

The Hess Family of the Mohawk Valley

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Dear Sir and Readers:
Recognizing the very valuable work done by your paper in printing Mohawk Valley history and genealogy and having been requested by many of the Hess descendants to get some of the results of my research into print, I have at your suggestion decided to add my bit to the vast stores of New York State history that flowed down along the Mohawk River and its branches and the territory adjacent thereto, knowing full well that my story will be far from complete, but if I may provoke enough thought and interest in Mohawk and family history to cause the young people among your readers to dig deeper I shall be satisfied.

In this first part of the story I shall deal mostly with Johannes Hess Sr. the original Hess Palatine and patentee in view of and because of the fact, that so few of the descendants and inhabitants of the valley know anything about him or have confused him with his son by the same name, although he was one of the early leaders and large land owners in the valley. I am of the sixth generation in the direct line.

Yours truly,
HUBERT W. HESS.

Johannes Hess, Sr.

In discussing the history and genealogy of the Hess families in New York state I shall attempt as far as I am able to do for the present at least to record only those deeds done by and those pertaining to JOHNNES HESS SR. and his descendants either by blood or marriage and to deal especially with that part which has to do with the Mohawk valley. I wish at the start to give full

I shall attempt to set down in this story and record only those deeds of valor and facts of genealogy that have been copied from the originals or have been taken from well authenticated sources and traditions. I shall attempt also to correct some of the traditions that have crept into the records due to there being so many of the family having the same given name, and then also by the Hess and Hees families, two separate families, having children by the same name, but no relation, as far as I am able to trace. Simms says that the Hees family did not come to this country until some 60 odd years after the Hess family.

Now to begin, Johannes Hess was born in the "Duchy of Hannau," about the year 1692, in the Palatinate along the Rhine in Germany. He came to this country with other Palatines under the promise of land in Schoharie (Schoharie) and landed in New York, June 14, 1710. There were said to be three brothers, always three brothers, where this three brother tradition got started I do not know, but it is true of all families there were always three brothers who left their beloved homeland to make their way and gain a fortune in the new world. Now if this be true of the three Hess brothers I have no absolute proof, but there were two by the name of Hess who were recorded among the Palatines at West Camp on the Hudson, viz. Johannes Hess and Nicholas Hess, Nicholas Hess was among those who decided to stay in Columbia county on the 6,000 acres purchased by George Hunter from Livingstone, when the Palatines first came on the land in Oct., 1710. He

dated Aug. 27, 1724 and many of his descendants are still living in the part of the state. Now the only evidence I find that there might have been a third, rests on this fact alone viz. I find the name Jacob "Ess" in Doc. Hist. but no proof that it should have been Hess, while I do find both Johannes Hess and Nicholas Hess in Kocherthal Records in the magazine "Olde Ulster" at West Camp on the Hudson and on June 10, 1711 Nicholas Hess acted as sponsor at a baptism and on July 8, 1711 Johannes Hess acted as sponsor at a baptism and on Aug. 19, 1711 Johannes Hess and Anna Catherina Cudringin acted as sponsors at a baptism, note the in of the name which denotes that she was unmarried, and this is the reason viz. The marriage records give that on Aug. 29, 1711 Johannes Hess, a blacksmith of Bleichenback in the Duchy of Hanau and Anna Catherina daughter of Rudolph Curring of Hellstein Duch of Isenberg, were married at West Camp on the Hudson.

Because of the fact that there has been some confusion as to who Johannes Hess Sr. married I have given the above Church records to show who he really did marry, and I shall give further evidence as I go along with my records and story, and since some writers have said that the Palatines from West Camp did not go to Schoharie and from there to the Mohawk valley on the Burnettsfield Patent I wish to submit the following record that Johannes Hess Sr. did go from West Camp on the Hudson to Schoharie and from there to the Burnettsfield Patent on the Mohawk River, viz. The Kocherthal records give

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daughter of Johannes Hess and Anna Catherina his wife and Gov. Hunter wrote on Oct. 31, 1712 that "some hundreds of them took a resolution of possessing the lands of Scharee and are marching thither" and "although they have no pretense to the land they occupy they will act as a protection to Albany and Schenectady," and in March 1713 he says "more are going," so I suppose Johannes Hess Sr. was one of the "squatters" in Schoharie on the "land to which he had no pretense."

