behind him this honorable testimony, That he was as eminent for his piety as a Christian, as he was for his skill as a physician, and that the Presbyterian interest in this city is more indebted to him than to any individual who ever belonged to it.

"The secret of his usefulness and success was to be found, under God, in the interest which he felt in the Church. He

* "Earliest Churches in New York," by Gabriel P. Disosway, 1855, p. 142.

set his heart upon the work of promoting her prosperity, and did not allow his mind to be diverted from it by any personal considerations, nor by the petty and pitiful jealousies which might be felt or expressed respecting him. He appreciated Church privileges for himself and comprehended their importance to others. He did not, however, wait for others to take the lead in perpetuating them—nor refuse to act because others would not co-operate with him. He did not say, ‘I can do without a Church if they can do without it’; but acting under a sense of his individual and personal responsibility, he adopted the resolution of Joshua—to the effect that whatever others might do, as for him and his house they would serve the Lord—yea, he redeemed the time and did with his might what his hands found to do for God.”

On 5th November, 1718, he purchased of Lancaster Symones one-fourth of a tract of land in Ulster County, N. Y., being on the south-eastern part of a triangular piece surveyed out of Minisink Patent, which first-mentioned tract contained five lots, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, lying in the angle of the triangle, containing in the whole 4,889 acres.

On 11th November, 1732, he purchased of William Sharpas, one of the twenty-three patentees, “one three and twentieth” part of the land granted in the Minisink Patent by Queen Anne on 28th August, 1704.

On 7th October, 1734, he purchased of John Waldron, Cornelius Van Horne and James Livingston four lots of land in Ulster [now Orange] County, N. Y., the first of which, containing one hundred and sixty acres at Plum Point, at the

mouth of Murderer's Creek,* had been granted by King George I. on 6th August, 1720, to "Patrick Macgregere, otherwise called Peter Magregory." This formed "part of the lands formerly granted by letters patent to Capt. John Evans and since vacated and reassumed" and began "at the South East corner of the land of William Sutherland."

"Colonel Patrick Mac Gregorie,"† the father of this Patrick Macgregere, "came to this country in 1684, first landing in Maryland and then proceeding north to Perth Amboy in New Jersey. At the suggestion of Governor Dongan, in 1685 he removed to Plum Point, just above the Hudson Highlands, where he built a log house."

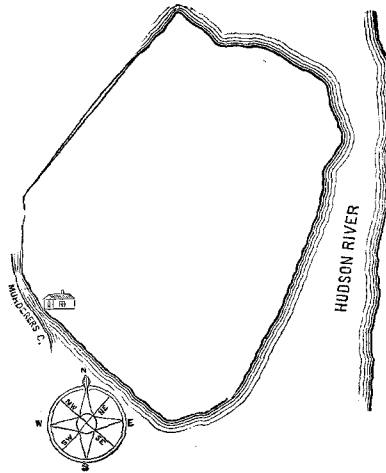
The following cut, which was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. E. M. Ruttenber, of Newburgh, N. Y., represents a very old map of this Magregory Patent, the record of which is in the office of the Secretary of State, in Albany.

* "This creek is first called Murderer's on Van der Donck's map, 1656, and was so called, doubtless, from events occurring during the first Esopus war."—*Indian Tribes of Hudson's River, Ruttenber, page 94, note 1.*

"Tradition affirms, in explanation, that at an early period a company of traders entered the creek with their sloop and were enticed on shore, where they were murdered on a hill still known as Sloop Hill in commemoration of the event; and this explanation is strengthened by the fact that the name of the hill is co-existent with that of the creek.

It is here that Paulding (J. K. Paulding, *Book of Vagaries*, page 131) locates his beautiful story of *Naoman*, so generally accepted as history."—*Indian Tribes of Hudson's River, Ruttenber, page 378.*

† "Cornwall," by Lewis Beach, 1873, page 11.



OLD MAP OF MAGREGORY'S PATENT FOR 160 ACRES.

The log house of Patrick, or Peter, is shown, and on its site appears now the old homestead where (2) John Nicoll² was living as early as 1742.

The frontispiece represents this old homestead as it appeared in those days, and does not show the additions which have been made since that time.

The second lot contained 2,000 acres, which had been granted to John Lawrence, 9th April, 1719, except 100 acres previously sold to John McLean. This was known as the Bethlehem Tract.

The third lot contained 765 acres, which had been granted to John Lawrence in 1731, excepting 100 acres (50 at each end, previously granted and sold to David Sutherland).

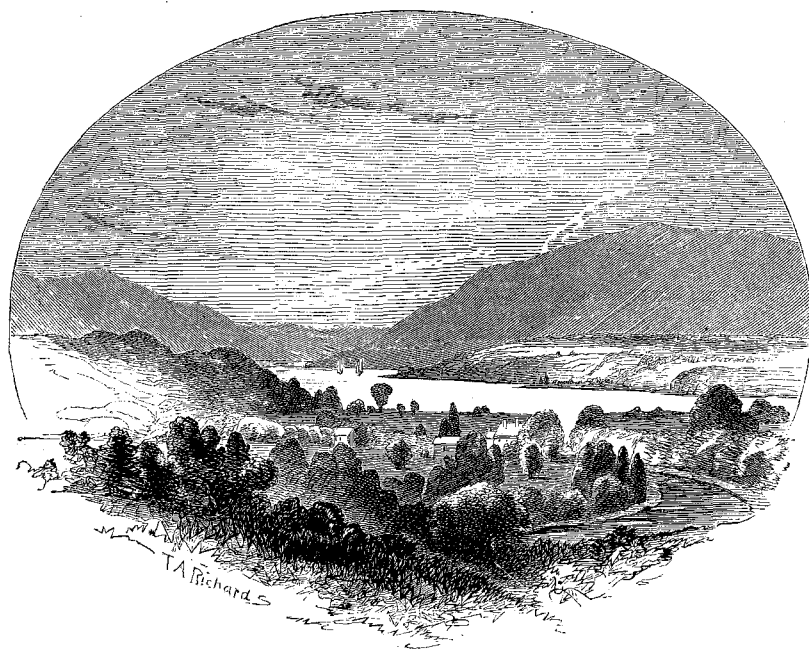
The fourth lot comprised six small islands in the mouth of Murderer's Creek, containing near 7 acres.

On the 26th March, 1735, he purchased of James Stringham and Daniel Everett Lot No. 3, beginning at S. W. corner of Lot No. 2 and to a stake standing in the N. side of Goshen road, containing 333 acres, except $34\frac{8}{10}$ acres ; also Lot No. 4, adjoining the last, containing 337 acres ; also Lot No. 9, containing 369 acres, together with $34\frac{8}{10}$ out of the W. side of Lot No. 8 ; also Lot No. 12 containing 328 acres.

These lots amounted to 1,667 acres.

On the 12th April, 1738, he purchased of Peter Post and Anne his wife, 500 acres on the north bank of murderer's Creek and just above the Magregory Patent for 160 acres.

On the 23d July, 1730, George Ingoldsby, the son of Mary Ingoldsby, deeded this land to Peter Post. It lies in the Mary Ingoldsby Patent. The plateau on this 500 acres, high above the creek, is called "Post Hill," and was so called in indentures over 100 years ago. It unquestionably received this name from its owner, Peter Post, previous to 1738. The view from this place is very fine, and in that here given, taken from its extreme eastern point, the old homestead is seen below on the bank of the creek.



This cut was published in January, 1858, in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* in an article on "Idlewild, the home of N. P. Willis" (which is not included in this cut, being without its limits and to the right on the farther side of the water), and has been obtained through the courtesy of the Messrs. Harper & Brothers. A view from this hill is also used as frontispiece in "Cornwall," by Lewis Beach.

On 19th September, 1793, the Court of Common Pleas in Ulster County, on application, appointed James Clinton, James Carpenter and Moses Phillips, Esquires, commissioners to make division of the undivided real estate of Dr. John

Nicoll, deceased, lying in Ulster County. This commission divided a little over 14,500 acres, the greater part of it lying in the Minisink Patent and angle and on Murderer's Creek.

Another commission, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County in the February Term, 1794, composed of Messrs. Phillips, James Carpenter and Reuben Hopkins, divided about 1,000 acres, lying in the John Lawrence tracts, "Goshen Town Rights of a ballotted division in Wawayanda Patent" and "South East division in the township of Goshen."

"Nicoll,* John, M. D., a physician in New York, died Oct. 2, 1743, aged 63. He was a native of Scotland, and was educated at Edinburgh. Retaining the highest attachment to the doctrine, constitution and discipline of the church of Scotland, after his arrival in this country he was one of the principal founders and benefactors of the first Presbyterian church in New York, which was established in 1719. He spent a considerable part of his estate in erecting a house of worship. As a physician he was unwearied in his attention to his patients. The poor he cheerfully visited without the prospect of reward. His life was distinguished for benevolence and piety."

His remains were interred under the Wall Street Church, beneath the communion table.

His children were (2) John² and (3) Margaret².

* The American Biographical Dictionary, by Wm. Allan, D.D., 3d Edition, Boston, 1857.

The following is a copy of his will :*

“In the name of God Amen the fourteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty two in the sixteenth year of our Sovereign Lord George the second of Great Britain &c King, I, John Nicoll of the City of New York Physician being in good bodily health and of sound and perfect mind and memory praise to Almighty God for the same knowing the uncertainty of this present life and being desirous to settle that outward estate the Lord hath graciously sent me do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and my body to the earth to be decently interred and as touching such worldly estate the Lord hath sent me my will and meaning is the same be employed and bestowed as hereafter in and by this my Will is expressed hereby revoking and renouncing and making null and void all Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made declaring and appointing this to be my last Will and Testament.

