

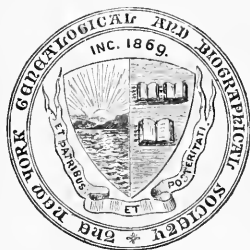
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THE FAMILY OF THOMPSON, OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK.*

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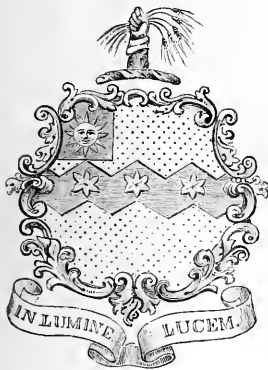
Arms : Or on a fesse dancette azure three estoiles argent ; on a canton of the second the sun in his splendor.

Crest : A cubit arm erect or vested gules, cuff argent, holding in the hand five ears of wheat proper.

Motto : In lumine lucem.

THERE is, perhaps, no part of this country where exists at the present day so much conservatism in all things as on Long Island, and this is especially true of the easternmost part which is comprised in the county of Suffolk. The people there have always been thought to be "behind the age," they are so loath to change any of their customs or habits; and, indeed, until a few years ago, when the extravagant period subsequent to

the civil war altered to some extent their primitive manners, they made no attempt to keep up with the times. At many places the shores are now studded with beautiful cottages for summer residents, and there have been erected club-houses for fishing, shooting, golf, and lawn tennis; but the new-comers copy the architecture of the past, investigate and inform themselves concerning the ancient history and traditions of Long Island, and so continue the old-fashioned tone and the true American ideas which have always existed there. The family names of the first settlers are still found in the different villages, and in many instances the same farms are held by persons whose ancestors lived there in the days of William and Mary, two hundred years ago. It is an unusual



feature in this country where so little affection is felt for old homesteads, or indeed for anything old, for the spirit of progress destroys landmarks and obliterates the memories of the past. Suffolk County possessed in former times a landed aristocracy which took a leading part in local affairs.

* Revised and corrected from former article in the RECORD, January, 1891.

and certain county families have always been regarded as superior by their neighbors, owing to their position and education. William Alfred Jones, in his valuable sketch of Long Island, says: "Suffolk County occupies nearly two-thirds of Long Island, and is the county of the so-called pine-barrens and sand, yet abounding in rich necks on both sides of the island, and teeming trout streams. It is the county of the great patents of the Nicolls, the Smiths (of St. George's Manor and of Smithtown), the Gardiners (of the Manor of Gardiner's Island), the Floyds (of Mastic), the Lawrences, the Thompsons (of Sagtikos Patent or Manor), the Lloyds, and other leading families—estates equal in extent to some of the great old North River manorial grants; as, for instance, the Nicoll Patent of originally one hundred square miles, Richard Smith's Patent of thirty thousand acres, Fisher's Island (Winthrop's Manor), Gardiner's Island, Shelter Island, Manor of Lloyd's Neck, and the Manor of Eaton's Neck." The Thompsons have been, in local position and permanent respectability, one of the first families of this country. Their unchanged relative importance on Long Island, and their personal worth and character, have always been their chief pride. In the old records they were invariably designated as Mr., Gentleman, or Esquire, which then was unusual and had a special significance. They are descended—according to the historian of Long Island, Benjamin F.⁸ Thompson—from the Rev. William Thompson, a native of Winwicke, in Lancashire, England, of a family originally of Northumberland. He was born in 1597, graduated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 1619, removed to this country 1634, and died December 10, 1666.

John Thompson,* the ancestor of the Thompsons of the county of Suffolk, came to Ashford, Long Island, in 1656, and with Colonel Richard Woodhull, Colonel Richard Floyd, and others, was one of the fifty-five original proprietors of the town of Brookhaven. By allotment of land and by purchase he became the owner of a large amount of real estate, which, on his death, he divided among his children. He married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Brewster, son of Elder William Brewster, the most prominent of the band of Pilgrims who came over in the *Mayflower*, and sister of the Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, B. D. (born about 1620, died 1690), afterward the clergyman at Setauket, who graduated at Harvard College, 1642, in the first class, and was the first native-born person graduated in the New World. He went to England and took orders, and was settled at Alby, in Norfolk, for some years, but in 1662 returned to America and was minister of the First church in Boston, but settled finally at Brookhaven. Trinity College, Dublin, conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Brewster married Sarah Ludlow, daughter of the Worshipful Roger Ludlow, † a distinguished lawyer and deputy gov-

* Governor Andros, October 9, 1677, sent Mr. John Thompson of Seatacote (Setauket) to explore Long Island for coal and mines.—*Documentary Hist. of N. Y.*, Vol. XIV., p. 730.

† Roger Ludlow was baptized March 7, 1590. Matriculated Balliol College, Oxford, June 16, 1610. Son of Thomas Ludlow of Dinton, Baycliffe, Maiden Brailey, Wiltshire, and Jane, daughter of Thomas Pyle of Fisherton-de-la-Mare, Wiltshire. Had elder brother Gabriel, younger brother George. His mother, Jane Pyle, was sister of Sir Gabriel Pyle (Kt.) and aunt of Elizabeth Pyle, wife of Sir Francis Popham. Roger Ludlow's father, Thomas, was uncle to Sir Henry Ludlow, M. P., from Wilts, in the Long Parliament of 1640, and great-uncle to Lieutenant-General Edmond Ludlow the Regicide. Roger Ludlow married the sister of Governor Endicott. She died

ernor of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His daughter, Hannah Brewster, afterward married her cousin, Samuel² Thompson.

John Thompson, Esquire, resided near the public green, and was a refined and scholarly man, and held in high estimation by his fellow-townsmen, who frequently elected him to responsible town offices. He died October 14, 1688, leaving three sons, William², Anthony², and Samuel², and several daughters, one of whom, Elizabeth², married Job Smith,* son of Richard Smith, the patentee of Smithtown, who purchased the Indian grant of Lion Gardiner (Gardiner received this valuable tract of land as a recompense for having ransomed the daughter of the Sachem Wyandance. The deed to Lion Gardiner is in possession of the Long Island Historical Society). Smith made other purchases and procured a patent from Governor Nicolls in 1665, and from Governor Andros in 1677, and also a release from David Gardiner of the Lordship and Manor of Gardiner's Island, confirming his father's conveyance.

William² Thompson, the eldest son, married Ruth Avery, of Stonington, Connecticut, where he settled. The other two brothers, Anthony², male line extinct, and Samuel², remained at Setauket, but had not many children, consequently their descendants at the present day are few. Patience³, daughter of Anthony², married her cousin Timothy Smith, son of Job, and grandson of Richard the patentee.

Samuel² Thompson, the youngest son, born March 4, 1668, was a farmer. He married Hannah, daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, and widow of Job Muncy. Her mother, as has been stated, was a daughter of Roger Ludlow, a lawyer of high standing who was the framer of the first code of laws of the colony of Connecticut. She was

in England.—Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 7th edition, i., 238.—*Dict. of Nat. Biography*, Macmillan, 1893, London.—*N. E. Hist. Gen. Register*, 1886, p. 300.—Stiles's *Ancient Windsor*.—Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*.

