

to bring water to the stable, paid little heed to his master's instructions, and one unlucky time the catastrophe so much dreaded was barely averted. On this occasion, while the horses were drinking through an air-hole, the ice suddenly gave way, plunging both team and Cæsar into the freezing stream. The animals finally succeeded, after much struggling, in reaching the bank, as did Cæsar, who had clung with frantic grasp to the tail of one of the horses until safe on *terra firma*; but a more frightened negro never was seen, and, for a time, his condition was most pitiable to behold. However, when often asked what would have become of him had the rapid current swept him under the ice, he would invariably reply: 'Oh! I'd come out somewar down dar by Pete Fonda's,' there being at this place another opening in the ice some two miles below."

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Myndert Starin, son of John (24), was born at Glen, Montgomery county, N. Y., on the 31st of May, 1786. His parents gave him a good education, and personally nurtured the promising characteristics of the lad. He was the first regular mail-carrier in that section of the State, and was also engaged in trading successfully on the frontier. When war was declared against Great Britain in 1812—although ill at the time of the draft, he refused exemption on that ground, and enlisted and served bravely throughout the war. Four years after his discharge, he began business at Johnstown, N. Y., and in 1819, extended it by taking a building at Sammons ville. Here he greatly enlarged his