“Imprimis I will that all the debts I justly owe to any Person or Persons whatsoever be well and truly paid in convenient time next after my decease by my executors hereinafter named. Item after my just debts and funeral charges are paid and satisfied I do hereby give devise and bequeath the rest and residue of all my estate both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever the same is lying or may be found in

* Record of Wills, N. Y. City, Liber 15, page 97.

manner and form following that is to say one full third part thereof to my beloved wife Rebeckah Nicoll during her natural life and further my will is that my said wife Rebeckah shall have possess and enjoy over and above her thirds my house and ground thereunto belonging in the City of New Brunswick now in the possession of Mr Guess during her said natural life. Item I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Stevenson now in the West Indies on the Expedition if ever he return the sum of Fifty Pounds York Money to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Nicoll the sum of Twenty Five Pounds in lieu of Birthright and his heirs forever. Item all the rest of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my two children John Nicoll and Margaret Du Bois to be equally divided betwixt them share and share alike after the following manner viz^t. To my son John during the term and time of his natural life only and after his decease to his issue lawfully procreate them and their heirs forever but to my daughter Margaret Du Bois to her, her heirs and assigns forever and in case my said son should die and leave no issue lawfully procreate as aforesaid then I give and bequeath his part to my said wife Rebeckah during her natural life aforesaid and after her decease to my said daughter Margaret Du Bois to her, her heirs and assigns forever. But in case it should please God that both my children should depart this life before they receive the same then I do give the deceaseds part or parts to my said wife during her natural life as aforesaid and after her decease and the decease of both my children without issue as aforesaid then and in that case my will is that my estate both real and

personal be disposed of in the following manner that is to say I give and bequeath to my said nephew John Stevenson the sum of three hundred pounds to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my wife's sister's son, Leonard Jarvis, of Boston, merchant the like sum of three hundred pounds to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to the children of my wife's brother Joseph Dowding late of Boston, merchant, the sum of four hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to the children of my cousin John Bell of the Burgh of Linlithgow, writter the sum of one hundred pound sterling to be equally divided among them share and share alike. Item I give and bequeath the sum of twenty five pounds to James Alexander Esqr. one of my executors hereafter named to him and his heirs forever. Item the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Moderator of the Prisbiterie of Edinburgh the Principal of the College of Edinburgh, the Professor of divinity therein and the Procurator and agent of the Church of Scotland for the time being and their successors in office forever Trustees for the Presbyterian Church of the City of New York to be by them or their Constituents put out to interest upon good security and the incoms thereof laid out to the best advantage for the relief of the poor, especially poor widows and orphans belonging to the said Church from time to time and in all times coming forever hereafter. Hereby constituting and appointing my trusty friend James Alexander of the City of New York

Esqr. in conjunction with my son John Nicoll of Windsor and my son in law Isaac Du Bois of New York Physician the joint executors of my said will hereby revoking and making null and void all wills by me formerly made and appointing this to be my last will and testament hereby giving and granting to my said executors or the survivors of them full power and ample authority to sell alien and dispose of my houses and lands if need be according to the tenour and intent of this my said will.

“Witness my Hand and Seal hereunto set the day and year first above written.

John Nicoll * [L. s.]”

† (2) John Nicoll² was sent to Scotland to be educated, and graduated at the University of Edinburgh where his father had received his degrees.

On 14th April, 1769, a Patent was granted by King George III. to this son, John, for Lots Nos. 37 and 45 lying in the “Mink Angle which, on a division of said Angle in the year 1711, fell to the share of Wm. Sharpas;” “Lot No. 37 containing 1,420 acres” and Lot 45 containing 660 acres.

“One full moiety or equal half of these two Lots to the said John Nicoll and his heirs &c.” “One full equal fourth part of these two tracts to Elias Boudinot of Elizabeth Town

* Fac-simile of the signature of (1) Dr. John Nicoll¹.

† Fac-simile of the signature of (2) John Nicoll.²

John Nicoll

in the Province of New Jersey." * * "the remaining one full and equal fourth part of these two tracts to Margaret Du Bois, of the City of New York, spinster."

This Margaret Du Bois was the daughter of (3) Margaret². After the death of (3) Margaret² her second husband, Rev. Alex. Cumming, married again and his widow sold the property he had received from (3) Margaret² to Elias Boudinot, which accounts for Boudinot's interest in this Patent. The Patents for lands in the Minisink Angle were granted to secure the Angle to the owners of the Patent itself.

The children of this (2) John Nicoll² were (4) John³, (5) Leonard Dowden,³ (6) Isaac³ and (7) William³.

They lived at the time of the Revolution, and, with the exception of William, who was abroad and took no part in the contest, were all more or less actively employed for the Colonies.

* (4) John³ was commissioned Second Lieutenant † of a Militia Company of Foot (Captain Wm. Ellison) in the Second Regiment (Colonel Thomas Ellison) for Ulster County, on the 15th December, 1763, by Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden,—and again, on the 9th December, 1772, by Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, Wm. Tryon, Esq.

The following extracts from the original papers at Washington's Head Quarters, Newburgh, N. Y., show that he was at work early in the Revolution.

* Fac-simile of the signature of
(4) John Nicoll³.



† Commissions owned by (67) W. L. Nicoll⁶.

At the Committee Chamber, New York, on the 28th April, 1775, Isaac Low, Chairman, by order of the Committee of 100 men, wrote to the several Counties that it was "tho't advisable by this Committee, that a provincial congress be Immediately summoned to Deliberate upon, and from time to time, to Direct such Measures as may be Expedient for our common safety." * * *

"We therefore entreat your county heartily to unite in the choice of proper persons to represent them at a provincial congress to be held in this city on the 22nd of May next."

"At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of New Windsor in the County of Ulster this eight Day of May 1775 for the purposes of choosing a Committee and signing an Association for the more firm union of the Inhabitants in pursuing measures for the common safety.

"Then proceeded to nominate and elect the following Persons to be a Standing Committee untill the next Precinct Meeting.

Coll. JAMES CLINTON

Capt. JAMES McCLAUGHRY

JOHN NICOLL

JOHN NICOLSON } Esquires

NATHAN SMITH }

ROBERT BOYD, JUNR

SAMUEL BREWSTER

SAMUEL SLY &

SAMUEL LOGAN.

"Of which number Coll. James Clinton, Capt. James McClaughry and John Nicolson Esqr. was chosen in behalf of

said Precinct to attend at the Town of the Paltz on the Eleventh Day of this Inst. May there to Join with Deputies from the several Towns and Precincts in said County For the purpose of Nominating and chusing a certain Number of Persons then to be agreed upon, in order to Join with other Deputies from the several Counties, in this Province in holding a Provincial Convention to be held at the City of New York on the 22nd of this Inst.,

“ The following was set on foot in the Precinct of New Windsor in the County of Ulster on Monday the Eight Day of May 1775, viz—

“ Persuaded that the Salvation of the Rights and Liberties of America depend Under God on the firm Union of its Inhabitants in a vigorous Prosecution of the Measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the Necessity of preventing the Anarchy and Confusion which attend a Disolution of the Powers of Government. We, the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Province of New Windsor, in the County of Ulster, being greatly alarmed at the avowed Design of the Ministry, to raise a Revenue in America and, shocked by the bloody scene, now acting in the Massachusetts Bay, Do, in the most solemn Manner resolve, never to become slaves ; and do associate under all the ties of *Religion, Honor*, and Love to our Country, to adopt and endeavour to carry into Execution, whatever Measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress ; or resolved upon by our Provincial Convention, for the Purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the Execution of the severall arbitrary, and

oppressive Acts of the British Parliament ; untill a Reconciliation between Great-Britain and America, on Continental Principles [which we most ardently Desire] can be obtained : And that we will, in all things follow the advice of our Committee respecting the purposes aforesaid, the Preservation of Peace and good order and the safety of Individuals, and Private Property.

JAMES CLINTON
 ROBERT BOYD Junr
 JOHN NICOLL
 JOHN NICOLSON
 NATHAN SMITH
 SAMUEL BREWSTER''

and many others.

* On the 20th September 1775 he was commissioned a Captain in the Second [reorganized] Regiment of Ulster Militia [Colonel James Clinton and subsequently Colonel James McClaughry]. In 1777 he was a member† of the Committee of Safety of the Precinct.

He was connected with Captain Thomas Machin in the construction of the Boom and Chain which were placed across Hudson's River at Fort Montgomery and also of those at West Point.

The following bills were for the Boom and Chain at Fort Montgomery :

* Commission owned by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll⁶.

† " Eager's Orange County," 1846-7, p. 623.

* Quarter Master General, by Messieurs Thomas Machin and John Nicoll.
To Noble & Townsend, Dr.

1777.	No. Clips.	No. Chains.	No. Swivels.	No. Clevises.	No. Bolts.	No. Bands.	By whom sent.
Aug. 6	24		6		24		Daniel McCoun.
" 21	24		6		24		Francis Welding.
" "	20		5		20		Amos Mills.
" 23	3		3	6	6	6	Francis Welding.
Sept. 2	16	8			16		David Sutherland.
" 6	12	6			12		D. McCoun, as far as Thorn's.
" 17	12	8			12		Patrick Sutherland.
" 25	12	9			12	2	David Sutherland.
Oct. 2		9					Daniel McCoun.
Nov. 13	22		1	1	22		Solomon Curtis.
Still at Works		18			36		And one Lod was sent by the Clove that I have not got the number Clips, &c.
	142	58	21	7	184	8	

					£	s.	d.
To making 29,249 lbs. clips, chains, &c., at 1s. 3d.					2,453	1	3
	Tons.	C.	Qrs.				
The Wgt. is....17	10	1		of Boome Iron, &c., at 140s.	2,453	1	3
June 19.	20	0	0	Bar Iron by my team, at 140s.	140	0	0
" 24.	30	0	14	do. at 140s.	210	17	6
" 26.	20	0	4	do. Col. Curlies, at 140s.	140	5	0
July 7.	20	0	0	do. our team, at 140s.	140	0	0
" "	8	0	14	do. Sam. Bruster, at 140s.	56	17	6
1778.							
Jan. 20.	10	0	14	do. by Mandeville, at 330s.	167	1	3
" 28.	10	1	14	do. do.	171	3	4
				Carting 78 of the Boome Bar Iron.....	12	16	0
					£5,945	3	1
Augt.	By Cash paid Mr. Hawxhurst.....	£	500	0	0		
Sept. 14	By Cash.....		1,000	0	0		
Nov. 14.	By Cash paid Nathaniel Satly.....		240	0	0		
Feb. 2.	By Cash received by Col. Hughes.....		4,027	0	0		
					5,747		
	Balance due.....		£	198	3	1	

* This bill with its error of £20 is taken from "History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy," by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 71.