"His daughter Sarah, who is said to have been distinguished for her literary acquirements and domestic virtues, married the Rev. Nathaniel Brewster." The old family Bible of Sarah Ludlow, daughter of Roger Ludlow, who married Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, B.D., has descended to the Thompson family, and is now the property of Miss Elizabeth⁷ Thompson, daughter of the late David⁶ Thompson, Esq.

*Elizabeth Smith, daughter of the patentee Richard Smith, and sister of Job Smith who married Elizabeth² Thompson, daughter of John Thompson, married (1st) William Lawrence, said to be a native of Great St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, of the Lawrence family of New York, and (2d) his Excellency Captain Philip Carteret (son of Helier de Carteret of the island of Jersey), who represented his kinsman Sir George Carteret and Lord Berkeley, the Lords Proprietor. New Jersey was called so from the fact that Sir George was a native and had been governor of the island of Jersey, and had held it for King Charles I., it being the last stronghold surrendered to Parliament. Elizabethtown was named after Lady Elizabeth, wife to Sir George Carteret. Joseph Lawrence, son by her first husband of Mrs. Elizabeth, wife to Captain Philip Carteret, and sister of above-named Job Smith who married Elizabeth² Thompson, married Mary Towneley, said to be the daughter of Sir Richard Towneley who was the son of Charles Towneley who fell at Marston Moors. The younger sister of Mary Towneley, it is stated, married Baron Howard of Effingham, afterwards created first Earl of Effingham. Mrs. Elizabeth Carteret left no children by Philip Carteret.

Deborah, a younger sister of Job Smith who married Elizabeth² Thompson, and of Mrs. Elizabeth Carteret, married William Lawrence, son by his first wife of William Lawrence, the first husband of the said Mrs. Carteret.

The Carterets have always been the family of greatest importance in the island of Jersey, and descendants still own the Manor of St. Ouen on that island. Elizabeth Castle at St. Heliers was named after the same lady as Elizabethtown in New Jersey.

his cousin, born May 19, 1679, and died November 17, 1755. She received a very superior education for those times.

Samuel² Thompson,* Esquire, was in all respects an exemplary person, a leading individual in the Presbyterian Church, a gentleman of rare accomplishments, and was said to have been a very handsome man; he frequently served in the office of trustee of the town. Mr. Thompson, with Colonel Henry Smith of St. George's Manor, Colonel Richard Floyd, Justice Adam Smith, Selah Strong, and Jonathan Owen, were the commissioners that had charge of the erection of the new church in 1710. He died July 14, 1749, leaving two sons, Jonathan³ and Isaac³, and five daughters: 1st, Susannah³, born 1707, married Thomas Strong, who was born June 5, 1708; married about 1730. Their son, Judge Selah Strong⁴, born December 25, 1737, married November 9, 1760, Anna Smith, born April 14, 1740, daughter of William Henry Smith † and Margaret Lloyd. ‡ Mrs. Anna Smith Strong died August 12, 1812, aged seventy-two. Judge Strong was a delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775, captain in the army, State Senator, and first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Suffolk County. He died at St. George's Manor, July 4, 1815, aged seventy-seven.

2d, Mary³, who married Daniel Smith.

3d, Deborah³, married Arthur Smith, who was an officer during the Revolutionary war, and was killed.

4th, Ruth³, married Thomas Telford, a merchant of importance in New York.

5th, Sarah³, married William³ Thompson, son of William² of Stonington, Conn.

Isaac³, the youngest son, was lost in a vessel at sea, while on a voyage of pleasure.

Jonathan³, the eldest son, remained at Setauket, and inherited the valuable real and personal estate of his father. Jonathan³ aboved named was born October 25, 1710, and married September 30, 1734, Mary Woodhull, § born April 11, 1711, daughter of Richard Woodhull, 3d.

* See will of Samuel² Thompson of Brookhaven, Gentleman, 23 April, 1745; proved 11 June, 1750; L. 17, p. 200; Surrogate's office, New York City. *N. Y. Biographical and Genealogical Record*, vol. xi., page 28. See Strong Genealogy.

† William Henry Smith was the son of Colonel Henry and Anna Sheppard. Colonel Henry Smith was the son of Colonel William Smith, often called "Tangier Smith." He was born at Newton, Northamptonshire, England, February 2, 1655; appointed by King Charles II., in 1675, Governor of Tangier, Africa, which, with Bombay, was a part of the marriage portion given to Catherine, wife of Charles II., by the King of Portugal. He came to this country August 6, 1686, with his family, and purchased land at Brookhaven, October 22, 1687. He afterwards bought another large tract of land, which, together with his original purchase, he erected into a manor called St. George's Manor. He was made Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New York, and afterwards Chief Justice, and was removed by the Earl of Bellomont, but again appointed in 1702. He married Martha Tunstall, daughter of Henry Tunstall, of Putney, England. He died February 18, 1705. She died September 11, 1709.

‡ Margaret Lloyd, mother of Mrs. Anna Smith Strong, was daughter of Henry Lloyd and Rebecca Nelson, daughter of John Nelson, who was a son of Robert Nelson and Mary Temple, who was daughter of Sir John Temple of Stantonbury, England. He was the grandson of Peter Temple, who was the ancestor of Sir William Temple, Lord Palmerston, Lady Chatham, and the Duke of Buckingham.

§ The Woodhulls were descended from Richard Woodhull, who settled on Long Island in 1656. His family is said to be very ancient, and may be traced to an indi-

She was a first cousin of the distinguished General Woodhull. (General Woodhull served as major under General Abercrombie at Ticonderoga and Crown Point, with Lieutenant-Colonel Bradstreet at the capture of Fort Frontenac, and in 1760 served as colonel of the 3d New York Provincials under General Amherst; was at the surrender of the Marquis de Vaudreuil which effected the final reduction of Canada. He afterwards had an important command in the Revolutionary army, and distinguished himself at the battle of Long Island, where he received a wound from which he never recovered. Being captured by a detachment of dragoons and the 71st Regiment of Foot, he was struck down by a loyalist officer after he had surrendered. His wife was Ruth, daughter of Nicoll Floyd, and sister of William Floyd who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He left one child, who married, 1st, Henry Nicoll, and 2d, General John Smith of Mastic.)

