

tory of which had previously been within the boundaries of Albany County. Not a few of these veterans of the war of the Revolution settled at or near Troy, which had been laid out as a village in 1787, and called Vanderheyden. Those who were not merchants, mechanics, or owners of river-craft, but yeomen, became occupants of farms in the vicinity of the rapidly-growing settlement.

The site of Troy had originally been a part of the manor of Rensselaerswyck. Most of the land covered by the compactly-built part of the city, incorporated on April 12, 1816, was purchased on June 2, 1707, from Pieter Pieterse van Woggelum by Dirk van der Heyden, at that time a freeman of the manor of Rensselaerswyck, who, on March 9, 1687, had been united in marriage to Rachel, daughter of Joachim Ketelhuyn, of Albany.

The *houwerij*, at that time called a ferry-farm (*een pont-pagt*), lying between the two tributary creeks, the Poesten Kill, on the south, and the Piscawen Kill, on the north, was conveyed by Dirk van der Heyden, in 1731, to his three sons, Jacob, David, and Mattys. In 1775, Jacob Dirkse, the great-grandson of Dirk van der Heyden, inherited the middle section of the original farm, on which, in 1787, he laid out the village of Vanderheyden, which, on January 5, 1789, by a vote of the settlers, was given the classic name of Troy. The village-plat was then bounded on the south by the present line of Division Street, on the north by that of Grand Street, west by the Hudson River, and on the east by a line extending north and south through the alley between Third and Fourth streets.

Rensselaer County, previously a part of the territory of Albany County, was erected on February 7, 1791. The county at that time embraced the subdivisions severally called Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Hoosick, Rensselaerswyck, and Stephentown. Later, the subdivision or township, bearing the name of Brunswick, adjacent the city of Troy on the east, was formed on March 20, 1807, and that of Sandlake, on June 19, 1812.

Rensselaerswyck, being a manor of rented farms belonging to the *patroon*, Stephen van Rensselaer, afforded him in 1795, it is said, an annual revenue aggregating about fifty thousand dollars. The rents of the different farms were commonly payable in wheat, delivered at the manor-house, near the northern boundary of the city of Albany.

It would seem that Cornelius, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Ter Bos Swartwout, and John, the son of Samuel and Phebe Pudney Swartwout, his cousin, who, in 1775, had married Cornelius's wife's sister, Aaltje Bedell, moved in 1795, from Dutchess County, with their families, and settled on the Upper Hudson; Cornelius renting a farm of Stephen van Rensselaer, *patroon* of Rensselaerswyck, lying not far from Troy, and John, one in Saratoga County. Their father-in-law, Captain John Bedell, likewise quitted his home in Dutchess