

(see Valentine's "History of New York"), as shown by his election for a succession of years. These facts we find recorded in the proceedings of the Common Council for those years. "Peter Mesier, by will dated October 2, 1765, proved June 1, 1784, gives to his eldest son Abraham Mesier, a corner house and lot where he now lives. He gives to his son Peter Mesier, Jr., the corner house and lot of ground where he now lives, and to Jacob Van Voorhis, Jr., and John Van Voorhis, children of his daughter Catherine, the house and lot of ground on the south side of Cortlandt Street, and he directs the remainder of his property, real and personal, to be divided into four equal parts, one-fourth to Abraham Mesier, one-fourth to Peter Mesier, Jr., one-fourth to his daughter Elizabeth, one-fourth to his grandchildren Jacob Van Voorhis, Jr., and John Van Voorhis; appoints as his executors Abraham Mesier and Peter Mesier, Jr."

NOTE.—We are indebted to Mr. Elias Van Voorhis for this information in his "Notes on the Ancestry of Major Wm. Roe Van Voorhis."

In 1776 there was a large fire, which extended from the Battery up Broadway to Vesey Street, on the west side, and it is stated in Mrs. Lamb's "His-