Jonathan³ Thompson, Esquire, was, like his father, a very extensive farmer and a justice of the peace for nearly forty years. He was a gentleman of great intelligence and prudence, a lover of peace and concord, and shared through life the esteem and confidence of all his fellow-citizens. His death occurred June 5, 1786, and that of his widow January 30, 1801. She was a person of literary acquirements, gentle disposition, and possessed a refined nature which justly endeared her to all her acquaintances. They had four sons and two daughters, viz.: Mary⁴, born November 25, 1735, married Thomas Smith, Esq., son of Edmund Smith of Smithtown, and died May 23, 1794, leaving only one child, a daughter Anna⁵ who married Richard Floyd of Setauket, a descendant of Colonel Richard Floyd,* one of the fifty-five original settlers of Brookhaven, who

vidual who came from Normandy into England with William the Conqueror, in 1066. The name was originally Wodhull, and continued to be so spelled for many years after the arrival of the family in this country. Richard, the common ancestor in America, was born at Thenford, Northamptonshire, England. He died in October, 1690, leaving issue Richard, Nathaniel, and Deborah. The second son died unmarried; Deborah married Captain John Lawrence of Newtown. Richard was early chosen a magistrate and was, like his father, an intelligent and useful man. His wife was Temperance Fordham, by whom he had a number of children. By an original letter in possession of his descendants, it appears that he was related to the Crews, and other aristocratic families of England. This letter was from Lord Crew, acknowledging the receipt of one from Woodhull, thanking him (Lord Crew) for a present of the "crest and arms of the family," and also giving him news of his relatives in England. Richard Woodhull, 3d, son of Richard Woodhull, 2d, had several children; his daughter Mary married Jonathan³ Thompson. The family are now quite numerous and have occupied many important positions.

* Colonel Floyd, the first settler, was supposed to have died about 1700, and the number of his children is uncertain. His son Richard, designated as Richard 2d, married Margaret, daughter of Colonel Matthias Nicolls, secretary of the colony of New York, and sister of William Nicoll the patentee of the great Islip estate. He was for many years judge and colonel of the county militia. His children were: Susanna, married Edmund Smith; Margaret, married Judge John Thomas; Charity, married Benjamin Nicoll, and 2d, Dr. Samuel Johnson, President of King's (now Columbia) College; Eunice, married William Stephens; Ruth, married Walter Dongan; and Richard and Nicoll. Richard Floyd, 3d, above mentioned eldest son of Richard 2d, inherited the paternal estate at Setauket, and was a highly useful and respectable man. Like his father, he was a judge and colonel of the county. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Hutchinson, and their children were Richard, Elizabeth, John, Margaret, Benjamin, Gilbert, William Samuel, Mary (married William Ellison), and Anne unmarried.

Richard Floyd, 4th, eldest son of Richard 3d, settled on his father's estate at

with Richard Woodhull, Esquire, and John Thompson, Esquire, were the principal persons in that settlement; Hannah⁴, daughter of Jonathan³ Thompson, born October 5, 1747, married Colonel Benajah Strong of Islip (his sister married, as his 2d wife, General William Floyd of Mastic)

Mastic, which he forfeited by his adhesion to the British cause in the Revolution. He removed to St. Johns, N. B., where he died in 1792. He married Arabella, daughter of the Hon. David Jones, by whom he had children: 1st, Elizabeth, married John Peter Delancey, and died, leaving three sons, Thomas Jones DeLancey, Edward and William Heathcote DeLancey, Bishop of Western New York, and five daughters, viz.: Anna, married, as his second wife, John Loudon McAdam; Susan, married James Fenimore Cooper; Caroline, Martha, and Maria. 2d, Anne Willet, who married Samuel B. Nicoll. 3d, David Richard Floyd, married Sarah, daughter of Hendrick Onderdonk, who died, leaving sons, John and Henry. Mr. Floyd, in accordance with the will of his grandfather, and in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, added the surname of Jones, and the family is now known as Floyd-Jones. Mrs. Jones lived to a great age, and her sons were: Brigadier-General Thomas Floyd-Jones, married Cornelia, daughter of Major William Jones; and Major-General Henry Floyd-Jones, married Helen, daughter of Charles Watts of South Carolina.

Benjamin Floyd, brother of the last-named Richard, and third son of Richard 3d, remained on the estate at Setauket, and was colonel of the militia. He married Anne, daughter of Samuel Cornell, of Flushing, and had issue: Richard, who married Anna, daughter of Thomas and Mary Thompson⁴ Smith; Gilbert, married successively Sarah Dewick, Sarah Woodhull, and Lydia Woodhull.

Samuel, married, 1st, Elizabeth Ellison, and 2d, Augusta Van Horne.

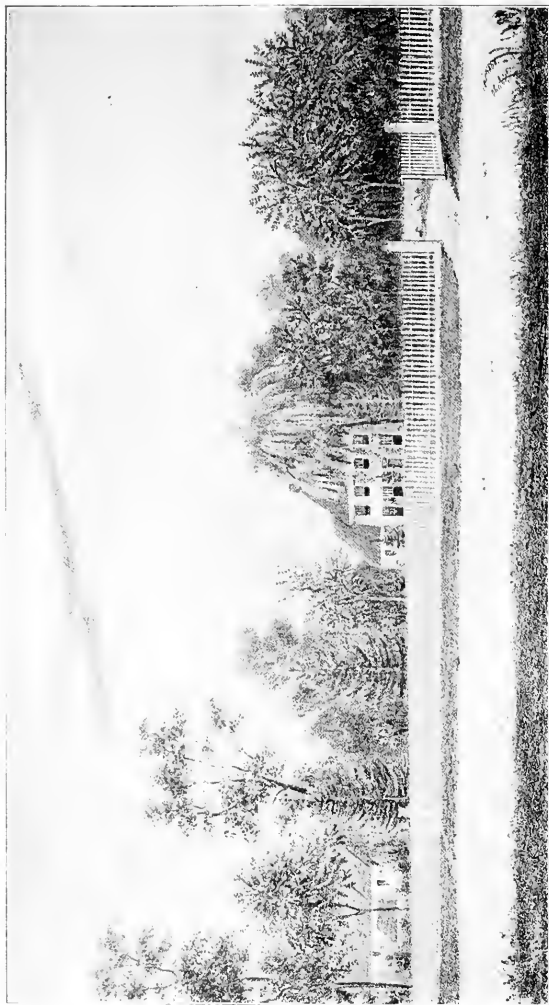
Nicoll Floyd, second son of the 2d Richard, married Tabitha, daughter of Jonathan Smith, 2d, of Smithtown. He died in 1752, leaving issue: Ruth, married General Nathaniel Woodhull; William; Tabitha, married Daniel Smith; Nicoll; Charles; Charity, married Ezra L'Hommedieu.

Mary, married Edmund Smith; Catherine, married General Thomas; Ann, married Hugh Smith.

Charles Floyd, son of Nicoll, married and left descendants. William Floyd, son of Nicoll above mentioned, was a distinguished patriot during the Revolution, and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of Congress, candidate for lieutenant-governor as the opponent of Stephen Van Rensselaer, etc. He married Isabella, daughter of William Jones of Southampton, and had issue, Nicoll, Mary, and Catherine. He afterward married Joanna, daughter of Benajah Strong of Setauket, and sister of Benajah who married Hannah⁴, daughter of Jonathan³ Thompson. By this second wife he had children, Ann and Eliza. His son Nicoll married Phœbe, daughter of Hon. David Gelston, and sister of the late Maltby Gelston, Esq., of New York, by whom he had several children, one of whom, Hon. David G. Floyd, resided at Greenport; another, Hon. John G. Floyd, resided at Mastic; and his daughter Julia married Dr. Edward Delafield. Mary, eldest daughter of General Floyd, married Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge; Catherine, second daughter, married Dr. Samuel Clarkson; Ann (by second wife, Joanna Strong) married George W. Clinton, son of the former Vice-President of the United States, and 2d, Abraham Varick; Eliza, the youngest, married James Platt of Plattsburg. She, Eliza F. Platt, died in 1820, when he married for his second wife Susan Catherine Auchmuty, *née* Woolsey, daughter of Melancthon Lloyd Woolsey.

