HENRY OSTRANDER.

When about fifteen years of age, I was prepared to enter Union College, and did enter the Sophomore class on an advanced standing. But here I studied under great disadvantages arising from an obstinate attack and long continuance of tertian fever, which at that period of the year often prevailed near marshy districts, and along the margins of streams, and coasts of lakes and rivers. It suddenly prostrated my strength, and remorselessly returned every other day with unabated violence. Still I continued to keep up with my class, but a boy's courage, under such circumstances, in a strange place away from the sympathies and comforts of home, will soon ooze out. I felt like a sick stranger in a strange land, bereft of consolation; and the smallest share of a kindly notice was more highly appreciated by a sense of want. I cannot forget, however, the kind consideration of the President of the Institution, Dr. John Blair Smith, who, meeting me one day on my disconsolate way to recitation, bestowed the sweetly sympathetic exclamation, 'poor young fellow!' Nor can I fail to remember the soothing advice of Dr. Dirck Romeyn, the Pastor of the Dutch Congregation of Schenectady, who interested himself so kindly in my convenience and proficiency, exhorting me to remember that by much tribulation only great objects were to be obtained.

The preaching of President Smith interested me much. Oh what a plain, animated and fearless preacher of the cross! **

My malady continued, and at the ensuing vacation I returned to my father's house at Plattekill, where I met the love of family and friends which a long absence teaches one to appreciate. But my mind became disconsolately settled down upon me that I partially gave up my hitherto cherished project. Recovering my spirits, I resumed my studies with the hope of ultimate success. I then went to the Academy of Kingston, under the direction of Timothy T. Smith, who was an excellent teacher and well qualified to guide me through the whole course of study then customary in our colleges.

The Life of Henry Ostrander, D. D. p. 23
W. R. Gordon
New York
1875.

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Ostrander, Henry
From: Esopus, N.Y.
Last residence: Saugerties, N.Y.

Records show one
Henry Ostrander
Fifer in Capt. Benjamin Forbus' Co.,
2nd Regt. (Delamater's) N.Y.Militia.

Commencement of service: Aug 18, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec 2, 1814
Residence: Fishkill, N.Y.
HENRY OSTRANDER

Was born at New Marlborough, now the town of Plattekill, March 11, 1781. His great grand-father, Jan Ostrander, the most distant ancestor of whom anything definite is known, lived between the years 1664 and 1724, and during the period of depression which followed the revocation of the Edict of Nantes fled with many of the Huguenots of France and Holland, came to this country, and settled in Kingston, N. Y.

Henry, the grand-father of the late Dr. Ostrander, was born and reared in Kingston, N. Y. In the marriage record of the old Kingston Church, he is set down as an inhabitant of Hurley, who married Elizabeth Wambourg, of Kingston. He purchased a farm at Esopus, where he resided until about 1760, and removed to Plattekill, where he purchased a tract of 2,000 acres, being a part of a patent known as Marshalm.

His father, Willhalmus, married Sarah, daughter of Den Relyea, a French Protestant, who came to this country at an early period. The result of this issue was nine sons and one daughter, of whom Dr. Ostrander was the sixth son. He was sent to school at the early age of three years; at twelve years of age he was considered a good proficient in the branches then taught in the common schools.

In 1793 he was sent to the Latin School of Rev. Stephen Goetschius, of New Palz, and at the age of fifteen entered the sophomor class of Union College. Ill health compelled him to relinquish his studies, and he returned home. Partially recovering his spirits, he entered the Kingston Academy, under the direction of Timothy T. Smith, who was well qualified to guide him through the whole course of study then customary in our colleges. Having finished his preparatory studies and become fully persuaded as to his duty, he devoted his life without reservation thenceforth to the work of the ministry.

He commenced his theological course under Dr. Solomon Frelingh, a professor of theology acting under appointment by the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America. He was examined before the Classis of Pammus for licensure, September 5, 1801, and was authorized to preach the gospels October 6, 1801. By his own request he was dismissed from this Classis, and joined the Classis of Albany. Was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Coxsackie, October 21, 1801.

He married, May 7, 1801, Miss Jane Nottingham, born in the same neighborhood where he spent his early years, and a descendant of Captain William Nottingham, who came from England with Col. Nicolls at the time of the surrender of New Netherlands to the British lion, in 1664. Their children were Dr. Stephen N., for many years a practicing physician in Sengerties, who died at the age of thirty-seven; Mary Eliza, wife of Dr. Dumont (deceased); Laura (deceased); Ann Catharine, and Jane, who reside on the old homestead in Sengerties. Dr. Ostrander remained at Coxsackie, and besides his ministerial duties interested himself in establishing an academy at that place until May 24, 1810, when he accepted a "call" from the church at Catskill, now called Leeds, which was approved by the Classis.
of Ulster, and he was installed in his new charge by the Rev. John Gostman, D. D., of Kingston. He remained in this charge only two years, when a pressing "call" was made upon him by the church of Kaatsbun and Saugerties, which he accepted, and was installed September 20, 1812. He labored as an earnest and devoted minister in this church until January 1, 1832, a period of fifty years, during which time he resided at Kaatsbun for twenty-two years, six years in Saugerties, and in 1840 removed upon his own farm at Glassco, where he resided until his death, November 22, 1872. His wife died May 22, 1846.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Trustees of Rutgers College in 1844. We quote from the address of the Rev. Dr. C. Van Santvoord, his successor in the church of Saugerties, delivered on the occasion of his funeral services: "If the ministry of our father and friend was long, it was fruitful. He was a skillful expounder of the word. He was an adroit dialectician. He was learned in the Scripture lore. He was a thorough theologian, and loved to explore and expound the great doctrines of Christianity, resting upon the atoning sacrifice, the true foundation laid in Zion. In this his great strength lay. He was rich and powerful and cogent here. Few could hear him without stronger impressions of their guilt and peril of sin, or clearer apprehension of the majesty and holiness of God, and the amazing condescension and love of Him who, 'though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor.'"

