

DE INNES-KER FAMILY.

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JOHN KER.

John Ker fought under John Paul Jones, as powder boy, in the Revolutionary War.



ELLEN McCALL-KER.

John De Innes Ker, oldest son of Sir Andrew Ker, who fought in the Revolutionary war under John Paul Jones, was allowed the honor of lighting the cannon to fire the national salute in New York City for many years. At his death his son James took his place until an explosion occurred while he was attending the arrangements for the farewell salute to a Southern regiment who were visiting the 7th regiment of New York, in 1857. The man holding his finger over the vent became enthusiastic over the national airs and by removing it, the explosion occurred in which James Ker partially lost his eyesight. He was removed to the New York Hospital where he remained three months. The New York 7th in a meeting voted a handsome present which was refused, as the unfortunate man was in good circumstances.

His widow, Margaret Ker, died during the month of October, 1899. Minnie K. Riker-Doe, her granddaughter, is the only surviving member of this branch of the family.