Now as to the title to the Schoharie lands I will not take time here to discuss but as they had been promised the lands by Queen Ann "why not take and occupy them?" And I say, why not?

When Gov. Hunter had been replaced by Gov. Burnett who says that he saw a chance to protect Albany and Schenectady from the Indians he decided to give the Palatines the right to purchase land of the Indians and on Sept. 9, 1721 he received the following petition.

"The petition of several Palatines in behalf of themselves and others at 'Skobere' asks, 'leave to purchase a Tract of Land on the Mohacks River for their use and settlement.' I do not find the name of Johannes Hess Sr. on this petition but I do find the name of his father-in-law Rudolf Curring in the petition. The petition was granted and the final certificate was dated March 23, 1723. This grant of land was called the Burnett's Field Patent and named after Royal Gov. William Burnett. This Patent extends up the river from the Little Falls to some distance above what is now the village of Herkimer, on both sides of the river. I find that Johannes Hess Sr. got Lot 31 and his father-in-law Rudolf Curring got Lot 29, and Augustinus Hess Sr. the eldest son of Johannes Hess Sr. got Lot No. 10 which was located on the north side of the river near where the village of Little Falls is now located. Lots 31 and 29 were the first farms below and above the present German Flatts Church, Old Fort Herkimer Church on south side river which is located on Lot No. 30. The old original Johannes Hess Sr. homestead was Lot No. 31 and came into possession of his oldest son Augustinus Hess Sr. along with one-third part, at least, of Lot 29 and was in possession of my branch of the Hess family for at least four generations and my grand father Henry Hess was born there and when he moved into Delaware county N. Y. 1815 his

Johannes Hess Sr. was one of the twelve men who bought the land to build a church where the old German Flatts Church is now located. The deed is dated Sept. 24, 1721 and is for "one-half of a Rynland, German or one English acre and nine rods." I have a Photostat copy of this old original deed as well as another later deed, when the Church was deeded to the Reformed Church and school free and clear. This deed is dated April 26, 1773 and Augustinus Hess, Sr. was one of the "Partners" who signed this deed. These deeds together with the statement in Doc. Hist. that on Jan. 18, 1711, the Palatines were building a school house at "Queensbury on the Hudson" of "sawn boards" should show beyond any doubt that the Palatines were a God fearing people and in favor of free education. They had built a school on lot 30 previous to 1730 when they bought the land to build the church "upon the same near the school now thereon standing" and the records show that Johannes Hess Sr. and his descendants for at least three generations were among the leaders at least in church affairs at the German Flatts Fort Herkimer church. The old Palatine Church as well as the old church at South Columbia.

Now we come to the record of Johannes Hess Sr. that deals more directly with the section around St. Johnsville viz. the Harrison Patent, so called. On April 7th and 8th, 1733 Johannes Hess Sr. and Frederick Pelling (Bellinger) bought of Lewis Morris Jr. Lots 9 and 10 in the Harrison Patent for £414 four hundred and fourteen pounds New York currency.

The lots 9 and 10 in Harrison Patent contained about about 1311 acres when surveyed. The Indenture dated April 7, 1732 is for five shillings and gives Hess and Bellinger one whole year to "complete" the transfer according to the "Statute for transferring uses into possession" but on April 8, 1732 the final Indenture was "made and concluded" this deed gives the boundaries of lots 9 and 10 as well as the whole

William Burnet should get 3/19ths of the Patent" and when the division was made and the final releases and Indentures given lots 9 and 10 fell to Lewis Morris Jr., these deeds were dated August 7th and 8th, 1723. At this time another Schuyler and another Wendell were added making eight in all, each of the eight were to get 2-19ths and "his Excellency William Burnet shall get three parts of the nineteen parts divided."

This land in the Harrison Patent came into the possession of Johannes Hess Jr. and was willed by him to his children, as well as land obtained by him in the Klock and Nellis Patent, while Augustinus Hess Sr. came into possession of the land owned by Johannes Hess Sr. and his father-in-law at German Flatts and was willed by him to his children as well as land obtained in Staley's Tracts and other Patents in the German Flatts locality.

The Church Records of Stone Arch; The Kocherthal records in the Magazine Olde Ulster and other records seem to show that Johannes Hess Sr. and Anna Catherine his wife had the following children viz.