The original of the bill on the next page is in Washington's Head Quarters, Newburgh, N. Y., having been deposited there by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll on 10th Nov, 1876,

Messrs. Thomas Machin & John Nicoll For the United States
of America——— To Robert Erskine Ringwood, Dr.

	No. of Clips.	No. of Links.	No. of Bolts.	By whom Carted.	Weight.
1777.	21	To... 27	.. 18	Henry Cole.....	1 " 1 "
Sept.	8	" " "	" 11	Ditto.....	" 4 " 21
	9	" " 19	" 18	Robert Devenport.....	" 16 1 21
Oct.	2	" " 18	" 27	Patrick McDonald's Negro..	" 19 2 "
	4	" " 14	" 21	William Clark.....	" 15 " 7
	6	" " 16	" 15	Richard Goldsmith, Jun'r...	" 15 2 14
	"	" " 18	" 30	Ditto. Ditto.	1 1 1 "
	"	" " "	" 42	Jonathan Whyte.....	" 15 " 21
	"	" " 24	" "	Ditto.....	" 15 " 7
	"	" " 16	" 24	Coleman Curtis.....	" 18 2 7
	"	" " 14	" 21	James Runels.....	" 15 3 14
	7	" " 28	" 12	David Sutherland.....	1 " 3 "
	"	" " 30	" "	John Mandevill.....	" 15 1 "
	"	" " 28	" "	Henry Vandouser.....	" 15 3 7
Nov.	1	" " 51	" 37	at Ringwood.....	2 1 1 "
				Waste.....	1 7 " "
		303	276	Tons.....	14 17 " 7
<div> <div>46 Setts of Clips, Bolts and Chains } Complet..... } 14.17. ".7 29½ Setts Clips and 3½ Setts Bolts. } 101 Bars 2 Inch Chain Iron..... } 3. 8. ".21 5.18.2. " 100 Do. 1½ Inch Do. for a Mooring } chain..... } 2.10.1.7 Tons..... 20.15.2.7@140/ £ 2908 18 9 T. C. Q. lbs. To Making 14.17. ".7 of Bar Iron in- to the above Clips, Bolts & Chains @140/ 2079 8 9 To Carting the two First Loads Wt. 1.4.1.21..... @ 10/ 12 4 4½ 5000 11 10½ By Cash Received in part of Capt. Machin's Order on Capt. Nicoll for..... £2000 1300 " " Balance..... £ 3700 11 10½ Balance..... £3700.11.10½ N. B. This Account shall be fur- ther Credited with the above 5.18.2. " of Iron made for the Boom and Mooring Chain if not wanted by the States Amounting to..... } 829.10. " which will Reduce the Balance to..... £2871.1.10½</div> </div>					

In an old account book* which belonged to (4) John Nicoll³ are the following entries, in his handwriting :

“Peakskill June y^e 18. 1777 Then Rec^d By order of Major General Putnam 10000 Dollars for to be Counted for in the Q Masters Department for The Obstruction of Hutsons River.”

“Peakskill July y^e 28, 1777 Then Rec^d by order of Major General Putnam 5000 Dollars to be counted for as above.”

“Peakskill August y^e 8, 1777 Then Rec^d by order of Major General Putnam 15000 Dollars to be counted as above.”

“NEW WINDSOR for June y^e 23rd 1780

A list of The Freeholders Names as Classed by the Assesors to provide Beef for The Army agreeable to An Act of this State.

First Class To Deliver 2 fat Cattle the 25th June :

Jacob Brown,	Widow Mills,
Robart Burnit,	John Galloway,
Nathaniel Boyde,	James Falknon.
John Davis,	

2^d Class to be Delv^d y^e 25th July :

Johnathan Parshall,	James Deniston,
David Parshall,	John Wellins,
Alexander Deniston,	Coll James McClaghry.
John McClaghry,	

* Owned by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll.⁶

3^d Class to be Deliv^d y^e 25th Augst :

Willm. Pattin,	Wm. Crawford,
Thomas McDual,	Thos. Belnap,
Wm. Deniston,	George Deniston.
John Davison,	

4th Class To be Deliv^d y^e 25th Sept. :

Willm. Ellison,	Samuel Bruster, senr.,
John Ellison,	Isaac Belnap,
John Nicoll,	Jedutham Belnap.
Leod. D. Nicoll,	

5th Class To be Deliv^d y^e 25th Octor. :

Samuel Boyde,	Henry McNeely,
John Burnit,	Calib Dill,
James Burnit,	Stephen King."
Samuel Sly,	

By (4) John's³ will made on 11th Sept., 1781, (10) John Dowdin⁴ inherited the farm at Murderer's Creek and (8) Abimael Youngs⁴, his "silver hilted sword."* The last "Item" of the will reads, "I nominate Constitute and appoint my said wife Hannah to be Executrix, and my friend, his Excellency George Clinton Esquire, and John McKesson Attorney-at-Law, to be Executors of this my will" * *

* This sword was brought from Scotland by (1) Dr. John Nicoll¹. It is now owned by (67) W. L. Nicoll⁶ to whom it was presented by (34) L. F. Nicoll⁵ in 1867. For many years prior to this date it had been in the Smithsonian Institution. *Mr. G. H. Whitehouse, of Messrs Tiffany & Co., N. Y., made a careful examination of this sword in 1886 and decided that it was made in London, Eng., in 1723, its silver hilt bearing four stamps, viz., a leopard's head, crowned, a lion passant, the date mark, [H], (the letter, H, being a roman capital), and the maker's mark, GW, (the initials of Geo. Weir), which are those given in "Hall Marks on Plate", by W. B. Chaffers, 1875, as used in that city at that time. In addition to these stamps the shape of the sword fixes its date as of the eighteenth century.*

By the will of Hannah Youngs, wife of (4) John³,^{made on 12th February, 1785,} (8) Abimael Youngs⁴ received a "silver bowl,"* having the family Arms† engraved on it, which (1) Dr. John Nicoll¹ brought from Scotland, and, "the family's coat of arms."

(5) Leonard Dowden³ was also a Captain of Militia in Colonel McClaughry's Regiment and was in service at Fort Montgomery at the time of its capture.

He was a member of the Committee of Safety‡ of the Precinct in 1777.

(6) Isaac³ was selected by the County§ Committee of Orange to be colonel of a regiment of minute men, and was commissioned as such on the 5th January, 1776, by the Com-

* Owned by (96) Brodie Herndon Nicoll⁷.



† Taken from an old painting, of unknown origin and age, owned by (67) Wm. L. Nicoll⁶.

‡ "Eagers' Orange County," 1846-7, p. 623.

§ Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. I., 1775-76-77, p. 238.

mittee of Safety for the Colony of New York, acting during the recess of the Provincial Congress.

On 16th January, 1776, the Committee * of Safety for the Colony “Ordered, * * * 4th That Col. Isaac Nicoll, of the minute men in Orange County, who is nominated to the command of the fortifications on Hudson’s river, be received and obeyed in that command until the arrival of a proper Continental officer, or till further ordered, pursuant to a commission given to him by this Committee for that purpose.”

† “FORT CONSTITUTION, April 19, 1776.

“SIR: The enclosed letter was intercepted about ten days ago, and as it contains something that may lead to a further discovery, have sent it down to you for your direction how to act in regard to the Major *Colden* mentioned in it. In the fourth and six line, the ciphered word is Governour, and in the seventeenth, *Boston*; the name of the signature, *Robert Hamilton*—a person known, but not now in this Province.

“The person it is directed to lives in *Newburgh* Precinct.

“Your returning the letter, with your orders, will be of service up here.

“Your Excellency’s humble servant,

“ISAAC NICOLL, *Com. Officer.*

“TO GENERAL WASHINGTON.”

* Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. I., 1775-76-77, p. 253.

† American Archives, by Peter Force, 6 vols., 1837-46, Vol. V., p. 991.

* "NEW YORK, April 28, 1776.

"SIR: I am commanded by his Excellency to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and to inform you that it is not in his power to furnish you with arms, many of the troops here being deficient in this instance. He has laid the intelligence had of you about those at *Kingston* before the Committee of Safety, but has not yet received their answer.

"His Excellency requests your most diligent attention to the works, and that they may be carried on with all possible expedition.

"The troops here, when on fatigue, and only then, are allowed a gill each of Continental rum per day. The rations in no other instance are increased.

"Enclosed you have a copy of the intercepted letter you sent to his Excellency, The original he will keep himself for some time, and wishes you to make such inquiries respecting it as you may think necessary and prudent and tend to the discovery of the design, and give him the earliest notice of the same.

"I am, sir, yours, &c.

"STEPHEN MOYLAN.

"To Colonel ISAAC NICOLL,

"Commanding at *Fort Constitution*."

* American Archives, by Peter Force, 6 vols., 1837-46, Vol. V., p. 1114.

On 8th May, 1776,* “This Congress (Provincial, of Colony of N. Y.) being informed that General Washington has ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Livingston to repair to the Highlands, are of opinion that they would not discharge their duty to the Continent, and might incur blame if Colo. Nicoll should be continued there in service.

