

near the edifice, stands a massive brown-stone slab marking the place of their sepulchre and bearing an inscription in Dutch: "Here lies the body of Jacobus Swartwout, being rested in the Lord on the third day of April, 1749, being fifty-seven years, one month, and twenty days old."<sup>1</sup>

In order to comply with the provisions of the will of their father, Thomas Swartwout and Mary, his wife; Cornelis Swartwout and Elizabeth, his wife, and Rudolphus and Dinah, his wife; Samuel Swartwout and Phebe, his wife, and Jacobus Swartwout, sold, on May 7, 1757, for £705, to Matthew Allen of Rombout Precinct, late of Ulster County, two hundred and thirty-five of the three hundred and six acres purchased by Jacobus Swartwout, in 1721, of Madame Brett. On April 13, 1758, the two brothers, Thomas and Rudolphus, as heirs, made a conveyance to each other of three hundred and ninety-three acres (seven of which Rudolphus had bought of Madame Brett), which lay "on the south side of a brook called the Fish Kill, in Rombout Precinct," and "on the west side of the road, near Thomas Swartwout's new house, and along the road leading from Wiccopee to the landing on Hudson's river;" Thomas taking the easterly section, comprising one hundred and ninety-three acres, which, on October 31, 1792, he sold for £1,000, to Joseph Burroughs; and Rudolphus, the western section, containing two hundred acres.<sup>2</sup>

Cornelius, the second son of Justice Jacobus Swartwout, whose Christian name was that of his mother's father, purchased, on May 27, 1757, of John Andres, one hundred acres of land lying on the south side of the Fish Kill, and on the north side of the road leading from Beekman's Precinct to Fishkill Landing. Whether or not he lived on this farm with his family it is difficult to determine. When he conveyed it to Michael Rogers, on May 1, 1762, for £300, the purchaser was occupying it.<sup>3</sup>

The disastrous character of the surrender of Fort William, at the south end

<sup>1</sup> "Hier Lydt Het Lighaam [Ligchaam] van Jacobus Swartwout Zynde In de Heere Gerust Den 3 Dagh van April, 1749, Oude Zynde 57 Jaaren Een Maant En 20 Daagen."

<sup>2</sup> Book of deeds, iii., pp. 313-316; 13, p. 406, in the office of the clerk of Dutchess County; and a deed in the possession of Francis Burroughs, now owning the eastern farm.

"To Be Sold, an Excellent Farm, Belonging to the estate of Rodolphus Swartwout, deceased, situate in Rumbout's precinct, in Dutchess County, four miles east from Fishkill and nine from the Landing, on the post-road leading from Fish Kill to Fredericksburgh and Danbury, adjoining the farm of Judge Van Wyck, deceased; containing about Two Hundred Acres of Good Land, very level and clear of stones, and a great part of it most excellent Meadow Land, which yields above fifty tons of exceeding good Hay yearly. There is likewise on the premises a Large Stone House, with a convenient Kitchen, Cellar Kitchen and Cellar under the house, a very good Barn and waggon House, both covered with cedars and an exceeding good Orchard; said farm is well watered and in good fence and repair. \* \* \* \*

"Fish Kill, Dec. 11, 1782."

"JACOBUS SWARTWOUT,  
"THOMAS BURROUGHS,  
Executors."

The New York Packet and American Advertiser.

<sup>3</sup> Book of deeds, xxvi., pp. 61-64, in the office of the clerk of Dutchess County.