Fanniche, born May 20, 1712, bap. June 1st, at West Camp.
Anna Eva born Sept. 24, 1713.
Anna Maria born April 19, 1715, bap. April 24.
Catherine, born March 25, 1717, bap. June 7 at Schoharie.
Augustinus born Dec. 21, 1718, killed July 15, 1782 Fort Herkimer.
Johannes Hess Jr., born May 1721.
John Frederick, born Sept., 1722.
Anna Dorothea, born March 25, 1724
Hendrick or Henry born 1730, died Feb. 25, 1810 at Frey's Bush.

From the late Mr. Leroy who married into this family I have quite an extended record. I have not been able to find the exact date of his birth. He married Mary Elizabeth Garlock and there are many of his descendants still living in the valley. I also found the name of Dederick Hess 1732 who some say was a son of Johannes Hess Sr. and who married Malah Linsklepaugh but I have not proof as yet.

I find that Johannes Hess Sr. and his wife Anna acted as sponsors at the baptism of Anna, born March 25, 1749, the daughter of Johannes Hess Jr. and Margarthea his wife. This Anna married Jacob Klock Sept. 27, 1770. My next articles will deal especially with Augustinus Hess Sr. Member Com. of Safety in Rev. and Johannes Hess Jr. and their sons and sons in law in the Revolution, also their political records, wills, old

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Story of Johannes Hess, Jr., Second Son

I am introducing this record of Johannes Hess, Jr. before that of his older brother Augustinus Hess Sr. first because it follows logically after that of Johannes Hess Sr. since he lived on the same land that his father Johannes Hess Sr. bought of Lewis Morris Jr. in the Harrison Patent, and second because Augustinus Hess Sr. is my ancestor and also since he had a very large large family his story is a longer one and really a long story in itself, but in any case I know that they are all very incomplete, but accurate I think as far as they go. I shall be pleased to get comments and criticisms.

In this part of the story of the Hess Families in New York State I shall try to give some facts regarding the early history and genealogy of the branch which started with Johannes Hess Sr. and descended thru his second son Johannes Hess Jr.

Because of the fact that there has been considerable confusion of the names of persons by the name of John Hess or Johannes Hess it is necessary to give some facts in regard to each of the persons by that name viz. The original Johannes Hess Sr. Palatine and Patentee came to this country June 14, 1710. He married Anna Catharine Curring, daughter of Rudolf Curring (later spelled Coring) at West Camp on the Hudson by Joshua Kotherthal August 29, 1711.

Johannes Hess Sr. had a son, his second son, called Johannes Hess Jr. He was born May 5, 1721 and married Nov. 9, 1743 Anna Margaretha Young who was born Nov. 9, 1720. They had a son Johannes Hess 3rd, born Oct. 27, 1745 and married Feb. 23, 1768. Anna Fox daughter of William Fox and Margaret Cast. This Johannes Hess 3rd. was sometimes called Johannes Hess Junior after the death of his grandfather Johannes Hess Sr. This also helps the confusion, Johannes Hess 3rd had a brother Daniel Hess born Nov. 13, 1758 who had a son John D. Hess born June 13, 1781, d. July 8, 1849, married for his first wife Anna Young who "died Oct. 3, 1813 in the 34th year of her age of epidemic fever" and John D. Hess married for his second wife Magdalene Flanders born Sept. 1, 1785, d. July 1857. John D. Hess and his first wife had a son they named John so there you are. Now add to this the fact that Augustinus Hess Sr. the brother of Johannes Hess Jr. had several sons one he called Johannes and some of all the sons had

didn't marry Margaret they married Anna and we get "Johannes and Anna" and all of them filling the records up with offspring by the names of Elizabeth, Catherine, Anna, Augustinus, Johannes, Frederick and Henry, while Daniel, George and Conrad might well claim honorable mention. And now back to Johannes Hess Jr. The will of Johannes Hess Jr. was proved April 30, 1771 so this precludes any chance of his being in the Revolutionary war, but Johannes Hess 3rd served in the war, both as a private and as a captain in Col. Jacob Klock's regiment. He was commissioned captain June 25, 1778 at the time of the reorganization of the militia due to the terrible losses at the Battle of Oriskany August 6th, 1777. Of course the fact that he had married into the Fox family which had several officers in the army, might have aided in his promotion, but that he was leader in his community is no doubt true as was true of his father who I find that when on June 6th, 1768, New Elders were chosen at Stone Arabia, and also that "At the river Johannes Hess Jr. and Christian Nellis were chosen." Johannes Hess Jr. gave 60 pounds toward the building of the Old Palatine Church the oldest Lutheran Church edifice in the Mohawk valley built August 18, 1778. I find that Johannes Hess 3rd "communed at the river," June 14, 1778, just eleven days before he was commissioned captain and that Daniel Hess his brother communed Nov. 8, 1778. I am giving these facts to show the type of people this story I am trying to write, deals with.