Matthias Nicolls, or Nicoll, the progenitor of the Nicoll family, was of an ancient and honorable family of Islip, England, and came to this country shortly before Colonel Richard Nicolls who captured New York from the Dutch, and was the first English governor. It is supposed that Matthias Nicolls was the nephew of Richard Nicolls the governor. Matthias Nicolls, Colonial Secretary, Mayor of the City of New York in 1672, member of the Council, Justice of the Assizes, and Judge of the Colony, died 1687, and was buried at Cow Neck. He had a daughter Margaret who married Colonel Richard Floyd, and a son Colonel William Nicoll who came to this country with his father in 1664. He was a lawyer, the first clerk of Queens County, a member of the Council six years and of the Assembly twenty-one years, during sixteen of which he was Speaker. He married Anna Van Rensselaer, daughter of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, and widow of Kilian Van Rensselaer,





MANOUR HOUSE.

SAGTIKOS MANOUR; APPLETREE WICKE.

SEAT OF THE HONOURABLE ISAAC THOMPSON,

LATE ONE OF HIS MAJESTY'S JUDGES FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND SUBSEQUENTLY AN ARDENT PATRIOT
JUDGE THOMPSON DIED HERE JANUARY 30, 1816.



—she died February 1, 1786, leaving children, Samuel, Nancy, Mary, Benajah, Elizabeth, and William; Nathan¹, youngest son of Jonathan², died in infancy; Jonathan⁴, third son of Jonathan³, born February 14, 1745, died unmarried September 14, 1773, on his passage from St. Eustatia to New York, where he had been on business; Isaac⁴, second son of Jonathan³, was born January 18, 1743; and Samuel⁴,* eldest son of Jonathan³, was born October 2, 1738. Jonathan³ Thompson purchased for his son †

the Patroon. The children of Colonel William Nicoll and Anna his wife were: 1st, Benjamin, married Charity Floyd his cousin, daughter of Colonel Richard Floyd and Margaret Nicoll, and lived at Islip. 2d, William, died unmarried. He was Speaker of the Assembly. 3d, Van Rensselaer, died at Albany. 4th, Mary, married John Watts of the distinguished family of that name of New York. 5th, Catherine, married Jonathan Havens of Shelter Island. 6th, Frances, married Edward Holland.

Benjamin, eldest son of Colonel William Nicoll and Anna Van Rensselaer, married his cousin Charity Ford, and had children:

1st, William, called "Clerk" Nicoll, married Joanna d'Honneur.
2d, Benjamin. 3d, Gloriana Margareta.

William, called Clerk Nicoll, married Joanna d'Honneur. His children were: Charity, married Garret Keteltas of New York; William; Gloriana Margareta, married John Loudon McAdam, and was the mother of the late Sir James L. McAdam, knight; Joanna Rachel, married Clerk Kilby McAdam; and Samuel Benjamin.

Captain William Nicoll married Frances Smith, daughter of Colonel Henry Smith. He owned the Nicoll Manor or Patent at Islip, which was an entailed estate. Their children were William and Henry. William married Deborah Seaman, and was the owner of the entailed manor at Islip. Their children were Frances, married Wickham Conklin of Oakneck, Islip, and William, married Sarah Greenly. He was graduated at the College of New Jersey, and studied law. He resided on the manor. Their children were William who lives on the manor, Frances Louisa who married Brevet Major-General William H. Ludlow, and Sarah Greenly. William Nicoll married Sarah Augusta Nicoll, daughter of Edward A. Nicoll, and has children.

Henry Nicoll, son of Captain William Nicoll, of Islip, and Frances Smith, married Sally Squires, and left children. Samuel B. Nicoll, son of William Nicoll and Joanna d'Honneur, married Anne Floyd (daughter of Colonel Richard Floyd and Arabella, daughter of Judge David Jones), and had children: Rev. Richard Floyd Nicoll; Lieutenant William Nicoll, United States Marines; Elizabeth Floyd Nicoll, married Charles T. Dering (son of General Sylvester Dering and Esther Sarah Havens, of Shelter Island); and Anna W., died unmarried. Samuel B. Nicoll married Sarah B. Payne. Thomas Ellison Nicoll died unmarried, Maria Cortlandt Nicoll married Rev. Ezra Young, John Cortlandt Nicoll unmarried, Gloriana Margareta Nicoll unmarried, Arabella Floyd-Jones Nicoll married Charles Johnson. Rev. Richard Floyd Nicoll, son of Samuel B. Nicoll and Anna Floyd, had children: Margaret, Sylvester, Richard Floyd, Sarah Anna, Mary Catherine, Captain Sylvester Dering, United States Navy, Hester R., Charles Hinny, Charity Antoinette, Elizabeth Gardiner, and Joanna Rachel. Elizabeth Gardiner Nicoll married Samuel Gardiner, son of Abraham S. Gardiner and Abby Lee, and had children: Abraham Smith, Richard Floyd Nicoll, Elizabeth Nicoll, Mary Catherine, Clarence Lyon, Margaret Sylvester Dering, and Murray Stewart. Samuel B., son of Samuel B. and Anna Floyd, married Sarah Brown Payne, and resided on Shelter Island. He left seven children.

* Samuel⁴ Thompson was Captain of the Brookhaven Company, Suffolk County Regiment. Onderdonk: *Revolutionary Incidents. Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, vol. i., p. 287.

† Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford, it is said by various writers, was a relative of the Long Island Thompsons. Count Rumford was born at Woburn, Mass., in 1753, was major of New Hampshire militia, and afterward lieutenant-colonel of dragoons in the British army during the Revolutionary war, and Under Secretary of State for the colonies as assistant to Lord George Germain. He received the honor of knighthood from the British Government. In 1784 he went to Bavaria

Isaac⁶, in 1758, the estate on the south side of the island known as Sagtikos* Patent or Manor, on a neck of land called Appletree Wicke. For this beautiful property he paid £1,200 New York money, which sum he brought over from the north side in his saddle-bags on a handsome gray horse. The original charter or patent for this property, dated 1697, from King William the Third, signed by Colonel Benjamin Fletcher, then governor of New York, with the great seal of the province attached, is still in the possession of the family. The quit rent was one shilling a year in lieu

to reorganize the military of that State, and here greatly distinguished himself for his administration of affairs. For his services he was made successively Major-General, Lieutenant-General, Commander-in-Chief, Minister of War, and Count of the Holy Roman Empire, on which occasion he selected as his title the name of Rumford, the place in America where he had resided. In 1796 he was appointed head of a Council of Regency during the absence of the elector, and ruled the kingdom for some time. He was the real founder of the Royal Institute of Great Britain, and spent the close of his life in making and applying useful discoveries. He died in France. A bronze statue has been erected in his honor at Munich. The count was very arbitrary and severe in his treatment of the people of Long Island while stationed there during the Revolutionary war, but to his honor never molested or interfered with the Long Island Thompsons. He was invited by the Government of the United States to superintend the formation of the West Point Military Academy, but declined. See *New Englander* for February, 1876. (New Haven.)

