

STARIN GENEALOGY.

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Nicholas Ster, the founder of the Starin family in America, was born on the borders of the Zuyder-Zee in the Province of Guelderland, Holland, in 1663. Thirty-three years later, accompanied by his second wife and their three children, and also by his three children by his first wife, he came over to America in one of the Dutch West India ships, landing at New Amsterdam (New York) in 1696, during the administration of Governor Fletcher.

It would appear that he brought with him some means of his own, since we find him, soon after his arrival, settled at Fort Orange (Albany, N. Y.) and engaging in an extensive and lucrative trade with the Indians. In 1705, taking advantage of the liberal offers of Queen Anne to Protestant settlers, he removed to that section of New York State which is now known as the "German Flats."* His reasons for selecting this locality in which to lay the foundation of the future prosperity of his family are indicative

* German Flats was founded as a district of Tryon Co., March 27, 1772, although its Patent is dated April 30, 1725. Its name was exchanged with the Kingsland district, March 7, 1788. Frankfort, Litchfield and Warren were taken off in 1796, and a portion of Little Falls in 1829. It lies upon the south bank of the Mohawk, south of the center of Herkimer county. A fine intervale extends along that river, and from the surface gradually