

occupation of his father before him, he early in life gained a high local reputation as one of the most intelligent and practical farmers in the Mohawk Valley, a reputation which he maintained until his death. He was, moreover, a man of much shrewdness of character, and was credited with many original sayings, one of which was, in speaking once of an improvident neighbor, that "nobody could guess how his family was clothed and fed, but by supposing that the habit of eating, drinking and wearing clothes was, like all other habits, when once fixed, not to be shaken off!" He was married at Root, Montgomery county, N. Y. (formerly Charleston), on the 19th of May, 1825, to Catherine Diefendorf (a daughter of Judge Henry J. Diefendorf), who was born on the 22d of January, 1806, at Currytown, N. Y. He died October 8, 1881. She died April 3, 1883.

CHILDREN:

227. JOHN H., b. Jan. 22, 1828; m. Catherine Fox.
 228. JACOB H., b. Aug. 10, 1830; m. Elizabeth E. Van Evera.
 229. DAVID HAMILTON, b. Aug. 17, 1833. S.
 230. HANNAH ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 4, 1838; m. Douw Henry Heagler.
 231. MARGARET ANN, b. May 10, 1844; m. Charles Rickard.
 232. LEVI ABRAHAM, b. July 11, 1846; m. Martha Gardinier.

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John J. Starin, son of Jacob F. (58), was born at Glen, N. Y., on the 19th of September, 1806. He