His mind was keen, analytical, and discriminating as well as fertile and comprehensive; and his presentation of a subject was felt by the thoughtful listener to be at once convincing and complete. He was "apt to teach," and instructive to those seeking instruction. Perhaps there was less of the popular element about his preaching than some might have desired. There was certainly nothing of the sensational about it, which not a few of those who run to and fro at the present day for Sabbath stimulus seem to crave. The flowers of fancy and of rhetoric he appeared to regard but slightly, rarely setting any norefe his hearers; agreeing with Robert Rull that "men cannot live on flowers." But the strong and nourishing meat of the Word he knew how to provide, and did provide with liberal hand, and the fruit of this was seen in the spiritual health and growth and comeliness of those who enjoyed these stated repasts.

NOTE: Full page portrait.

FROM History of the Towns of Ulster County, N. Y. pp. 69-70
Matthew Bartlett Sylvester
Events & Peck
1880.

CLASS OF 1799

HENRY OSTRANDER

Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in Coxsackie from 1801 to 1810, kept a school on the Old Stone house on the north side of the turnpike, and here the sons of the wealthy Van Bergens and Bronks studied Latin, and at that time considered a mark of scholarship.

History of Greene County, N. Y. p. 246
KATSBAAN CHURCH AND DOMINE OSTRANDER.

For fifty years (1812-1862) the Reverend Henry Ostrander, D.D., was the pastor of the old stone church of Katsbaan, Ulster County. It is of this church that the records are in publication in "Olde Ulster" at present. There were many good stories current a generation ago of the "old Domine," as he was called, and of his ministrations. He was a thorough classical scholar, a great logician, learned in mental science and philosophy and widely read in history. All this aside from his deep theological studies.

He had been educated to preach in Dutch as well as in English. In fact, his facility in the use of the former was greater in early life and he was never able to rid himself of the brogue when he used English. For instance, he brought to a close a powerful sermon on "Immortality" by quoting from the fifteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians in this manner: "Oh, death-en, where is thy sting-en? Oh, grave-en; where is thy victory? The sting-en of death-en is sin-en, etc."

The head of Domine Ostrander was covered until the close of his long life with a mass of the whitest of hair. He took pains to have his sermons well thought out and well expressed. His manuscripts, especially of those which he considered his best and upon which he had spent the most time, bore the evidence of his careful work. Yet by the time he had them ready for his pulpit he knew them by heart and needed not to follow the manuscript closely. As the delivery proceeded he often warmed up. Then to his active brain illustration and amplification would suggest themselves. He would raise his hand and push his glasses up into the mass of white that covered his head and pour out a flood of eloquence. Then there was no brogue which survived his Dutch days. Well does the writer remember a funeral service when the old domine was almost ninety. An old friend whom he had known all his life had died and he was asked to preach her funeral sermon. It was a dark day in midwinter. He carefully prepared himself and had his manuscript before him. The light was not good and his eyes were filled with tears at his loss. In trying to adjust his manuscript he pushed it too far and it fell from the desk, taking with it the pulpit Bible.
Some one stepped to pick it up. The old domine shook his head and pushed up his glasses. Abandoning his intended line of thought he let his emotions take the wings of imagination and picture the reunion of friends in a better world. No one who heard it would ever forget it. His eyes were bright and piercingly but they shone that day with an unusual radiance. He spoke as a man inspired. The words came as a torrent. Sentences, imagery, eloquent periods, tributes to friendship, remembrances of graces of character seemed leaping for utterance. He sat down exhausted and one felt oppressed by the silence which followed.

(The following paragraph came after the 2nd)

Among his auditors in the stone church at Katsbaan for more than forty years was a warm friend, Hezekiah Wynkoop. He was affectionately called "Oom Skee-ah." But he was very deaf. He purchased an immense horn which he carried with him to church which assisted greatly in hearing. The old Domine soon found that his friend could understand him better from the pulpit and invited him to sit there. He died in 1858. There are still living in Katsbaan those who remember him sitting there with the horn as large as a modern megaphone listening to the sermon of his pastor and friend attentively until the close. He would then withdraw the horn, take out his silver box and refresh himself with a bit of tobacco. There was another deaf man, whose identity the writer cannot recall, who had a much smaller horn and who sat on the pulpit stairs. Domine Ostrander fell so deeply in the habit of turning towards these afflicted auditors in preaching that he never lost it. His address was always towards that side of the house long after they had departed. For though his pastorate closed in 1862 he preached frequently in his old pulpit until his death in 1872 at the great age of ninety-two.

