

first and second husbands were killed in the War of the Revolution.

Adam Staring was married to his wife (the widow of Mr. Bellinger) by the Rev. John Peter Spinner, the father of the late distinguished Treasurer of the United States, the Hon. Francis E. Spinner — whose remarkable signature to the United States bank-notes attained a world-wide fame. Rev. John Peter Spinner was a priest from Baden, Germany, who becoming a Protestant, entered the ministry and came to this country in the latter part of the last century. He became pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Herkimer, in 1801. He gave his son, Francis E., a most thorough education, which laid the groundwork of the eminence to which he afterward attained. Mr. Francis E. Spinner and the father of the writer (Colonel William L. Stone) were old friends in their boyhood at Herkimer, N. Y.; and the late Thurlow Weed used to relate, with much *gusto*, an adventure which happened to Colonel Stone, Spinner and himself, the main points of which were, they breaking through the Frankfort bridge over the Mohawk with their team one cold winter's night, and being precipitated into the stream, on their return from a "Husking Bee."

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Nicholas H. Staring, son of Heinrich (18), was twice married; first to Jane Dygert, and secondly to widow Talcot, formerly Mary Myers. He served, during the Revolution, as second lieutenant in the 5th Company (Captain Peter Bellinger's) of the 4th Battalion of the Tryon County Militia, Colonel Hanyoost