“*Resolved*, therefore, That Colonel Nicoll be relieved from further service at present at the fortifications, as soon as Lieutenant-Colonel Livingston shall have arrived there, and be ready to receive the command.

“That the thanks of this Congress be and hereby are given to Colonel Nicoll for his faithful service, and his strict attention to the public interest since he has been in the command at the said fortifications.”

A copy† of the above was forwarded to Colonel Nicoll by John McKesson, Secretary of the Provincial Congress.

On‡ 19th May, 1776, Lieut.-Col. Henry B. Livingston writes from Fort Constitution to Mr. John McKesson (Secretary of the Convention), New York, that “Colonel Nicoll does not think my orders from General Washington nor your letter to him, a sufficient reason for leaving the command of these forts in my hands. I have made no dispute about the matter, but have issued all necessary orders in his name, having first (as I thought it most prudent) obtained his approbation of them.”

* Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. I., 1775-76-77, p. 435.

† Now at Washington's Head Quarters, Newburgh, N. Y.

‡ Journal N. Y. Provincial Congress, 1842, Vol. II., 1775-76-77, p. 145.

History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy, by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 28.

On 1st June, 1776,* Lord Sterling, in a report to General Washington on the "fortifications on the Hudson's River in the Highlands, says: "The field-officer of the regiment is Lieutenant Colonel Livingston; but the command of the whole of both garrisons is still in the hands of Colonel Nicoll, who, it seems, last fall raised a regiment of minute-men for the purpose of garrisoning Fort Constitution, which regiment is all dismissed except Captain Wisner's Company of about forty privates."

On the 5th June, 1776, the organization of minute-men was abolished.

On the 8th June, 1776,† Colonel Nicoll was discharged from the command in the Highlands by the Provincial Congress.

On the 14th June, 1776,‡ Robert Boyd, Junior, Chairman of County Committee, writes from New Paltz that Colonel Nicoll had refused to deliver a half ton of powder for which the committee had an order from the Honorable Provincial Congress on the commanding officer of Fort Constitution.

On 17th July, 1776,§ the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York (the title ordered on the 10th July, 1776, in place of Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York) "*Resolved*, that the following gentlemen be and are

* American Archives, by Peter Force, 6 vols., 1837-46, Vol. VI., p. 672.

History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy, by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 32.

† History of West Point and U. S. Military Academy, by E. C. Boynton, 1863, p. 28.

‡ Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. II., 1775-76-77, p. 200.

§ Journal N. Y. Pro. Cong., 1842, Vol. I., 1775-76-77, p. 528.

hereby appointed field officers of the regiments of Militia to go into immediate service, vizt.: * * * *

In Orange County.—Isaac Nicoll, Colonel; Gilbert Cooper, Lieutenant-Colonel; Hendrick Van de Linden Van Bruyck, Major.”

The following letters are taken from the Journal of the New York Provincial Congress, 1842, Vol. II., 1775-76 and '77, pages 295, 222 and 331.

“ HAVERSTRAW, August 7th, 1776.

“ SIR—I am appointed by General Clinton to take command at this place. We have now three companies, and expect daily a reinforcement of one or two more companies. We are without a commissary to provide for the troops, and have no store of provisions, powder and ball. I must therefore request that the Congress will give orders that we may be speedily supplied.

“ It will also be very agreeable to the regiment I have the honour to command if a surgeon was also appointed.

“ I am, sir,

“ With great respect,

“ Your most obt. humble servt

Isaac Nicoll *



“ FOR NATHANIEL WOODHULL, Esq^r *President*
of the Convention of the State of New York.”

* Fac-simile of the signature of (6) Isaac Nicoll³.

“ KING’S BRIDGE, September 29, 1776.

“ DEAR SIR—I returned last night from Moriscany, which place I have been at for three days on command. I had a good deal of conversation with some of the Highland regulars, one in particular, who told me it was disagreeable to him to take up arms against us, as he had a number of friends among us, and wished heartily for a reconciliation. I asked him how many of the Highlanders were killed in skirmish the other night; he told me there was four killed, and one missing, which he expected we had taken prisoner. His account of Major Hetfield, was, that he was wounded just above the eye, and he thought, was in danger of losing his eye. I don’t think that there is above fifty regulars kept on Montorzor’s island, they mount but twelve sentinels in the day, and double them at night. There is kept, I suppose, about five hundred on the island next to Montorzors, according to their tents and movements.

“ Capt. Lamb, and about 400 of our prisoners taken at Quebec, have got to Elizabeth Town; they were sent away upon their parole of honour, to return when demanded, and not to take up arms without a change of prisoners.

“ Mr. Taylor came from the line today, who acts as Brig. Major to Gen. McDougall, and says our people surprised a party of regulars in a house near their lines and got a chest of medicines.

“ I know of no movements in our army, or our enemy’s.

“ We have got our lines well fortified, our people chiefly under cover so as to be comfortable. Two large mortars from

Boston, of solid metal, was day before yesterday carried to Fort Washington.

“ I am, sir, your sincere friend and hum. servt.

“ ISAAC NICOLL.

“ To JOHN MCKESSON, Secy.”

“ PEEKSKILL, 12th, Decr. 1776.

“ Sir—I received two letters to-day from Convention; one for General Heath, and one for General McDougall, which I have sent forward to them, they having both passed to the west side of the river, together with the principal part of troops under their command, except three regiments of General George Clinton’s, so that we have but a very few men at this station. General Heath left the command with me until he returns, which expect will be in a few days. No news material. I am, in haste,

“ Your most obedient humble servant,

“ ISAAC NICOLL.

“ To JOHN MCKESSON, Esqr.”

He was a member* of the Committee of Safety of the Precinct.

On the 24th September, 1777,† he was appointed, by Governor George Clinton, Sheriff of Orange County, and served in that office until the 22d March, 1781.

* “Eager’s Orange County,” 1846–7, p. 616.

† N. Y. State Civil List, by S. C. Hutchins, 1869.

Jesse Woodhull was appointed Sheriff by the Convention on 8th May, 1777, and took the oath of office on 23d May, 1777, but was not commissioned.

“In Convention of the State of New York.

“POUKEEPSIE, January 10, 1778.

“Resolved* that Elihu Marvin and Isaac Nicoll Esquires be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Sequestration on the North Side of the Mountains in the County of Orange with the like Powers as are vested in the Commissioners of Sequestration in that and the other Counties of this State.

“Extracts of the Minutes

“ROBT. BENSON, Secy.”

In 1783 or 1784 he moved to Scrawlinburgh, New Jersey, and was a member † of the General Assembly of that State at the session of 25th Oct., 1785, again 24th Oct., 1786, again 16th May, 1787, again 28th Oct., 1788, again 27th Oct., 1789, again 26th Oct., 1790, and at the session beginning 22d Oct., 1793, thus serving seven terms. The Provincial Congress of New Jersey held its last meeting at Perth Amboy, 14th March, 1775, and on 15th May, 1775, they met at Burlington, and on the 23d of same month removed to Trenton.

* Original at Wash. Head Quarters at Newburgh, N. Y.

† Legislative Records State of New Jersey.

(7) William^{3*} owned and commanded different merchant vessels. He was married, and died, in England.

(8) Abimael Youngs⁴ was graduated at Princeton, and afterwards at the Medical College of the University of New York. He was commissioned† Lieutenant Artillery 4th March, 1791; Captain 1st Artillerists and Engineers, Nov., 1794; retained, Apr., 1802, in Artillery; Major, 1st Dec., 1804; Adjutant and Inspector of the Army, 2d Apr., 1807; Inspector Gen. [rk. Colonel] 18th Mar., 1813; resigned 1st June, 1814, because Colonel House was promoted above him.

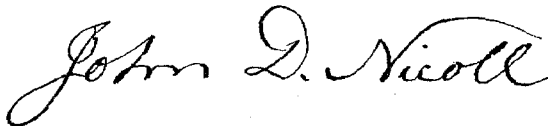
(10) John Dowdin^{4‡} on 1st April, 1834, sold to Philip Alexander Verplank, Esq., Plum Point and the whole river front of the Murderer's Creek property, amounting to 115 acres. By his will his son (45) Leonard D⁵ inherited the old homestead on Murderer's Creek, the new house built in 1842

* Fac-simile of the signature of (7) William Nicoll³.



† Dictionary of the Army, by C. K. Gardner.

‡ Fac-simile of the signature of (10) John Dowdin Nicoll⁴.



and 252 acres of land lying in the Magregory and Ingoldsby Patents.

(19) William⁴ owned and commanded various merchant ships and died while in Chinese waters.

(29) John Cochran⁵ was a lawyer, practiced in Savannah, Ga., of which city he was Mayor for several terms. He was *made judge of the City Superior Court* then appointed Judge of the United States District Court at Savannah, which office he held at the time of his death.

(30) William Henry^{6*} was appointed from New Jersey: Ensign 2 infy., 6 July, 1812; Sec. Lt. Arty., July, 1812; Adjutant, July, 1813; Aid-de-Camp to Brig.-Gen. Burbeck, 1st Sept., 1813; First Lt., Nov., 1814; retained, May, 1815, in Artillery; Aide-de-Camp to Maj.-Gen. Riply, May, 1818; resigned, 30th May, 1819.

(59) George Anderson⁶ was a Captain in the Confederate Army, was in command of the Emmett Rifles stationed at Fort McAllister, and was made prisoner when that place was captured. He was confined at Fort Delaware until the close of the war and, during this imprisonment, contracted consumption, which finally led to his death.

(64) Walter Augustus⁶ was a midshipman with Commodore Moore, in the Texas navy.

(67) Wm. Leonard^{6,†} appointed Third Assistant Engineer U. S. Navy on 21st Oct., 1861; ordered to the gunboat "Marblehead," and served in her on the York and Pamunkie Rivers, Va., and on coast of South Carolina and Georgia till ordered for examination for promotion on 11th June, 1863.

* Dictionary of the Army, by C. K. Gardner.

