

of Andrus-town, by plundering and burning their habitations.

The above account was given to the father of the writer — the late Col. Wm. L. Stone — in September, 1837, by this same John Frank, who, though at that time, very old, had his mental faculties unimpaired. Col. Stone had known John Frank for twenty-five years previous to this communication; and, consequently, this information may be considered reliable. For further particulars the reader is referred to Stone's "*Life of Brant.*"

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Nicholas Starin, son of Philip Frederick Adam (14), was born at Glen, N. Y., in 1749. He was present at the battle of Oriskany, taking, like his cousin Heinrich, a prominent part in that action as 2d lieutenant of the 5th Company in the 4th Battalion of the Tryon County Militia.* He was — so oral family tradition says — a typical, jovial old Dutchman, and was, with praiseworthy zeal, particularly anxious that the ancient Dutch customs should be kept alive in his own family. Like his namesake and patron, Saint Nicholas, he neglected no opportunity of calling around him on certain festive occasions his immediate family and neighbors to participate in the festivities handed down by his ancestors in the Fatherland. He married (1) Catherine

* The colonel of this battalion, which was made up of the inhabitants of the German Flats and the Kingsland districts — at that time including all the territory west of the present Little Falls on both sides of the Mohawk river — was Hanyoost Herkheimer (Herkimer) a relative, probably, of Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, the hero of Oriskany.