Now at this point in order to get a better understanding of the lands held by Johannes Hess Jr. and to show, at least in part, what became of the land held by Johannes Hess Sr. in the Harrison Patent, and also that Johannes Hess Jr. was one of the Patentees in the so called Klock and Nellis patent, I wish to introduce here the will of Johannes Hess Jr. After the usual preamble as to the disposition of his body in a decent Christian burial, etc. the will recites as follows viz. Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Margaretha, that she shall be Master so long and until the children shall become of age, or as long as she have my name, if she live by them, but if she remain my widow and cannot live with them they must give her so that she can live among another ten pounds per year. Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son Johann's Hess (5) the Lott of Land with the House and Barn where I now dwell in, to him and to hold forever with everything belonging to it. Item I

Hess the Lott next to Phillip Fox and forty acres in the Soft Bush to him and to hold forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Hess the Lott in the New Patent in Company with George Klock and others, about 500 acres if there is any Land good for a farm, if not my three Sons must divide their land and each give an equal share to him and to hold forever, that he can live as well as the rest of my Sons, they must share equally so that every one can live.

Item, My four sons must give to my three daughters 150 pounds each equal shares every one fifty pounds each except my son Daniel must give only ten pounds to each of my daughters.

The will was dated Oct. 29, 1760, and probated April 30, 1771. Johannes Hess 3rd was appointed Administrator March 30, 1772.

Now here seems to be a good place to introduce some Church and family records viz. Johannes Hess Jr. b. May 5, 1721, the 2nd son of Johannes Hess Sr. died about 1797 or 70. He married Anna Margaretha (Jungin) Young Nov. 24, 1743. She was born Nov. 9,

They had the following children viz. Catherine a. July 16, 1744. d. Nov. 24, 1811. Catherine Hess married for her first husband Jacob J. Weaver Nov. 18, 1767. Mr. LeRoy says that they had children but I have no record for her second husband she married Christopher Fox, son of Peter Fox by whom she had three children viz. Christopher C. Fox born Oct. 21, 1774. d. June 15, 1828. M. Nancy Sells who had a son Christopher Fox Jr. who died Jan. 21, 1820, aged 15 years. d. April, 1821. Nancy Hess and John Frederick Fox b. May 18, 1758, a. July, 1820. m. Anna Fox, Col. Bell says that by marriage with Jacob J. Weaver, Catherine Hess had children Catherine and Anna both of whom married Nellises.

Johannes Hess 3rd b. Oct. 27, 1745, m. Anna Fox, Feb. 23, 1768. This Johannes Hess was captain in Klock's regiment and his stockaded house was called Fort Hess. during the Revolution.

Elizabeth Hess b. Aug. 14, 1767, d. Jan. 8, 1823, m. March 24, 1788 Major Christopher Wm. Fox d. Feb. 24, 1744 d. Dec. 16, 1820, son of William Fox and Margaret Cast. They had eight children, John C. Peter C., Christopher C. Fox, b. April 2, 1774. d. Nov. 14, 1822. This Christopher C. Fox m. Margaretha Crank.

They also had children Jacob C. and Daniel Clinton Fox who m. Elizabeth Lambson and they also had three daughters Margaret, Anna and Mary. Anna Hess b. March 25, 1769 m. Jo-

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with record of nine children: John, Anna, Frederick, Jacob, Margaret, David, Elizabeth and Maria. The other named Catherine b. Oct. 1773 in Palatine the seat in Otsego County, N. Y. John F. lived at one time in Durhamville, N. Y. He has the names of ten children and three other of them west. Catherine m. Peter Schramling, Anna m. Henry Schramling and Jacob Hess m. Elizabeth Schramling all in Otsego County, N. Y. Others of this family went to Michigan and the middle west. I would be pleased to get in touch with any of the descendants if possible.

