

there were also some small slave houses, in the rear of the manor house.

Undoubtedly all was substantial and comfortable, if we are able to judge by the houses Mr. Van Deusen built for his sons.

The house stood for more than a century, and was the home of Isaac I, Isaac II, and Isaac III, "Wise Isaac," but, after the death of the latter, in 1831, it passed out of the family, and speedily began to run down, as old houses will when not properly cared for. The main part was taken down about 1860, and the wing at an earlier date. Not a vestige of the original buildings remain, and the stone gate post is the sole memorial of the manor buildings.

Mr. Van Deusen's six sons settled upon his lands, and in 1787 he deeded a large part of his property to them, however, he did not acknowledge the six deeds until 1788, and they were not recorded until after his death, in 1796.

Abraham, the eldest, lived at the foot of the road over Monument mountain, where Jehoiakim Van Valkenburg had previously settled.

Coonrod lived at the western base of Monument mountain, in the "old stone house," built in 1771, and still standing, on the east road to Housatonic.

John I, lived in the brick house, now owned by the Pelton family, north of the family burial ground.

Matthew lived at the "old stone house," still standing in the south part of Lee, which was formerly called the Hoplands.

Jacob lived at the Williams mansion, since owned by the Ticknor family, in the present village of Van Deusen.

Isaac, Jr., or II, the youngest, remained at the manor house.

These six sons were noted for their uncommon height, the shortest being six feet, two inches, and the tallest six feet seven and one-half inches.

On March 8th, 1742 the proprietors—land holders—held their