† Report of Bureau of Mil. Statistics, N. Y. State, 1867, p. 627.

Ordered to the iron-clad "Onandaga" on 27th July, 1863; promoted to Second Assistant Engineer on 3d August, 1863; served in the iron-clad and on torpedo duty on James River, Va., and on a Board to inspect and appraise machinery, &c., captured in Richmond at the end of the rebellion. Commissioned First (now Passed) Assistant Engineer, relative rank of Lieutenant, 11th Oct., 1866, and Chief Engineer, relative rank of Lieutenant Commander, 17th Oct., 1885.

(88) Isaac^{6*} began recruiting a company in July, 1862; men principally from Blooming Grove, Orange County, N. Y.; mustered in as Captain on completion of his company on 20th Aug., 1862; mustered in U. S. service 5th Sept., 1862, and left with his company (G, 124th Regiment of N. Y. S. V.) for seat of war on 6th Sept., 1862. Participated first in skirmish at Manassas Gap, on 5th Nov., 1862; next partially engaged at battle of Fredericksburg; was on ten-days' leave at time of battle of Chancellorsville; next engaged in skirmish at Beverley's Ford and then at Gettysburg, where he was killed, in the afternoon of 2d July, 1863, his body being found at the "farthest point of the advance" made by the regiment in a charge in which the Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel and Major fell. At this time the regiment was part of Brig.-Gen. J. H. Hobart Ward's Brigade, Maj.-Gen. D. B. Birney's Division and Maj.-Gen. Daniel E. Sickles' Corps.

* History 124 Regt. N. Y. S. V., by C. H. Weygant.

REGISTER.

(1)

Dr. John Nicoll¹ (see pages 3-19), born 1680 ; died Oct. 2d, 1743 ; married Mrs. Rebekah Ransford (née Dowding, Dowdin, or Dowden), of Boston, Mass.

They lived in New York City.

CHILDREN.

(2) John².

(3) Margaret².

(2)

John Nicoll² (see pages 19-20) married [marriage license dated 7th Sept., 1736] Frances* Little, "born 14th July one tuesday in y^e afternoon 1709."

They lived at the old homestead on Murderer's Creek.

CHILDREN.

(4) John ³ ,	born 18th Aug, 1737;	died 27th Sept., 1783.
(5) Leonard Dowden ³ ,	" 27th May, 1739;	" 12th June, 1815.
(6) Isaac ³ ,	" 19th July, 1741;	" 9th Oct., 1804.
(7) William ³ ,	" ;	" 1st Sept., 1808.

(3)

Margaret Nicoll² married, first, Isaac Du Bois, M.D. (brother of Gualtherus Du Bois), of New York City ; married, second

* Daughter of Rev. John Little and his wife, Frances Fitzgerald. Tradition says they came from Ireland and settled in Little Britain, Orange Co., N. Y., about the year 1714. Their children were:

Frances,	born 14th July, 1709.	Ellinor,	born 22d Jan., 1718.
Elizabeth,	" 8th April, 1711.	Ann,	" 8th Oct., 1721.
Harriet,	" 19th May, 1713.	Maria,	" 30th May, 1724.
		Simon,	born 7th Sept., 1726.

[prior to May, 1751], Rev. Alex. Cumming. [Note 1, page 5.]
Child by first marriage.

Margaret. (Married her own cousin, Isaac Du Bois.)

No children by second marriage.

(4)

John Nicoll³ (see pages 20-28) married, 26th January, 1766, Hannah Youngs,* born 1st Sept., 1745; died 22d Feb., 1785.

They lived at the old homestead.

* Daughter of Abimael Youngs, who came from Southold, L. I., and settled in Wallkill Precinct, near Goshen, Ulster County, N. Y., in 1731, and married Phebe Birdsey (or Birdseye); gd. dau. of Gideon Youngs (born 1673, died 1749) of Southold, L. I., who married Hannah ——— (born 1679, died 6th June, 1738); gt. gd. dau. of Gideon Youngs, (born 1638, died 1st Dec., 1699) of Southold, L. I.; gt. gt. gd. dau. of Rev. John Youngs (born 1598, died 24th Feb., 1671 or 1672—Thom. Hist. L. I.), "a minister of St. Margarets, Co. Suffolk, Eng., aged 35, with Joan his wife 34, and six children, John, Thomas, Ann, Rachel, Mary and Joseph would have come to Salem, N. E., in the 'Mary Ann,' from Great Yarmouth, May, 1637, but was not permitted, as is seen in record at Westminster, where the margin of this part is inserted: 'This man was forbyden passage by the Commissioners and went not from Yarmouth. As the whole *complication* ~~policy~~ of ~~the~~ ecclesiastical impolicy was withdrawn three years after, the puritan's desire was then, if not earlier, gratified. One report places him at New Haven, 1638-40." (Sav. Gen. Dict., IV., 672.) He removed to Southold, L. I., in Oct., 1640 (Thom. Hist. L. I.) ("Griffin's Journal. First settlers of Southold," Orient, L. I., 1857.)

Abimael Youngs had but one other child, a daughter, who married Anthony (or Abijah) Yelverton and had children—Mary, who married J. L. Moffat, 1779; Phebe, who married General Geo. Fleming, and Hannah, who married Joseph Denton, 1782-3. Mrs. Yelverton and Mrs. Nicoll both dying, their children were taken to their grandfather, Abimael Youngs, who left all his property to these seven grandchildren.

Joseph Denton, who married Hannah Yelverton, was the grandfather of Arrietta Denton who married (41) L. D. Nicoll⁵. "Abimael Youngs was considered wealthy and miserly." ("Eager's Orange County," 1846-7, p. 553.)

CHILDREN.

- (8) Abimael Youngs⁴, born 31st Dec., 1766, in Walkill; died 26th June, 1835.
 (9) Frances⁴, " 23d July, 1769; " 20th Oct., 1847.
 (10) John Dowdin⁴, " 3d July, 1773; " 2d Feb., 1845.
 (11) ^aLeonard William⁴, " 20th Nov., 1778; " 27th Nov., 1795.

^a Never married.

(5)

Leonard Dowden Nicoll³ (see page 28) married, 18th December, 1768, Ruth Birdsey (or Birdseye), of Ulster County, N. Y., born 26th February, 1747; died 7th April, 1818.

They lived a little to the west of the old homestead, on the Goshen road, in a house built for them by (2) John Nicoll². This house was burned in 1780, and another one erected on the same spot.

CHILDREN.

- (12) Elizabeth⁴, born 7th March, 1770; died 30th July, 1831.
 (13) John⁴, " 25th Dec., 1772; " 3d Mar., 1842.

(6)

Isaac Nicoll³ (see pages 28-36) married, 20th May, 1763, Deborah Woodhull,* born 3d March, 1739; died 27th April, 1807. They lived at New Windsor, then at Goshen, and last at Scrawlingburgh, near Hackensack, N. J.

* Daughter of Nathaniel Woodhull, of Mastic, L. I., who married Sarah Smith; gd. dau. of Richard Woodhull, of Setauket, L. I., who m. Temperance Fordham; gt. gd. dau. of Richard Woodhull, who came to this country and settled at Jamaica, L. I., about the year 1648, and moved to Setauket in 1656.

CHILDREN.

(14) Frances ⁴ ,	born 31st May, 1764;	died 30th April, 1832.
(15) <i>a</i> John ⁴ ,	" 6th March, 1767;	" 25th Sept., 1795.
(16) <i>a</i> Sarah ⁴ ,	" 25th Sept., 1768;	" 26th Jan., 1770.
(17) Nathaniel Woodhull ⁴ ,	" 16th July, 1770;	" previous to May, 1801.
(18) <i>a</i> Walter D. ⁴ ,	" 15th March, 1772;	" 1st May, 1807.
(19) William ⁴ ,	" 29th April, 1774;	" 2d Aug., 1807.
(20) <i>a</i> Sarah ⁴ ,	" 23d Dec., 1776;	" 24th April, 1860.
(21) <i>a</i> Elizabeth ⁴ ,	" 2d Jan., 1779;	" died 30th May, 1836.
(22) Margaret ⁴ ,	" 13th Aug., 1781;	" 30th Aug., 1846.
(23) <i>a</i> Julia ⁴ ,	" 18th April, 1783;	" 16th June, 1868.

a Never married.

(7)

William Nicoll³ (see page 37) married Ann Bicknall, daughter of Richard Bicknall, of Plymouth, England.

CHILDREN.

(24) [A son],	born Aug. 1777;	died before 1801.
(25) [A daughter],	" about Feb., 1781;	" 25th Dec., 1785.
(26) Richard ⁴ ,	" about June, 1782;	" about June, 1789.
(27) *Elizabeth ⁴ ,	" about Nov., 1788;	"
(28) *William ⁴ ,	" about Sept., 1791;	"

(8)

Abimael Youngs Nicoll⁴ (see page 37) married at Greensborough, Green County, Ga., 4th October, 1792, Caroline Agnes Ledbetter, daughter of Colonel Drury Ledbetter (who married Winifred Lanier[†]) of Virginia, and afterwards of Washington County, Ga., born on Yadkin River, N. C., 15th September, 1775; died 13th December, 1862.

They lived in Savannah, Ga.

* There is no record of these two since 1815, when they were living in England, probably at Plymouth.

† Daughter of Sampson Lanier who m. Elizabeth Chamberlin; gr. dau. of Thomas Lanier who m. Elizabeth Washington, the dau. of John Washington (grandfather of General George Washington) who came to Virginia about the year 1657.

CHILDREN.