* Sagtikos Manor, Appletree Wicke, ("called by the native Indians, Saghtekoos; by the Christians, Appletree Neck;") was granted to Colonel Stephanus Van Cortlandt, he having received from his Excellency the Governor a license to purchase the property from the native Indians, September 26, 1692.

On January 12, 1692, an order was made to Augustine Graham, Surveyor-General of the Province, "to survey and return a platt of Saghtekoos."

Pursuant to the warrant of survey, a return was made by the Surveyor-General, dated October 9, 1693.

Under this license Colonel Stephanus Van Cortlandt purchased of the native Indians, the deed being dated October 1, 1692, the consideration being £45.

The patent from William III., King of England, Scotland, Ireland, and France, etc., signed by Colonel Benjamin Fletcher, Esq., Captain-General, Governor-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral, etc., etc., bears date June 2, 1697.

This patent, as well as the Indian deed, included the whole of Saghtekoos Creek on the east, also the whole of Okenock Creek on the west. The estate at present comprises only one-half of the latter creek. The charter read thus:

"To Be Holden of us, our heirs & successors in free & common socage as of our Mannor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent Within Our Realm of England yielding & paying therefor yearly and every year, forever unto Our Heirs & Successors at Our City of New-Yorke on the feast day of the Annunciation of our Blessed Virgin Mary, the yearly rent of One shilling Currant Money of our Said Province in Lien & Stead of all other rents, services, dues, duties & demands, whatsoever for the said Neck of land & premises." Knight service not being demanded. (See *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, July, 1893.)

In possession of Frederick Diodati⁷ Thompson, the present Lord of the manor, is the receipt book showing, March 24, 1712-13, eighteen shillings and eight pence paid in full for quit rent by Timothy Carll; June 27, 1723, ten shillings paid in full for ten years' quit rent by Annanias Carll; March 30, 1741, eighteen shillings paid by Annanias Carll for eighteen years' quit rent; December 24, 1760, twenty shillings paid by Jonathan⁸ Thompson for twenty years' quit rent to March 25, 1761; June 22, 1774, thirteen shillings paid by Jonathan⁹ Thompson in full for thirteen years' quit rent to March 25, 1774; September 20, 1787, nineteen shillings and sixpence paid by Judge Isaac⁴ Thompson in full for arrear of quit rent and commutation on manorial patent.

The Indian deeds, the charter of the manor, and many other documents relating to the property are owned by Frederick Diodati⁷ Thompson, the present proprietor; also several beautiful maps and surveys.

of all services whatever, Sagtikos Manor, Appletree Wick, is at present the sole property of Frederick Diodati⁷ Thompson, he having purchased the rights of the other heirs in 1894. It is a fine estate of twelve hundred and six acres, being a narrow strip of land about eight miles long. Judge Isaac⁴ Thompson* died here, January 30, 1816. He had been a magistrate for more than forty years, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and a representative of the County of Suffolk in the Assembly in 1795. He was a man of sincere piety and the strictest integrity. His manners were mild, elegant, and courteous, and in the discharge of all his official duties he manifested sound judgment united with firmness and impartiality.

Judge Thompson was active during the Revolutionary war in organizing the militia and was chairman of the Islip committee. He wrote several letters to the Continental Congress in relation to affairs on Long Island. Dr. Samuel⁴ Thompson of Setauket was also one of the principal men of Brookhaven engaged in providing means of defence against the anticipated invasion of the British troops. February 15, 1776, he sent an important letter to Congress enclosing maps of the harbors, descriptions of the beaches, etc. He recommended the erection of a fort near Setauket to have an armament of six or eight guns, and another at Stony Brook to have two six or nine pounders. He also wished a capable gunsmith sent to them.

In 1777 more than three hundred light horse, on their way east, bivouacked for the night on the estate of Judge Thompson, and made, as usual, free use of his property. The commanding officers, among whom was Sir Henry Clinton, in their tours of the island, frequently stayed at Sagtikos. On one occasion the house was assaulted in the night by some British sailors belonging to a vessel of war, and Judge Thompson was himself dragged by a rope around his neck across the highway, and threatened with death, but was saved by one of their number saying that, as he was a magistrate under the king, they should not hang him. He was also fired at while going up-stairs in his house, but fortunately was not hit. The bullet is in possession of his great grandson, Samuel Ludlow⁷ Thompson, Esq., who resides at Islip. They took with them some of his furniture and carried it on board of a frigate at New York, but he succeeded in having it restored to him after much trouble. Honorable Isaac⁴ Thompson was the founder of the Presbyterian Church at Babylon. His grandson, David⁶ Thompson, presented an ancient bell to this church in 1838, which originally hung in a Spanish convent. It had a fine silver tone but was not considered loud enough, and was therefore subsequently sold and replaced by one of American manufacture. Judge Thompson's wife, Mary Gardiner, was daughter of Colonel Abraham Gardiner of Easthampton. They were married June 4, 1772, and had children, two sons, Jonathan⁵ and Abraham Gardiner⁵, both of whom became distinguished citizens of New York City. It is related that after his marriage he brought his wife from Easthampton to Sagtikos on a pillion behind him on his horse.

* Isaac⁴ Thompson was First Lieutenant Fourth Company, Suffolk County Regiment, January 12, 1776. Onderdonk: *Revolutionary Incidents of Suffolk County*, paragraphs 562-565. *Documents relating to Colonial History of the State of New York*, page 287, vol. i.

He was also Supervisor, 1776-85.

Colonel Gardiner, the father of Mrs. Thompson, was the second son of David Gardiner, fourth Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island; he resided at Easthampton, and was a leading character on Long Island during the war of the Revolution. Colonel Gardiner, as executor, had charge of the manor during the minority of John Lyon Gardiner, the seventh Lord and proprietor, and as Gardiner's bay was occupied by the British fleet under Admiral Arbuthnot, who obtained from the island nearly all their provisions, his duty to his ward obliged him to be careful in his conduct, so that the "British would not vent their spite against this young gentleman," who was not of age. Nevertheless Colonel Gardiner co-operated with Lieutenant-Colonel Livingston, who commanded the troops on the east end of Long Island, until the town of Easthampton was occupied by a detachment of British soldiers under Sir William Erskine.

As Colonel Gardiner's house was the finest in Easthampton, it was naturally selected as the headquarters, and he entertained, at different times, Lord Percy, Lord Cathcart, Governor Tryon, Major André, and others. The unfortunate André was a great favorite in the family, and left with them several mementos of friendship; and two of the wine-glasses from his camp chest, presented by him to Colonel Gardiner on the eve of his departure in exchange for two of Colonel Gardiner's, are still preserved in the family, one being the property of Frederick Diodati⁷ Thompson of Sagtikos Manor, the other of Colonel J. Lyon⁷ Gardiner of the Manor of Gardiner's Island.

Dr. Nathaniel Gardiner, son of Colonel Gardiner, who studied medicine under the celebrated Drs. Shippen and Rush of Philadelphia, served in the war as surgeon in the First New Hampshire Regiment.

