

memory of John Salter, aged seventy-three years, and Jane Salter, aged eighty-one years.

Jane Frost apparently had a lover in the Continental Army in the siege of Boston, in 1775, and kept one letter from him in the family Bible. Jane was eighteen, and her sister Dorothy sixteen. Samuel Haven was expected to forward letters from Clarissa to Lysander. As we hear no more about Philadelphia militia armed with tomahawks, we fear that Lysander must have been killed in the Revolution. Jane Frost did not seem disposed to marry at this period of the war. She certainly had no interest in John Salter, who was living on his farm at Salter's Island, close to her home in New Castle.

John Salter lost his wife in 1776, and two years later married Elizabeth March, who was thirty-three, while Jane Frost was only twenty-one, and the "lovely Lucinda" nineteen. After the treaty of peace was signed, Jane Frost became the third wife of John Salter, and Dorothy married James Jewett.

New Castle was the scene of the first important aggressive armed action of the Revolutionary patriots. Before Paul Revere—the original Rough Rider—made his famous ride to Lexington and Concord, he had taken a much longer one, if not so celebrated. December 13, 1774, he rode express from Boston to Portsmouth, despatched by the Boston Committee of Safety. The next day the Portsmouth Sons of Liberty, with the patriots of New Castle, in all about 400, under command of Major John Sullivan, proceeded to the fort and carried off one hundred barrels of gunpowder. Most of it was used at Bunker Hill. Trevelyan says they also carried away in broad daylight sixteen cannon.

Lysander writes, July 26th, when Gage was in com-