(29) John Cochran ⁵ ,	born 7th Oct., 1793;	died 16th November, 1863.
(30) William Henry ⁵ ,	" 1795;	" 29th July, 1820.
(31) James Seagrove ⁵ ,	" 1796;	" 1804.
(32) Charles Howard ⁵ ,	" 1803;	" 1815.
(33) ^a Alexander Youngs ⁵ ,	" 1807;	" 1838.
(34) Lewis Ferdinand ⁵ ,	" ;	"
(35) Caroline Mary Stites ⁵ ,	" ;	"
(36) ^a George Augustus ⁵ ,	" 1816;	" 1836.
(37) ^a Francis Edward ⁵ ,	" 1818;	" 1849.
(38) Frederick ⁵ ,	" ;	" young.

^a Never married.

(9)

Frances Nicoll⁴ married, 20th June, 1792, William Bernard Gifford, son of Arthur Gifford (who married Mary) of Flatbush, L. I., and Horseheads, County of Richmond, Staten Island, born 27th December, 1750 ; died 7th February, 1814.

They lived at Horseheads, Staten Island.

CHILDREN.

Arthur Nicoll,	born 11th May, 1793 ;	died 5th Feb., 1873.
Leonard,	" 23d Aug., 1794 ;	" 20th Feb., 1796.
Frances Hannah,	" 10th May, 1797 ;	" 2 July, 1819.

(10)

John Dowdin Nicoll⁴ (see page 37) married, 28th Jan., 1802, (12) Mrs. Elizabeth Woodhull⁴. They lived at the old home-
stead.

CHILDREN.

(39) Eliza Ann ⁵ ,	born 16th Nov., 1802 ;	died 10th Jan., 1868.
(40) ^a William ⁵ ,	" 29th July, 1805 ;	" 2d April, 1826.
(41) [*] Leonard Dowdin ⁵ ,	" 12th Feb., 1808 ;	" 7th April, 1856.

^a Never married.

^{*} (41) L. D. Nicoll⁵, dropped the Dowdin from his name since (45) L. D. Nicoll⁵ was given the same name.

(12)

Elizabeth Nicoll^{4*} married, 13th Sept., 1787, Nathaniel Woodhull,† born 1st Oct., 1758; died 12th April, 1799.

They lived at Blooming Grove, Orange County, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

John Nicoll, born June, 1798;

died 1st Feb., 1799.

(13)

John Nicoll⁴ married, 29th Oct., 1802, Anne Williams,‡ born 22d Dec., 1785; died 29th August, 1861.

They lived on the place left by his father, (5) Leonard Dowden Nicoll³. The house built in 1780 they tore down and erected the present one on the same site.

CHILDREN.

(42) <i>a</i> Helen Maria ⁵ ,	born 20th Nov., 1803;	died 29th Sept., 1880.
(43) Frances Elizabeth ⁵ ,	" 13th June, 1806;	" 24th July, 1870.
(44) Ruth ⁵ ,	" ;	"
(45) Leonard Dowden ⁵ ,	" 5th October, 1811;	" 17th July, 1812.
(46) Leonard Dowden ⁵ ,	" 8th August, 1813;	" 2d Sept., 1850.
(47) Mary Anna ⁵ ,	" 25th Aug., 1815;	" 5th Sept., 1875.
(48) John William ⁵ ,	" 24th June, 1818;	" 14 Oct., 1850.
(49) Ethelbert Belknap ⁵ ,	" 22d, July, 1821; {	" 12th Nov., 1876.
(50) <i>a</i> Jonas Williams ⁵ ,		" 18th Aug., 1846

a Never married.

* Married, second (10) John Dowdin Nicoll⁴.

† Son of Col. Jesse Woodhull of Blagg's Clove, Orange County, N. Y., who married Hester Du Bois; gd. son of Nathaniel Woodhull of Mastic, L. I., who married Sarah Smith. (See (6) Mrs. Isaac Nicoll³.)

‡ Daughter of Jonas Williams (who married, 24th Feb., 1799, Abigail Brewster) of Pine Grove, near Forge Hill, on Murderer's Creek.

Elder Brewster, who came over in the "Mayflower," was an ancestor of Abigail Brewster.

(14)

Frances Nicoll⁴ married, 30th April, 1789, Albert Zabriskie,* born about 1766; died 7 Feb., 1792.

They lived at Hackensack, N. J.

CHILDREN.

George, born 7th Feb., 1790;

died 9th Aug. or Sept., 1849.

(17)

Nathaniel Woodhull Nicoll⁴ married Ann Freleigh, daughter of Rev. Solomon Freleigh (who married Rachel Vanderbeek).

CHILDREN.†

(51) Rachel⁵, born 14th Aug., 1793;

died

(52) Isaac⁵, “

;

“

(19)

William Nicoll⁴ married, 16th June, 1796, Euphemia Fine, daughter of Frederick Fine (who married Mary Ten Eyck) of New York City, born 1st June, 1776; died 4th Nov., 1821.

They lived at Newbridge, N. J.

CHILDREN.

(53) William⁵, born 2d May, 1797;

died 23d May, 1870.

(54) John⁵, “ 25th June, 1799;

“ 24th Feb., 1874.

(55) Mary Fine⁵, “ 3d June, 1804;

“ 4th Nov., 1868.

* Son of Yost (George) Zabriskie, who married, 19th Oct., 1749, Annetje Anna Terheun; gd. son of Jan Zabriskie (or Zaboroski), of Old Hackensack, who married, 20th Sept., 1706, Elizabeth Romeyn, gt. gd. son of Albridt Zaborowskij, born in Poland, about 1640, landed in New York, from ship “Fox,” in August, 1662, and married Machteld Vandelinda.

† All traces of this family appear to be lost. The father, (17) N. W. Nicoll⁴, it is said, was lost at sea, but the report tells nothing of the son.

(22)

Margaret Nicoll⁴ married, 23d March, 1812, George Monell, son of George Monell (who married Isabella Graham) of Little Britain, Orange Co., N. Y., born 14th Dec., 1768; died 10th Sept., 1847.

They lived in Newburgh, N. Y., and in New York City.

CHILDREN.

Mary Isabella,	born 16th ^{14th} March, 1813;	died 27th Nov., 1813.
George William,	" 7th Aug., 1814;	" 21st Sept., 1815.
George Isaac,	} " 1st June, 1818;	"
Elizabeth Deborah Woodhull,		" 28th Aug., 1819.
Elizabeth Frances Nicoll,		" ; "

(29)

John Cochran Nicoll⁵ (see page 38) married, 9th Jan., 1823, in Savannah, Ga., Eliza Mary Anderson, daughter of George Anderson (who married Eliza Clifford Wayne) of Savannah, Ga., born 6th July, 1802; died 21st March, 1865.

They lived in Savannah, Ga.

CHILDREN.

(56) Eliza Anderson ⁶ ,	born 14th Oct., 1823;	died in infancy.
(57) Caroline Agnes ⁶ ,	" ;	"
(58) Georgia Clifford ⁶ ,	" 29th June, 1828;	" 2d Aug., 1863.
(59) ^a George Anderson ⁶ ,	" 26th Oct., 1830;	" 26th May, 1879.
(60) Mary Anderson ⁶ ,	" 13th April, 1833;	" in infancy.
(61) Susan Cumming ⁶ ,	" 28th Dec., 1835;	" in infancy.
(62) Ada Clifford ⁶ ,	" 28th Aug., 1837;	" Oct., 1846.

^a See page 38.

(30)

William Henry Nicoll⁵, U. S. A., (see page 38) married, 7th May, 1818, in Washington, D. C., Harriet Vaulx Conway,*

* Mrs. Harriet Vaulx^{Conway} Nicoll married, 2d Nov. 1824, Joseph Brown Ladde, son of John Gardner Ladde and Sarah Easton, of Alexandria, Va.

daughter of Joseph Conway (who married Fanny Ball) of "Cupits," Northumberland County, Va., born 23d Sept., 1799; died 18th Dec., 1875.

They lived at "Cupits," Va.

CHILDREN.

- (63) Georgia Virginia⁶, born , 1819; died young.
 (64) ~~Walter~~ Augustus⁶, " 22d Feb., 1820; " 10th July, 1843.
^a Never married. See page 38.

(35)

Caroline Mary Stites Nicoll⁵ married, 26th Feb., 1834, Colonel Miller Hallows,* born 19th Feb., 1799; died 21st Sept., 1877. They lived at Claremont, St. John's River, Fla.

CHILDREN.

Miller,	born	;	died
Augusta,	"	;	"
John Nicoll,	" 6th Sept., 1837;	"	1862.
Bolivar,	"	;	"
Lewis Edward,	"	;	"
Louisa Agnes,	"	;	"
Catherine,	" 1st May, 1845;	"	1861.
Ada Nicoll,	"	;	"
Caroline Mary,	"	;	"
Juliana Blackwood,	"	;	"
Eliza,	"	;	"
William Alexander,	"	;	"
James Mongin-Smith,	"	;	"

* Fourth son of John Hallows (Colonel H. B. M. 56th Regiment), who married Louisa Martha Fatio, of St. Johns River, Fla., and gd. son of Thomas Hallows, Esq., of Glapwell Hall, Derbyshire, England, who married Lady Catherine Brabazon, dau. of Chamber, Earl of Meath. He was associated with General Simon Bolivar during the war for independence in Venezuela, and afterwards in a similar war in Peru.

(39)

Eliza Ann Nicoll⁵ married, 6th Sept., 1820, Henry Wyckoff,^{*} born 17th May, 1793; died 22d Jan., 1866.

They lived in New York City and afterwards in Newburgh, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

Elizabeth Nicoll,†	born 29th Nov., 1821 :	died 27th Feb., 1851.
Mary Lott,	“ 23d Sept., 1823 ;	“ 31st March, 1829.

