

PETER S. SWART

Was a son of General Bartholomew Swart, of Schoharie, and was born July 15, 1801. His early life was spent upon his father's farm near the village of Schoharie, and he was educated at the village school.

About the year 1820 or 1821, he began reading medicine with Dr. Cornelius Van Dyck, and subsequently read with Dr. March of Albany. In 1824, he was graduated from the medical college of that city, and soon thereafter commenced the practice of medicine in Schoharie.

Dr. Swart was twice married: his first wife was Maria Snyder, of Schoharie, to whom he was married in 1824; and his second wife was Eva Eliza Michaels, with whom he was united in marriage in 1869. The latter was the daughter of the late William G. and Maria Lawyer Michaels. She is an intelligent and estimable lady, and is still residing in the village of Schoharie. Both of the doctor's wives were great-great-grand-daughters of Johannes Lawyer, the first of the family bearing that name, who came to America, from Durlech near the Rhine in 1717.

Dr. Swart was also a descendant of Johannes Lawyer, his mother being a daughter of the great landholder of that name. The doctor was County treasurer of Schoharie County for two successive terms, and was also treasurer of the village of Schoharie several times. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

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