I have tried to find a war record for John Frederick Hess but Washington, D. C. say there is nothing there. I thought that as both his brothers Johannes Hess Jr. and Daniel were in the Revolutionary war he would be. I may find him yet. I have a letter from a person in the west which says that one John Frederick Hess was killed by the Indians but I can find no record of the fact. If I find anything will add it later. He is given in "New York Archives" as having served in Col. Jacob Klock's regiment, N. Y. Militia in both Helder's and Wagner's companies.

Johannes Hess Jr. had son "Dabalt" b. Sept. 22, 1753 and "Dabalt" Young and wife Catherine acted as sponsors. Is this the Theobald Hess and "Margery" we find in the Church records. A Daniel Hess born March 14, 1756 d. April 11, 1758 and so according to custom they named the son born Nov. 13, 1758 Daniel. This Daniel Hess son of Johannes Hess Jr. and Anna Margaretha Young has caused some confusion, due partly to the above, and partly to the fact that some say he married "Caty" Fox daughter of Peter Fox while all of the Church records give her name as Maria by whom he had eight children, viz. John D., Joseph, Peter, Daniel, Benjamin, Margaret and the twins Maria and Anna. For his second wife he married a McDonald and had two children Olive and Eva. Eva was the ancestor of the late W. H. Collins editor of the Gloversville Leader Republican. Joseph Hess b. Aug. 10, 1762 d. June 12, 1862, m. March 2, 1815 Margaret Fox b. April 17, 1793, d. May 18, 1848, daughter of John Fox. They had ten children. Margaret Hess b. Feb. 4, 1766, bapt. Jan. 1, 1768, m. 1808 Daniel C. Fox, b. Mar. 1, 1765, d. 1865. He was the son of Christopher W. Fox and Dina...

Catherine who died aged 25 years. I have the birth and death record of these three families and whom they married if any one wishes them published.

There was another Daniel C. Fox whose middle name was Clinton. He was b. Nov. 18, 1777, d. April 19, 1747, m. Elizabeth Lampman. He was the son of Major Christopher W. Fox and Elizabeth Hess daughter of Johannes Hess Jr. and Anna Margaretha Young. This Major Christopher W. Fox was the son of William Fox, Sr. and Margaret Cast. He was also a brother of William Fox Jr. who was the father of Christopher W. Fox who m. Elizabeth and were the parents of the Daniel C. Fox who married Margaret Hess daughter of Daniel Hess and Maria Fox.

This is a fair sample of the Hess-Fox marriage puzzle. As the Johannes Hess Jr. will shows that he was one of the original Patentees in the "new Patent" in company with George Klock and others it might be interesting to know that he drew lots numbered 27, 63, 80, 121, 126 each 100 acres this was the 500 acres willed to Daniel Hess his youngest son if there was any land good for farm.

Now as to the Revolutionary war record of the sons of Johannes Hess Jr. as recorded at Washington, D. C. Hess or Johannes Hess served in the I find only the following, viz: "John Revolutionary War from February 18 to August 13, 1779 as a captain in Klock's Second Battalion, Montgomery (late Tryon) County, New York Militia. A man of same name served in the same regiment as a private, period not stated. (name man). A man named Daniel Hess served as a private in the same regiment in 1779, precise period not stated. No further information concerning either of these soldiers has been found here." As I said before Johannes Hess 3rd was promoted to Captain June 28, 1778. I may find more as the search goes on but it was Johannes Hess the oldest son of Augustinus Hess Sr. who was wounded at Oriskany.

The following is the record in Washington, D. C. of Major Christopher Wm. Fox who married Elizabeth Hess, daughter of Johannes Hess, Jr., viz. Christopher William Fox, name also borne as Christopher Fox) captain of a company in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment New York Militia. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown by the records on file in this office. His name first appears on a memorandum dated 1776 of "how much money each man of Capt. Christopher William Fox's Company is to receive for the last...

