

orchards, and burned his barns and farm buildings. His large stone dwelling-house was in the village, it was the finest house in the place; the officers had made their head-quarters in it, when they left they built a fire of straw on the floor of the front entry; it burned itself out without consuming the building. Dr. Weisse remembers seeing the heavy hard wood balusters charred black with fire, but not consumed; the entry floor was stone. He never was compensated for all this desolation, or rewarded for the brave and timely intervention which saved an army and a frontier fortress to France. James Weisse died of inflammation of the lungs, leaving a widow and family of children in a country overrun by hostile armies, and estates swept of everything that could be destroyed; this was in 1812. His son, J. A. Weisse, then an infant, was educated on the share of his father's landed estate that fell to him. The widow of James Weisse enjoyed a pension till the day of her death, in 1834.

#### PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF THE WEISSES.

They have been very tall, many of them over six feet. James Weisse, father of Dr. J. A. Weisse, measured six feet two inches, so did a brother of Dr. Weisse's; they are of the French type of figure: fine limbs, small feet and hands, neat joints, and of strength beyond what their delicacy of appearance would lead to expect. They have Roman profile; large hazel eyes; dark, thick hair, inclined to curl, and soon becoming mixed with white, but they never are bald. They have been characterized by having a very small beautiful mouth, the chin slightly turned up, with a deep dimple; many of the females have also had dimples in the cheeks; their complexions are decidedly French, white and florid. Like all families who have for a great many generations been above the hardships of the ouvrier, there is a strong family likeness among them, and frequent instances of extreme personal beauty. Bernard Weisse, a nephew of Dr. J. A. Weisse, was thought very handsome when in New-York, 1858.

John Weisse, the oldest brother of Dr. J. A. Weisse, and father of the above-named Bernard Weisse, is a fine looking gentleman, of ample means, now living retired from business, at Saare Union, France. He, like his father, held the office of Garde Général des Forêts; he resigned about 1835.