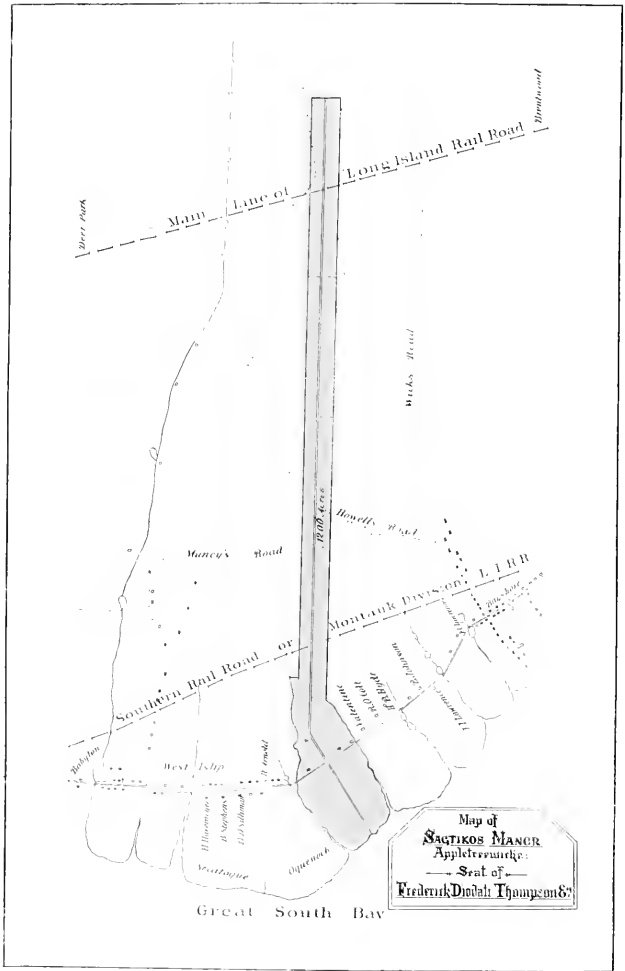
Colonel Gardiner married Mary Smith,* a descendant of Richard Smith of Smithtown. Their children were: 1st, Rachel, married Colonel David Mulford and afterward John Gardiner, of the manor of Eaton's Neck.

2d, Dr. Nathaniel, married Eliza Dering (the Derings were one of the best families of the County of Kent, England).

3d, Mary, married Judge Thompson.

4th, Captain Abraham of the Militia (which title he went by to distinguish him from his father), married Phœbe Dayton. He had children: Abraham S. (married Abby Lee, and left descendants mentioned in note on the Nicoll family); Mary (married Philip G. Van Wyck, a grandson of General Van Cortlandt, of the manor, and had: Joanna; Cortlandt, died unmarried, a midshipman United States Navy; Eliza, married William Van Ness Livingston; Pierre C.; and Anna Van Rensselaer, married Judge Alexander Wells—their daughter, Gertrude Van Cortlandt, married Schuyler Hamilton); David (married Juliana McLachlan of Jamaica, West Indies, whose grandfather commanded the united clans of McLachlan and McLean at the battle of Culloden, Scotland, and was beheaded for treason). The children of David were: Julia (who married John Tyler, President of the United States, and had children—David Gardiner; John Alexander, who was decorated by the Emperor of Germany for bravery on the field of battle in the Franco-German war; Lyon

* Through Mary Smith wife of Colonel Abraham Gardiner has come down in the family—it being at present owned by Frederick Diodati⁷ Thompson—a silver snuff-box which was the property of the original Richard Smith, the patentee of Smithtown, commonly called "Bull" Smith.



G., President of William and Mary College, Virginia; Lachlan; Fitzwalter; Julia, who married Spencer, Esq., of Geneseo; and Margaret, who married, November 13, 1884, Honorable William Mumford Ellis, Speaker of the House of Delegates, Virginia); Alexander (died unmarried, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court, N. Y.); Margaret (married John Beeckman, and had one child, Henry, who was killed by a fall from his horse in Virginia, August 4, 1875; Mr. Beeckman was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while shooting; Mr. Beeckman's mother was a Livingston; and Colonel David Lion who married his cousin Sarah Gardiner⁷, daughter of David⁶ Thompson, and has David⁸, Sarah Diodati⁸, and Robert Alexander⁸, B. A. Yale, 1887). Samuel S., son of Captain Abraham, married Mary, daughter of Hon. Ezra L'Hommedieu, a member of Congress, and a descendant of the Sylvester family, of Shelter Island. [He had Mary (who married Professor Eben N. Horsford of Harvard University); Phcebe (who also married Professor Horsford after the death of her sister Mary); Frances (who married Professor George Martin Lane of Harvard University, and had children—Gardiner; a daughter, Louisa Greenough, who married Bayard Van Rensselaer of Albany; and Katharine Ward, who died 1893).]

Nathaniel, son of Captain Abraham, married Eliza Francis, and had John B., William H., and Eliza, married Dr. I. Hartshorne.

Dr. Nathaniel, son of Colonel Gardiner, had two children, Robert S. who died unmarried, and Eliza P. who married Reuben Brumley, and died without children.

Jonathan⁹, son of Judge Isaac⁴ Thompson, was born at Sagtikos Manor, Appletree Wicke, December 7, 1773, died at New York, December 30, 1846, and married July 4, 1796, Elizabeth, born on Shelter Island, May 19, 1773, died at Sagtikos, May 31, 1868, daughter of James Havens, Esq., a prominent citizen of Shelter Island. She was a lady of strong and vigorous intellect and many accomplishments. He became a distinguished merchant in New York City, under the firm name of Gardiner & Thompson, being in partnership with Dr. Nathaniel Gardiner. They were in the West India importing business, which they carried on very extensively, but being unfortunate, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Thompson continued it under his own name. As a politician previous to and during the war of 1812, Mr. Thompson was prominent in the old Democratic Republican party of that period, favoring the war (he held the commission of Captain in 1813. Previously, in 1803, he had been an ensign in an independent company), and officiating for ten successive years as chairman of the Republican General Committee, at that time a very important position. As such he presided at the first public meeting held in Tammany Hall. In consequence of his long services as presiding officer, he received the appellation of the "Everlasting Chairman." "He was the intimate friend of five different Presidents of the United States, and held a high position in the fashionable society of that day."