(41)

Leonard Dowdin Nicoll⁵ married, 26th June, 1838, Arrietta Denton,‡ born ; died They lived at the

* Son of John Wyckoff, who married, 3d Dec., 1790, Mrs. Maria Drew, née Lott (1st wife); gd. son of Nicholas Wyckoff, of New Lotts, L. I., who married Altia Lefferts (2d wife); gt. gd. son of Nicholas Wyckoff, of New Lotts, L. I.; gt. gt. gd. son of Cornelis Pieterse Wyckoff, of New Lotts, L. I., who married, 13th Oct., 1678, Gertrude Simons Van Aersdalen; gt. gt. gd. son of Peter Claessen Wyckoff, who came from the Netherlands in 1636 and settled in Flatlands, L. I., and married, in 1645, Gretie, daughter of Hendrick Van Ness.

† Elizabeth Nicoll Wyckoff married, 6th Nov., 1844, Lieutenant Wm. Edgar LeRoy, U. S. Navy, (afterwards Rear Admiral) of New York; son of Herman LeRoy, who married, 15th Feb., 1813, Juliet Edgar; gd. son of Herman LeRoy, who married 19th Oct., 1786, Hannah Cornell; gt. gd. son of Jacob LeRoy who came from Holland to New York City, where he married, 13th Dec., 1753, Cornelia Rutgers (1st wife); gt. gt. gd. son of Daniel LeRoy of Holland, who married Ingenatia Vandenburg.

The children by this marriage to Wm. E. LeRoy are Julia Edgar, born married, 25th Nov., 1884, Geo. Winslow Thacher, of Yarmouth Port, Cape Cod, Mass., and Henry Wyckoff, born , married, 30th Oct., 1879, Frances Scranton, sister of Alice Scranton (see p. 57).

‡ Dau. of Henry Denton (born 6th Feb., 1789, died 5th April, 1863) of Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y., who married, 18th Jan., 1812, Sarah Bedford; gd. dau. of Joseph Denton (died 8th Aug., 1832, age 73 yr's) who married in 1782, or 1783, Hannah Yelverton (died 2d Jan., 1837, age 74 yr's, see note page 41) dau. of

old homestead on Murderer's Creek until 1843, when they moved into a new house built for them by (10) John Dowdin Nicoll⁴, at the top of the hill on the New Windsor road, the site being on the Murderer's Creek tract, purchased on 7th Oct., 1734. This new home was named "Linden" by Arrietta Nicoll, there being at that time many linden trees on the place.

CHILDREN.

(65) John Dowdin ⁶ ,	born 17th April 1839;	died 24th Oct. 1863.
(66) Sarah ⁶ ,	" 25th June, 1840;	" 7th April, 1852.
(67) William Leonard ⁶ ,	" 20 th Oct. 184;	" 2 ^d July, 1887.
(68) Henry Denton ⁶ ,	" ;	"
(69) Elizabeth ⁶ ,	" 27th June, 1846;	" 4th April, 1854.
(70) Francis Gifford ⁶ ,	" 8th June, 1849;	" 17th Sept., 1880.

^a See page 38.

(43)

Frances Elizabeth Nicoll⁵ married, 5th June, 1827, George Washington Johnes,* born ; died

Abijah Yelverton and Phebe ; gt. gd. dau. of John Denton; gt. gt. gd. dau. of James Denton; gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of John Denton, who came to Orange County from Hempstead, Long Island, about 1721; gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of Rev. Richard Denton, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1586, graduated from Cambridge in 1623, and settled as minister of Coley Chapel, in Halifax, England, but, in consequence of the restrictions placed upon the independents and non-conformists, emigrated to Boston, with Gov. Winthrop, in 1630. He preached in Watertown, Mass., and subsequently at Weathersfield and Stamford, Conn. In 1644 he emigrated with a part of his congregation and commenced the settlement of Hempstead, L. I. He returned to England and died there in 1662. "He left behind him a manuscript *system of divinity*, entitled '*Soliloquia Sacra*.'" One of his sons, Daniel, published in London in the year 1670, the first history of New York. ("Eager's Orange County," 1846-7, p. 411.) ^{of the colony} *The title of this history is 'A Brief Description of New York: formerly called New Netherlands.'*

* Son of Timothy Johnes, M.D., of Morristown, N. J., who married, 13th Jan., 1785, Abigail Juliene; gd. son of Rev. Timothy Johnes, of Morristown, who married in 1739 Elizabeth Sayre, and who administered the communion to

CHILDREN.

John Nicoll,	born 22d Feb., 1828;	died 14th Feb., 1844.
Anna Williams,	"	"

(44)

Ruth Nicoll⁵ married, 13th Sept., 1831, John Richard Caldwell,* born 12th July, 1810; died 9th July, 1885.

CHILDREN.

William,	born	;	died 3 ^d March, 1888.
John Nicoll,	"	;	"
Richard,	" 5th May, 1835;	"	" 5th February, 1836
Charles,	"	;	"
Mary,	"	;	"
James Parks,	"	;	"

General Washington and to many of his officers just prior to the battle of the Brandywine; gt. gd. son of Deacon Samuel Johnes, of Southampton, L. I., who married Esther Stephens; gt. gt. gd. son of Edward Johnes, who came over with Winthrop in 1630, and who was constable and called gentleman in Charleston in 1643; gt. gt. gt. gd. son of Richard Johnes, who lived on the borders of Wales and was a branch of the Johnes of Dolancothi. [“Burke’s Landed Gentry;” “Life of Brainerd, the Missionary;” “Sparks’ Life of Washington;” Records of New Windsor Church; Harper’s, Oct., 1878.]

* Son of Richard Caldwell who married Maria Chandler; gd. son of John Caldwell, who was a resident of Ballymoney, County of Antrim, Ireland, at the time of the second rebellion in that county in the year 1803. His son Richard, 18 years old, was made a Colonel of a rebel regiment, was arrested, tried for treason, condemned and sentenced to be executed. He was imprisoned in the same cell with the celebrated Robert Emmet, one of the leaders in this rebellion. When Emmet was taken from the cell to be executed a commutation of sentence was borne to young Richard Caldwell. Lord Cornwallis was then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and by his intervention Richard Caldwell was rescued from a tragic death on condition that he and all his family should emigrate to America, or Australia. Richard, accordingly, came to America and soon after settled at Salisbury Mills, Orange County, N. Y. [The Life and Character of the late John R. Caldwell, by Hon. E. L. Fancher.]

(46)

Leonard Dowden Nicoll⁵ married, 23d Oct., 1839, Anne Fowler, daughter of General Gilbert Ogden Fowler (who married Ann Walker) of Newburgh, N. Y., born ; died

They lived at "Woodlawn," the place adjoining that of his father (13) John Nicoll⁴.

CHILDREN.

(71) Gilbert Ogden Fowler⁶, born ; died
 (72) Edward Leonard⁶, " ; "

(47)

Mary Anna Nicoll⁵ married, 11th June, 1840, Enoch Lewis Fancher,* born ; died

NO CHILDREN.

(48)

John William Nicoll⁵ married, 28th Sept., 1843, Elizabeth Phillips Craig, daughter of James Jefferson Craig (who married Harriet Phillips) of Craig Ville, Orange Co., N. Y., born ; died They lived in New York City.

* Son of Samuel Newman Fancher of Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N. Y., who married Matilda Lewis; gd. son of Abraham Fancher of Connecticut; gt. gd. son of John Fancher, who came from France to Long Island after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The degree of LL.D. was conferred on E. L. Fancher by the Wesleyan University. Thereafter, in 1872, he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, to fill the unexpired term of Geo. G. Barnard, removed from office.

In 1874 he was nominated by Governor Dix, and the Senate confirmed his appointment, as Judge of the Court of Arbitration of the Chamber of Commerce

CHILDREN.

(73) James Craig⁶, born ; died

(49)

Ethelbert Belknap Nicoll⁵ married, 19th Oct., 1853, Frances Fitz Randolph, daughter of Hugh Fitz Randolph (who married Sarah Nuttman Armstrong) of Bloomfield, New Jersey, born ; died . They lived on the place left by his father (14) John Nicoll⁴.

CHILDREN.

(74) ^a Helen Maria ⁶ ,	born	;	died
(75) ^a Anna Randolph ⁶ ,	"	;	" 20th Sept., 1882.
(76) Frances Louisa ⁶ ,	"	;	"
(77) Mary Grace Fancher ⁶ ,	"	;	"
(78) John William ⁶ ,	"	;	"

^a Never married.

(53)

William Nicoll⁵ married, 28th Sept., 1823, Mary Mont Fort Brinkerhoff, daughter of John Van De Linder Brinkerhoff* (who married, 3d April, 1799, Sarah Mont Fort) of Fishkill, Dutchess Co., N. Y., born 7th Aug., 1802 ; died 30th Jan., 1879. They lived first at Sing Sing, then on the old Tom Smith place at Haverstraw, where General Arnold and Major Andre had their meetings, then at Munroe, and then moved to Middlehope, Orange Co., N. Y.

of the State of New York. On 3d December, 1885, he was made President of the American Bible Society. He is also a Vice-President of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

* Grandson of Colonel John Brinkerhoff, of the Continental Army.

CHILDREN.

(79) William ^a ,	born 21st Jan., 1825 ;	died 5th Feb., 1825.
(80) Mary Mont Fort ^a ,	" 25 Feb., 1826 ;	" 5 March, 1826 .
(81) Euphemia Fine ^a ,	" ;	"
(82) ^a William ^a ,	" 13th Oct., 1830 ;	" 29th July, 1847.
(83) John ^a ,	" ;	"
(84) ^a George Zabriskie ^a ,	" 30th Jan., 1836 ;	" 31st Oct., 1856.

^a Never married.

(54)

John Nicoll^s married, first, 28th June, 1831, Juliana Howell Thompson, daughter of Rev. Andrew Thompson (who married Elizabeth Howell) of Blauveltville, Rockland Co., New York, born 9th Oct., 1811; died 16th Sept., 1832. They lived in New York City. Married second, 23d April, 1835, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell Deniston, daughter of Judge Nathen Herrick White (who married Fanny Howell) of Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., born 8th Jan., 1808; died 21st Dec., 1855.