Before the church was altered in 1867 galleries extended around three sides of the church. Many slaves had been held by the farmers in early days and were taught to attend church with their masters. There were many communicants among them. They sat on the galleries until the whites had partaken of the Lord's Supper when they were invited to the body of the church. On one occasion one colored woman fell asleep and did not hear
the old Domine invite them to present themselves. One of the elders, an old man, arose and called out in Dutch: "Di-aan, di-aan, de domine roept aan u" (Diana, Diana, the domine calls you)

Olde Ulster
v. 7 pp. 212-215
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Kingston, N. Y.
1799  HENRY OSTRANDER

DIED: On Sunday morning, the 13th inst, at Charleston, S. C., Laura, youngest daughter of Rev. Henry Ostrander, D. D., of Saugerties.

Ulster Republican
June 23, 1858 (Wednesday)
Three years after the death of Domine Schuneman, the Catskill and Coxsackie churches separated (1797) and this same year Rev. Jacob Sickles (Mon. 1797) accepted a call from the congregations of Coxsackie and Coeymans. In 1801, under Rev. Henry Ostrander, Coxsackie was a congregation by itself.********p.335

In 1800 the church was incorporated in the new Classis of Ulster and in 1810 a call was extended Rev. Henry Ostrander who was also, pastor at Coxsackie. He was to preach in Dutch at Old Catskill and in English at Catskill Landing. p. 332

Rev. Henry Ostrander, during his long pastorate, began religious services at Saugerties and for eleven years held them in the ball room of a hotel; he also began services at Palatkaill, Blue Mountain, Saxton and Walden; organized the first Sunday School in the town of Saugerties, and in 1814 started a town library of 700 volumes at Catsbaan.

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Reformed Church in America.
Ostrander Henry (Rev.)

Born, Mar. 11, 1781
Died Nov. 22, 1872

Pastor-Cortlandville, N.Y. Refd. Church
1800-1810
Pastor-Kaatsbaan, N.Y. Refd. Ch.
1812-1862

Rec'd Degree, D.D. from Rutgers 1844

Wife: Jane Nottingham
Married: May 7, 1801
She died: May 22, 1846

Children: David - Born Wor. 1784
- died - April 1866
William - Born Sept. 17, 1786
Cornelius - Born Jan. 9, 1787
- died - Jan. 24, 1864

Twins
Medra - Born Jan. 9, 1787
Maria - Born Dec. 26, 1809
Married, John Warner
Ruben - Born Nov. 27, 1792
- died - Aug. 14, 1866
Married, Dina Prendagen
She died, Aug. 11, 1879.
Descendant: Pieter Pietersen and wife - Tyndie - came in 1660 from Holland - one of company of soldiers - on ship, Bonte Coe ("potted cow")

Ostrander is modernized name of Pietersen

Rev. Henry Ostrander was son of Wilhelmina & Saartje (Sark) Relyea.

Wilhelmina was born Apr 29, 1748 @ Plattelake, Ulster Co —

son of Hendrick Ostrander & Elizabeth Van Borniel (Wamboon)

Hendrick was son of Pieter Pietersen (Ostrander) — born Sept 18, 1695 —

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— born before 1660

From: W.M. P. Bailey '94.
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New Brunswick Theo Seminary
Dr. "Olde Ulster" - July 1911; (Historical Magazine) Published at Kingston, N.Y. in a three-page biographical sketch of the above.

Born @ Plattsburg, N.Y. Mar. 11, 1781 - He died at Harle, N.Y. Nov. 12, 1872 - aged 92 years - He was honored by Rutgers Univ. in 1844 with a D.D. of his charge he was in the Catsbaan, N.Y. Reformed Church for half a century (1812-1862) - but continued to supply pulpits almost up to the time of his decease.

In Horace's "Engravings of the American Reformed" he wrote the articles on Revs. John Schumman, Solomon Troeligh, Jonas Troeligh, and Jacob Sickles.

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Sedgertius Aug. 1, 1814

Dear sir, Rev. Harbouch informs me that you have not as yet received my answer to your letter on the subject of his ministerial standing. In that answer I have mentioned M. Harbouch's acquittal by the Civil Court and also in Clasis, that he was dismissed from one of his congregations, and has, from the Consistory thereof, a sufficient testimonial of recommendation, also that in the other congregation as I am informed, his standing is good together with some other particulars. Fearful that you have not receivd the letter I have undertaken to write a second time. The letter you expected from the Rev. Mr. Fletcher I have no doubt will soon be received by you. I would now only take the freedom of suggesting to you that if your congregation are disposed to call M. Harbouch you should not give up the idea of doing so on account of the delay in the communications which you expected from the Rev. Mr. Fletcher & myself. If you have not receivd satisfaction on the subject of the whole you mentioned you will in a few days receive it.

Yours respectfully, Henry Thande.
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