"November 24, 1813, he was appointed by President James Madison collector of direct taxes and internal duties, under the Act of July 22, 1813, and continued as such until the closure of the office in 1819. December 20, 1820, he was appointed by President Monroe, by and with the consent of the Senate, collector of the customs for the district of New York, to which office he was re-appointed by the same chief magistrate January 13, 1825, and again re-appointed by President John Quincy

Adams January 27, 1829, and removed by President Andrew Jackson April 25, 1829, in order to award the office to his (the President's) particular friend Samuel Swarthout, who proved a defaulter to a large amount. During the official connection of Jonathan⁵ Thompson with the government, his fidelity and accuracy were so remarkable, that, with all the rigid scrutiny exercised by the examiners at Washington, no error was found except one of ten cents discovered during the administration of Mr. Adams. About the time that strenuous efforts were being made to effect his removal from office on political grounds, he having favored the election of William H. Crawford to the Presidency, Mr. Adams had so much confidence in the integrity of Mr. Thompson, as proven by the correctness of his accounts, that he declined removing him, and at an interview in New York personally narrated the whole story. From 1829 he was in no public position, but continued the warehousing business in the valuable 'Thompson Stores,' which he owned in Brooklyn; he added to the river front, and erected new buildings. In 1840 he was chosen president of the Manhattan Company at the time of its financial embarrassment, and by his prudence and able management it was reinstated among dividend paying institutions. He continued in this office until his death, December 30, 1846, aged seventy-three years and twenty-three days. Mr. Thompson was unostentatious in manners; he courted no popularity, yet carried with him no stinted share of that respect which belongs to genuine worth, and dying left behind him a name which relatives and friends have never heard and never will hear connected with aught but expressions of approbation and esteem. Jonathan⁵ Thompson was prominent in high life in New York for many years." In this connection the following verses are copied from a poem by Mrs. Saltus, which were written at a summer resort about the different visitors. These lines are in relation to the late David⁶ Thompson, the eldest son of the above-named Jonathan⁵, and were written about 1850.

The Thompsons' descendants of Long Island's glory,
Whose ancestors' fame ascends from the sod,
His name is ennobled in Manhattan's story
By virtue and justice, the good gifts of God.

His mantle of honor on his son has descended,
The richest inheritance mortal can hold;
For vain are escutcheons if truth is not blended
Amid their devices in letters of gold.

Honorable Jonathan⁵ Thompson and his wife were both interred in the family burying ground on Sagtikos Manor.

Jonathan⁵ Thompson had six children, who grew up, viz.: David⁶ who married Sarah D'odati, daughter of John Lyon Gardiner, Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island.

George W.⁶, married Eliza Prall.

Jonathan⁶, married Katharine Todhunter.

Abraham Gardiner⁶, married Sarah E. Strong.

Mary Gardiner⁶, married Samuel B. Gardiner, 10th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island; and Elizabeth⁶ married Alonzo Brown, but had no issue.

David⁶ Thompson, born May 3, 1798, died February 22, 1871, married



D. Thompson

Sarah Diodati,* daughter of John Lyon Gardiner, 7th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, and sister of Honorable Samuel B. Gardiner who married Mr. Thompson's sister. Mrs. Thompson's mother was a Griswold of the distinguished Connecticut family of that name, so many of whom have been governors of the State and distinguished public men. Her uncles John and Charles C. Griswold were prominent shipping merchants in New York, and rivals in importance of their cousins N. L. and George Griswold. John left no children, and Charles C. had but two: Elizabeth, who married Judge Lane, a very wealthy and distinguished citizen of Sandusky; and Sarah, who married Lorillard Spencer. (Her eldest daughter married Prince Virginio Cenci, Duke of Vicovaro.) Mrs. Thompson's middle name of Diodati † was received from her great-grand-

* Mrs. Sarah Diodati Gardiner Thompson died on Sunday, March 8, 1891, at her residence No. 25 Lafayette Place, New York City, from the effects of a fall which she sustained about six weeks previously. Mrs. Thompson was born at the Manor House, Gardiner's Island, November 1, 1807, and was consequently in her eighty-fourth year. Her father, John Lyon Gardiner, was seventh Lord of this ancient manor. Her mother, Sarah Griswold, was the daughter of John Griswold and granddaughter of Honorable Matthew Griswold of Black Hall, Chief Justice and Governor of Connecticut. Mrs. Thompson was married, at the Manor House on the island, to her Cousin David⁶ Thompson, a gentleman who occupied a high social position, and held many financial offices. At the time of his death, February 22, 1871, he was President of the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, and Vice-President of the Bank of America. Mrs. Thompson was a lady of lovely disposition, aristocratic air, cultured, refined, and a thorough gentlewoman of the old school. She was a devoted wife and mother and respected and loved by a large circle of friends. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, March 11, at 10.30 A.M., at her home where she had lived for the past fifty years, and was attended by a large gathering of the old colonial families. The Rev. Dr. George Alexander officiated. The interment took place in the family vault in Greenwood Cemetery. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Society of Colonial Dames.—*New York Genealogical and Biographical Register*, April, 1891.

† The Diodati family originated in Lucca, from whence they went to Switzerland, from there to London, and finally William Diodati came to America. He was a gentleman and a man of education, and left his library to Yale College when he died. His sister married an Englishman named Scarlett, of good family. She had no children, and he (William Diodati) came into possession by her will of considerable silver plate marked with the arms of the Scarlett family, which is now preserved by his descendants, who are very few in numbers, the male line having died out entirely in this country. The representative of the family in Switzerland, M. le Comte Gabriel Diodati of Geneva, a gentleman of wealth and position, has in his possession a number of documents showing the importance of this family. Among them are "an elegant bordered parchment from the chancery of the Duke of Lucca, reciting in Latin the illustrious history of the Diodatis and their right to bear certain dignities and titles. A patent from Louis Fourteenth of France, which is a large parchment signed with his own hand recognizing the nobility of the family and their right to hold estates in France, with a large wax seal hanging from it. The parchment states that the Diodatis back to the 14th century have always been the flower of chivalry. There is also in the possession of the family a superb folio, bound in crimson, of fourteen pages of vellum, with the imperial seal of Joseph Second hanging from it, in a gilt box. It states the dignities of the family in magnificent terms, and confirms to it the title of count of the Holy Roman Empire. One of the pages is illuminated with the family arms, the shield being placed on the imperial eagle. The descent of the American Diodatis is well authenticated and acknowledged." The Diodatis have held many important positions in many countries, but are extinct at present except in Geneva. Count Jules Diodati was a general under Wallenstein, Rev. Jean Diodati was a disciple of Calvin and translated the Bible into Italian. Another Diodati was a Grand Prior of Venice, others have been a General in the Spanish Army and an Ambassador from Baden to France. Count Diodati, who lived at the Villa Diodati on Lake Lemano, was Lord Byron's intimate companion, while another member of the family, Charles Diodati, was the great poet Milton's dearest friend.

number on the outside's side. This lately is seen outside except in this country. Mr. Thompson's mother name was Gardner,* she being of