They lived first in New York City and then at Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

(85) ^a William ^a ,	born 24th April, 1832 ;	died 2d Aug., 1859.
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CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

(86) ^a John Morgan ^a ,	born 10th Feb., 1836 ;	died 22d July, 1862.
(87) Augustus White ^a ,	" ;	"
(88) ^a Isaac ^a ,*	" 14th Feb., 1840 ;	" 2d July, 1863.
(89) Juliana Thompson ^a ,	" ;	"
(90) Charles ^a ,	" 4th Aug., 1844 ;	" 10th May, 1848.
(91) ^a Edward ^a ,	" 24th Feb., 1847 ;	" 13th Mar., 1867.
(92) Charles ^a ,	" ;	"
(93) Elizabeth White ^a ,	" ;	"

^a Never married. * See page 39.

(55)

Mary Fine Nicoll⁵ married, 27th Nov., 1826, Lewis Moore, son of Judge Lewis Moore (who married Eliza Price) of Hackensack, N. J., born 18th June, 1800; died 18th Sept., 1840.

CHILDREN.

Lewis,	born 6th Oct. 1829 ;	died 11th Aug., 1855.
William Nicoll,	" 6th Nov., 1832 ;	" 5th Jan., 1875.
Alexander Kinnan,	" 31st May, 1835 ;	" 24th Jan., 1873.

(57)

Caroline Agnes Nicoll⁶ married, 12th February, 1846, Charles Augustus Lafayette Lamar,* born 1st April, 1824 ; died 16th April, 1865.

CHILDREN.

Eliza Anderson, born	;	died
Jane Creswell, "	;	"
Caro Nicoll, "	;	"
Georgia Gilliam, "	;	"
Mary Stites, "	;	"

There were five other children, three sons and two daughters, who died in infancy.

(58)

Georgia Clifford Nicoll⁶ married, 25th November, 1856, Passed Assistant Surgeon, James Skelton Gilliam, U. S. Navy, son of John Gilliam (who married Elizabeth Smith Shore) of Violet Bank, near Petersburg, Va., born 12th No-

* He was baptised during General Lafayette's visit to this country in 1824-25, and the General was his god-father, whence the Lafayette in his name. He was the son of Gasaway B. Lamar, who married 18th Oct. 1821, Jane Meek Creswell; gd. son of Basil Lamar, who married Rebecca Kelly; gt. gd. son of John Lamar, who married a Miss Bugg.

vember, 1826 ; died—Lost in the U. S. Sloop “Levant,” in the Pacific, in September, 1860.

CHILDREN.

Eliza Ada, born

died

(59)

George Anderson Nicoll⁶ married, 19th January, 1858, Sarah Parker Herndon, daughter of Dr. Brodie Strachan Herndon (who married Lucy Ellen Hansborough) of Fredericksburg, Va., born ; died

They lived in Savannah, Ga.

CHILDREN.

(94) John Anderson ⁷ ,	born	;	died in infancy.
(95) Charles Herndon ⁷ ,	“ 3d Sept., 1861 ;	;	“ 3d Oct., 1868.
(96) Brodie Herndon ⁷ ,	“	;	“
(97) George Anderson ⁷ ,	“	;	“

(65)

John Dowdin Nicoll⁶, M. D., married, 15th May, 1861, Helen Irene Lee, daughter of Leonard Lee (who married Anne Maria Graham) of New Windsor, Orange Co., N. Y., born 14th August, 1839 ; died 14th January, 1872.

NO CHILDREN.

(68)

Henry Denton Nicoll⁶, M. D., married, 16th October, 1877, at “Woodvale,” Wissahickon, Philadelphia, Pa., Anne Bancker Camac,* born ; died

* Daughter of Wm. Camac, M. D. (born , died) of Philadelphia, Pa., who married, 25th November, 1851, Ellen Maria McIlvaine; gd. dau. of Wm. Masters Camac, of Dublin, Ireland, who married Elizabeth

CHILDREN.

Margaret,	born,	;	died
Henry,	"	;	"
Anne Camac.	"	;	"

(70)

Francis Gifford Nicoll⁶ married, 13 October, 1875, Alice
Scranton,* of Scranton, Pa., born ; died

Baynton Markoe, of the United States; gt. gd. dau. of Turner Camac, who came to America in May, 1804, and married Sarah Masters of Penn.; gt. gt. gd. dau. of John Camac of Ireland, who married Elizabeth Turner; gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of John Camac of Killfallert, County Down, Ireland, who married Margaret Burgess.

* Daughter of Joseph Hand Scranton (born 28th June, 1813, died 6th June, 1872) of Scranton, Pa., who married, 3d July, 1843, Cornelia Walker, (2nd wife) of Lenox, Mass.; gd. dau. of Jonathan Scranton (born 10th October, 1781, died 27th July, 1847) of East Guilford (now Madison), Conn., who married, 27th January, 1805, Roxanna Crampton, of East Guilford; gt. gd. dau. of Theophilus Scranton (born 1st December, 1751, died 16th February, 1827) of East Guilford, who married, about 1776, Abigail Lee; gt. gt. gd. dau. of Colonel Ichabod Scranton (born 19th February, 1717, O. S., died 1st December, 1760) of the Militia of East Guilford, who married Chloe Fowler, of Guilford, Conn.; gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of Captain John Scranton (born about 1676, died 21st March, 1758) of the Militia of East Guilford, who married, 12th December, 1699, Mary Norton (1st wife); gt. gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of Captain John Scranton (born ^{about} 1641, died 2d September, 1703) of the Militia, who located in East Guilford previous to 1672, and married, 12th March, 1673 or '74, Mary Seward (1st wife); gt. gt. gt. gt. gt. gd. dau. of John Scranton (born about 1610, died 27th August, 1671) planter, who came from Guilford, England, to Boston, Mass., on 26th June, 1637, and, with S. Desbrough, Rev. H. Whitefield and others, made a settlement in Guilford, Conn., on or

CHILDREN.

Leonard Francis, born ; died

(71)

Gilbert Ogden Fowler Nicoll^e married, 17th December, 1873, Anna Van Wyck Lee,* of Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y., born ; died

CHILDREN.

Elizabeth Wiltse, born ; died
Gilbert Lee, " ; "

(73)

* James Craig Nicoll^e married, 4th June, 1873, Cora Anna Noble, daughter of Belden Noble (who married Julia Elizabeth Ferris), of New York City, born ; died,

about 10th October, 1639. ["Memoirs of the Scranton Family," by E. Scranton; Sav. ¹⁸⁶⁵
"Genea. Hist. of N. E." IV., 41.] Mrs. Alice Scranton Nicoll, widow of (70)
Francis Gifford Nicoll^e married, 5th December, 1883, John Folger Adam, of
New York City.

* Daughter of Robert Perine Lee, D. D., of Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y., who married Elizabeth Wiltse on 16th November, 1831; gd. dau. of Robert Perine Lee, of N. Y. City, Counsellor-at-law, who married Caroline Charlotte Betts (née Hawkins) on November, 1796; gt. gd. dau. of John Lee, of Hempstead, L. I., and afterwards of Yorktown, N. Y., who married Sarah Perine, of Staten Island, N. Y., on August, 1748; gt. gd. dau. of Joseph Lee, who married Pine, on 1720; gt. gt. gd. dau. of Wm. Lee, who came from England and settled in the eastern part of Long Island, N. Y., in 1672.

CHILDREN

Emily Richards, born	;	died
John Howard, "	;	"
Fancher, born "	;	"
Craig, born "	;	"

(76)

Frances Louisa Nicoll⁶ married, 9th October, 188⁴, Francis
 Lynch, of New Windsor, N. Y., born ; died

CHILDREN.

Mary Helen, born	;	died
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(77)

Mary Grace Fancher Nicoll⁶ married, 1st December, 1885,
Wm. Hamilton Harris,* of New York City, N. Y., born
; died

CHILDREN.

(87)

Augustus White Nicoll⁶ married, 3d October, 1866, Mary
Curran Garvin, daughter of Judge Samuel Bostwick Garvin
(who married Julia Maria Mitchell) of New York City, born
; died

CHILDREN.

John,	born	;	died
Henry Garvin,	"	;	"
Augustus White,	}	;	"
Albert Denniston,			
William,	"	;	"

* Son of Rev. Wm. L. Harris, D.D., LL.D., one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church.

(89)

Juliana Thompson Nicoll married, John Boyd
 Vroom,* of Jersey City, N. J., born ; died

CHILDREN.

John Nicoll,	born	;	died
John Nicoll,	"	;	"
Guysbert Bogert,	"	;	"

* Son of Peter De Lamater Vroom, M. D., who married Eliza Hervey Cameron Van Doren on May, 1832 ; gd. son of Guysbert Bogart Vroom, who married Catalina Maria De Lamater on , 1799 ; gt. gd. son of Peter Dumont Vroom (Civil Engineer and Colonel in Revolutionary War), who married Elsie Bogart on , 1775 ; gt. gt. gd. son of Joris Vroom, who married Gerritje Dumont ; gt. gt. gt. gd. son of Hendrick Vroom, who married Janette Hause-Bergen, gd. daughter of Sarah Rapelje (wife of Hans Hause-Bergen), the first white child born (9th June, 1625) on Long Island ; gt. gt. gt. gt. gd. son of Hendrick Corsen Vroom, who married Rosina Pieters Van Nest ; gt. gt. gt. gt. gd. son of Cornelis Peterson Vroom, who married Tryntje Hendricks.

(92)

Charles Nicoll⁶ married, 13th June, 1877, Catalina Maria Vroom,* of Jersey City, N. J., born ; died

CHILDREN.

(93)

Elizabeth White Nicoll⁶ married, 9th May, 1877, Andrew Siddons Glover, son of Jacob Glover (who married Jane Coun), of Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, Penn., born ; died

CHILDREN.

Charles Nicoll, born ; died

* Sister of John B. Vroom, page 61.