...agreeable to a Resolvtion of the Assembly dated the 7th June, 1785 in pursuance to a Law of the State passed the 22nd of April, 1784." This Roll is kept in the Auditors Office, New York, dated 25th 1787 and certified to by Peter C. Cortenius State Auditor which shows annual pay L86, disability, wounded in his right arm, age 32 years. And also, State of New York to Capt. Christo. Wm. Fox Dr. To my half pay as Captain in Col. Klock's Regiment of Militia from the 6th August, 1777 to the 6th February 1784 is 72 mo. at 20 dollars is L231. Deduct for full pay charged Col. Klock's Regiment in 1779 and 1780 in 2 abstracts L42 S15. Audited New York February 21, 1784 as L281 85." This might seem to show that he was still Capt. Feb. 6, 1784. Now this also, "Christopher Fox, rank not stated, same regiment. His name appears on a record under the heading: "We the subscribers do hereby acknowledge to have received of Col. Jacob Klock certificates for our services in the Militia in the late war (of the numbers and for the sums placed opposite our names) signed by the Treasurer of this State." This roll is dated Montgomery County, State of New York, November 4, 1734, and shows number of certificate 1065 sum L24 S10 D10 and certificate number 1239, sum L18 S4 D2. Total L42 S15 and agrees with the above deduction so this is the Captain Christopher William Fox above mentioned.

Now here I wish to add a record as a check which though not related to the Hess family is I think a brother to the above Christopher Wm. Fox and son of William Fox and Margaret Cast, viz. "Christian William Fox (name also borne as Christian W. Fox) major, same regiment. His name appears on an abstract of the 2nd Battalion which shows that he served one month and twenty four days between February 26th and August 17, 1779, twenty-three days between August 18th and December 31, 1779 and two months and two days between March 18, 1780 and September 4, 1780. And next I wish to submit a record which I think is the result of the...

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name appears on various abstracts of the 2nd Battalion of Tryon County Militia one which shows that he was in service 25 days between February 28, 1778 and August 17, 1778, 20 days between August 18 and December 31, 1778 and 20 days between October 1, 1780 and May 1, 1782. His name also appears on receipt roll under the heading: "Received of Col. Jacob Klock by the hands of Jacob - G. Klock, Esq. Military Certificate signed by Gerard Bancker Esq. Treasurer of the State of New York, to the amount mentioned opposite to our names, it being for military services performed by us in the late war, we say received by us in full," which shows that he received certificate number 18508 in the amount of L18 518 D4."

I find the following in Albany, N. Y. original Mms, viz. Christopher W. Fox came before me George H. Bell Esq. one of the Justices for the County of Montgomery in the State of New York and made oath that he was examined by Peter Gansvoort and Abraham Ten Broeck Esq. appointed by the said State for that purpose and obtained a certificate setting forth that he had served as Captain in the Regt. of Militia Commanded by Col. Jacob Klock, that he was disabled by a wound in his right arm in the year 1777, August 8th at Criskany and that he now lives in the District of German Flats in the County of Montgomery.

Christopher W. Fox.

Sworn before me this 23rd day of May, 1898.

George H. Bell.

Now in view of the fact that this Christopher W. Fox who married Elizabeth Hess is spoken of in his War and Pension records only as Captain, the question naturally arises was he ever Major, and if so when. Now I find in the "New York Archives" published last year under the direction of the Board of Regents by Berthold Fernow, page 200 that on Sept. 20, 1780, Capt. Christopher W. Fox was promoted to Major and that Henry Miller took his place as Captain in the 3rd Co. Col. Jacob Klock's Regt. of Militia. But what active service he performed as major I am unable to say.

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THE HESS FAMILY

Written by Hubert W. Hess

The following is a copy of the deed of lots 9 and 10 in the Harrison Patent, by Lewis Morris, Jr. to Johannes Hess Sr. and Frederick Bellingier.

THIS INDENTURE Made and Concluded the Eight Day of April in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second By the Grace of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Two BETWEEN LEWIS MORRIS Junior of the Mannour of Morrisania & Province of New York of the One part and Johannes Hess & Frederick Bellingier of the County of Albany Husbandmen of the other part, Whereas his late Majesty George the First (of Glorious Memory) did by letters Patent under the Broad Seal of the Province of New York bearing date the Eighteenth day of March, (1722) in the Ninth Year of his Reign Recorded in the Secretarys office of the said Province did give Grant, Rectifie and Confirm unto Francis Harrison Lewis Morris Junior, John Spratt, John Schuyler, Abraham Wendell and John Haskell, Six Tracts of Land adjoining To each other and each containing Two thousand acres and in all Twelve Thousand acres which begins at the Northwestern Corner of the Land Granted To (Coth. Abraham De Peyster & Harman Van Slyck on the East side of the Mohawk River and runs Thence along the Bounds of the said Tract of Land of DePeyster & Van Slyck one hundred seventy and five chains then North nineteen Degrees Thirty Minutes West one hundred and ninety three chains, thence North Sixteen Degrees West Two hundred and Sixty six Chains thence North Fourty Three Degrs west one hundred and twenty three Chains thence North Seventy Five Degrees west one hundred and twenty three Chains Thence North Seventy Five Degrees west one hundred forty five Chains thence Sixty Eight Degrees west one hundred and thirty six chains then South forty Eighty Degrees west one hundred and Seventy two Chains to the said Mohawks River at the Mouth of a Crick called by the Indians Deagruharon where it falls in to the River near Several small Islands in the same river including the stream of the said Brook