* The tenderness of the heart's land are descended from John Gardner, who was a lieutenant by rank, and master of vessels of the reputation in the management of the Fleet of Guinea. He came to this country in the employ of Lord Bay and John and Louis Bourne, Sir Arthur Wallingford, Sir Matthew Ripston, General George French, and others, and he was by his employ in the drawing, ordering, and making of a ship, brass, and instruments, and was in these business and treated very much in command. He sailed from London on August 11, 1611, in a small Spanish Vessel of twenty-four tons, with his wife and three servants, Elias Giles, Gardner brought with him with him by a private letter of knowledge, with his wife, and a number of goods were to be sent by a vessel which arrived some days. He landed at Boston on November 27, 1611. During his brief stay in that place the officers created those matters of the call as an opinion in completing the business already begun by Governor Wallingford on Fort Hill. It was agreed by common consent that each man should receive a certain amount of the Indian Corn and Fishings, the rate being by Henry Year Governor John Winthrop, and John Winthrop, Jr. was appointed to carry out the arrangement. Under the direction of Gardner the work was pursued the regular and progressive of a lot. It was a business eminently adapted to his purpose, and continued to use till after the war of the Revolution, and was particular to English troops in the time of the battle of Fort Mifflin. Sir Edward Davis a single provision in its work in 1613. Lieutenant Gardner was retained in the employ of the Connecticut River, where in company with Joseph and William, afterwards Major General of Massachusetts Bay State, and Commander of the Naval and Maritime Affairs Company of France, he built Southwick Fort and commanded it for long years. It was during these periods times of Boston wars, that on the 24th of April 1675, the son David was born, being the first white child born in Connecticut. After completing the term of service for which he had engaged, he sailed with the command of George French and arrived to an island in Long Island Sound which he retained the title of "Light," but which became known as Gardner's Island. Captain French, who succeeded him in command of the town, was an Englishman of good family, who was afterwards Member of Parliament, Governor of Bermuda and a Judge of the Colonization Society in the Parliamentary House. He was killed at Jamaica Plain. His wife, Lady Alice, Gardner was born of Sir John's line, she was the daughter of Sir Edward Spring, and the widow of Sir John French. French at several married a daughter of Sir Arthur Wallingford.

Gardner, while in the fort, had many conflicts with the natives, and on several occasions nearly engaged with his life. Once he was surrounded by Indians and obliged to defend himself with his sword, and had it cut down by the protection of his military coat of mail which unfortunately had been a hindrance, as it was, he was severely wounded. When he returned to his island he took with him several of the soldiers who had served under him at Southwick Fort, and probably some had come under his command to Hartford in the year of 1626-27. The word was the first of a settlement on the spot at Mattys Bay, New York. On the 24th of September, 1630, Gardner, he had sailed, was dead, the being the "first child of English parents born in the Colonies of New York."

In 1635 Lieutenant Gardner returned to Farnborough and left his estate in charge of his father. In 1641 he died, aged 60 years. The probate of his will, in which he had given to his two eldest sons, Edward and John, and his youngest son to certain amounts, was the language and legends of his in the wilderness. His home and estate were cut off, and he was generous, and kind as well to the Indians and they were as friendly to Gardner. General Knapp (who succeeded French in command) was a good man, and Sir Robert Aldrich had made friendly mention of his benevolence in the fort. Some say that an arrow from the English hit him while he was engaged by Lieutenant Gardner, who was chief commander of New York fort, and some great guns and others from him were mentioned. The grave of his father-in-law in Farnborough is visited by a number of persons, and of his grave, a stone of two feet and having qualities. Erected in the year 1770. It is probably the only one of its kind in this country. A monument later erected in the place the various that in the soldiers' grave of his day was the name of the father's name, and supported by eight or ten stones to protect the stone from the removal of the elements, and the base upon which the figure

rests has on its four sides, cut in old-fashioned letters, a short sketch of Lion Gardiner's life as soldier and citizen. The monument is enclosed by a handsome wrought-iron railing embellished with a foliated design and a coat of arms.

It is a beautiful and enduring memorial—handsome but not ostentatious—of Lion Gardiner, one of the finest characters of our early history. It is the conception of the late James Renwick, Esq., architect of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Grace Church, New York, besides many other important ecclesiastical edifices. It was erected at the expense of Mrs. Sarah Diodati Thompson, daughter of the seventh Lord of the Manor, and of Mrs. Mary Thompson⁶ Gardiner, widow of Samuel Buel Gardiner the tenth Lord.

The patent of Gardiner's Island, granted by the deputy of the Earl of Sterling, erected it into "an entirely separate and independent plantation, with the power to execute and put in practice such laws for church and civil government as are agreeable to God, the king, and the practices of the country."

Mrs. Gardiner, whose maiden name was Willemsen, was born in the town of Woerden, Holland, of highly respectable parents. She survived her husband only two years. The island was entailed on the eldest son David, who was educated in England, where, in the Parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, he married Mary Herringman. He received from Governor Dongan the last patent of the island, erecting it into a "Lordship and Manor to be henceforth called the 'Lordship and Manor of Gardiner's Island.' It granted the right forever in the said lordship and manor one Court Leet and one Court Baron to hold and keep at such time and times as shall be meet. To distrain for rent. The advowson or right of patronage to all churches, to be holden of his Most Sacred Majesty his heirs and successors in free and common socage according to the tenure of East Greenwich, in the Kingdom of England, yielding and paying therefor yearly one lamb on the first day of May, at New York, in lieu of all services whatsoever."

David Gardiner died July 10, 1689, at Hartford, Conn., where he was engaged on public business. He was buried in Hartford, and on his monument in the old burial ground attached to the Centre Church, is the inscription: "Well, sick, dead in one hour's space."

His children were John, David, Lion, and Elizabeth. John inherited the island and was the third proprietor and Lord of the Manor. It was during his life that the estate was pillaged by Spanish buccaneers, and the notorious pirate, Captain Kidd, made it the repository of his stolen treasures. His death was caused by the fall of his horse at Groton. He had several children. The distinguished merchant prince Gardiner Greene of Boston, whose wife, Elizabeth C. Copley, was sister of Lord Lyndhurst, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain. Hon. J. C. Bancroft Davis; Hon. George Bancroft, the distinguished historian, and the Hon. Gardiner Greene Hubbard are all descendants of His Excellency, John Gardiner 3d Lord of the Manor.

His eldest son David succeeded to the estate. He was born January 3, 1691, and the following entry in the church records tells us of his death:

"1751, July 4, died Lord Gardiner, aged 60, having been sick for some months."

His sons were John, Abraham, Samuel, and David. John and David were educated at Yale College, and took their degrees in 1736. Abraham was the Colonel Gardiner of the Revolutionary period. John became the fifth lord. A stone in the burial ground at Easthampton records the death of "Elizabeth, wife of his Excellency John Gardiner, Lord of the Isle of Wight, in 1754." After her death he married Deborah Avery, and left her a widow, when she married General Israel Putnam of the American army. She died at his headquarters in the Highlands, and was buried in the vault of Colonel Beverly Robinson. John Gardiner's sons were David, John, and Septimus. Septimus was an officer in the army and died young. John had a large estate known as the Manor of Eaton's Neck. David, the eldest, was educated at Yale College; he received the island by entail, and was the sixth Lord. His wife was daughter of the Rev. Samuel Buel, D.D., a distinguished clergyman of his day. She was a lady of great talents and literary acquirements. A sketch of her life has been written by the Rev. Dr. Woolworth. His sons were John Lyon and David. They took their degrees at the College of New Jersey in 1789. John Lyon, the seventh Lord of the Manor, was a gentleman of culture and refinement. Local history is indebted to him for some curious and important information. He died November 22, 1816, leaving a wife, Sarah Griswold, a lady highly respected (she belonged to one of the most distinguished families in Connecticut), and five children, viz.: David J., John Griswold, Samuel B., Mary B., and Sarah Diodati. David J.,