

through the Mohawk Valley in 1792, thus writes to a friend * of the hospitality he experienced at Judge Staring's Inn : " Having arrived at the German Flats, Col. Staring was the man with whom I intended to dine if it were obtainable. Although his honor was at the same time a judge of the Common Pleas, thus high in civil and military grandeur, yet he kept a public-house, and my imagination was soon highly inflamed when I glanced on his mansion and its appurtenances. The colonel was gone to the meeting; his barn was the place of worship. I went thither; the assembled congregation was very numerous; our Lord's Supper was celebrated with decency, and as it appeared to me, by many with fervent devotion. Four children were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Rosenkranz, of the German Flats, who had made this pastoral visit to direct these religious solemnities. After service the flock crowded promiscuously into the colonel's house, and used sparingly some refreshments. * * * The large majority of the guests gloried at the renewed election of George Clinton, while many who had voted for John Jay were equally disappointed. * * * The presence of the reverend pastor, the solemnity of the sacred festival, the presence of the fathers of the baptized children, some of them related to the colonel, procured me a good dinner. A very good soup, salad, roasted chickens, beef and pork, with bread and butter, were soon destroyed by fifteen or sixteen hungry guests. The Rev. Rosenkranz was born in the Duchy of the Paltz-Tweebrogen, from a respectable family of Swedish origin.

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