Junior, John Spratt, John Schuyler, Abraham Wendell and John Haskell were used in the said letters Patent only to the Intent and upon trust and Confidence that an Absolute and Indefeasible Estate and Inheritance be made To his Excellency William Burnet his heirs and Assigns of three Parts, of the whole in nineteen Equal parts to be Divided, of the above twelve thousand acres of Land and unto Every of the said Francis Harrison, Lewis Morris Junior, John Spratt, John Schuyler, Abraham Wendell, John Haskell, Philip Schuyler and Harmanus Wendell and their respective heirs and assigns of two parts, the whole in Nineteen Equal parts to be Divided, of the same Twelve thousand Acres of Land, and upon the Partition of the said Lands the Lott number Nine and the Lott Number Ten fell to the share and portion of the said Lewis Morris Junior upon which his said Excellency William Burnet, Francis Harrison, John Spratt, John Schuyler, Abraham Wendell, John Haskell, Philip Schuyler and Harmanus Wendell did by certain Indentures of Lease and Release Bearing Date the Seventh and Eight of August in the Tenth year of the Reign of George the First (Glorious Memory) made in the year of Our Lord Seventeen Hundred Twenty Three, Grant, Bargain, Sell, Release, Enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Lewis Morris Junior his heirs and assigns the Lot Number Nine and the Lott Number Ten being two Nineteenth parts of the aforesaid Twelve Thousand Acres of Land, the whole in Nine teen equal Parts to be Divided which Lotts are butted and bounded as follows beginning at a point which is thirty nine Chains upon a North Ninety Degrees West Course Distant from a Second point which Second point is Seventy three Chains upon a North Thirty Degrees Thirty Minutes west course Distant from a Third point which third point is one hundred and ninety Chains upon a North Fifteen Degrees west Corner Distant from a tree marked with the Bear Wolf and Turtle in the Northernmost line of the Land belonging to Colb. De Peyster and Van flyck six chains east from the Mohawk River and from the said beginning point running north nine degrees west forty four chains thence north thirty Degrees Thirty minutes west thirty five chains thence South sixty eight Degrees Thirty minutes to the Mohawk river thence north Sixty eight Degrees thirty minutes east to the real line of the above Recited Patent thence along the same South Sixteen Degrees east until the Beginning point bears South Seventy Degrees west being nearly Eighty Three Chains

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THE HESS FAMILY

Augustinus Hess, Sr.

This story deals with Augustinus Hess Sr., Member of the Committee of Safety in the Revolution.

In order to get as clear a picture of the record of Augustinus Hess Sr. and his family as possible, but knowing full well that it will fall far short of being complete, I wish to introduce at the outset his family record which is about as complete as we know it at present.

Augustinus Hess Sr. the oldest son of Johannes Hess Sr. and Anna Catherine Curring was born I think in Schoharie December 21, 1718. He was killed in action July 15, 1782 at old Fort Herkimer. He married for his first wife Anna Catherine Kasson, said to have been born 1728 and died 1764. He married for his second wife Mrs. Nancy (Anna in his will) Shell or Schnell Benson. The children by his first wife were Elizabeth Hess b. July 1, 1743, m. Henry Staring Oct. 2, 1762; Anna Eva b. Nov. 5, 1744; Cath-

erine Hess b. 1802 Henry Counts (widower). She died May 4, 1830 aged 66 years. Geo. Hess b. March 5, 1751. Augustinus Hess Jr. b. Oct. 10, 1752, d. March 31, 1838, m. Anna Maria Shumaker b. May 2, 1767 d. March 21, 1831. Many of the records of this family are recorded at the old South Columbia church which Augustinus Hess Jr. helped build. Anna Hess b. Dec. 24, 1754, this Anna Hess m. Jacob Diedendorf. Making eight children by first wife. The children by second wife were Christian Hess b. March 10, 1760, m. Elizabeth Kast. Conrad Hess and Gertrude Kast acted as sponsors at the baptism of their dau. Elizabeth July 16, 1777.

John Yost Hess b. Nov. 3, 1768, d. Aug., 1844, m. Eliz. Ittig (Mrs. Elizabeth Estek Piper widow of Jacob Piper) May 12, 1788. He served in the Continental Army. He enlisted at Fort Stanwix May 2, 1777 "for the duration of the war." Recorded as John Ythest. Nicholas Hess b. July 18, 1760 Conrad Hess b. March 27, 1762, d. May 19, 1839, m. Jan. 1, 1777, Margaret Frank (dau. of Timothy Frank) b. March 7 1767. d. Dec. 28, 1851 Henry Hess b. Apr. 28, 1764. Daniel Hess b. April 19, 1766, m. Edwinna Willis. Eva Hess the youngest in the family was b. May 27, 1768. She was unmarried May 29, 1789 when Augustinus Hess Sr. made his will and by the terms of the will she was to be maintained during her life time by Frederick Hess and Conrad Hess unless she married in which event they were to pay her 60 pounds New York currency the same as they paid Anna and for some reason they were obliged to maintain Nicholas Hess during his life time Frederick Hess and Conrad Hess were to have the homestead Lot 31 and they were to get his "share" of seat 29 which had come to him from his grandfather (Rudolf Coring). They also got Lot 20 woodland. This land was to be divided equally and they were to maintain his widow Anna, if not she was to get the Lowland of lot 31. These lots were in the Burnet's Field Patent near the present German Flatts Church and the old Fort Herkimer. He divided 5 lots of woodland about 1,000 acres or more equally among his six sons, John, George, Augustinus Jr., Christian Jost and Daniel. These lots were in Staley's 2nd tract of which Augustinus Hess Sr. was one of the Patentees viz. Lots 12, 54, 67, 100 and Lot 7 in Conrad Frank's purchase of which Augustinus Hess Sr. was one of the original owners. These lots were owned and

Frederick, Conrad and Daniel were to get most of the farming tools on the farm, while John was to get his blacksmith tools as his birthright from his father Johannes Hess Sr. who was a blacksmith by trade. (Now right here I would like to comment on the statement in the will, "my whole share of Lot 29." Now from the will of my great grandfather Frederick Hess I find that that share was one third. Now I find that Rudolph Coring had three children, Anna Catherine b. 1694 who married Johannes Hess Sr. Anna Dorothea b. 1695 and Conrad b. 1703. Did this Anna Dorothea marry Thomas Shumaker? I think so. I find that Thomas Shumaker and his wife Dorothea acted as sponsors at the baptisms of Johannes Hess Jr. and Anna Dorothea, children of Johannes Hess Sr. and that Rudolph Coring was sponsor for Augustinus Hess Sr. 1788. Was his wife Otilla dead at this time? What became of this family? By rights Conrad Coring's name should have been on the April 26, 1773 deed when the descendants of the original

company deeded the Fort Herkimer church to the church Wartens and their successors).

Because of the location of the farm lands and property of Augustinus Hess Sr. he suffered terrible losses during the revolution and before, but especially in the Belletre raid Nov. 12, 1787 and by Brant and Butler's raid Sept. 17, 1778.

Augustinus Hess Sr. had seven sons in the revolution, viz. Johannes, Frederick, George, Augustinus Jr., Christian John Yost Hess and Conrad, also three sons-in-law, viz. Henry Staring, Johannes Diefendorff and Jacob Diefendorff, all of whose war records I will give in detail later in this story. Augustinus Hess Sr. as I have said before was killed July 15, 1782 and because of this fact his wife Anna was given a pension and on May 2, 1785 she received, "To Anna the widow of Augustinus Hess Sr. private pension allowance even years half pay, 103 pounds and 9 shillings." Now here let me record some property damages that this family suffered. Copied from originals at Albany before 1913 fire. "Account of Damages done to Real and Personal Estate of Augustinus Hess Sr. of Tryon Co. Farmer by the Enemy of America, 1778 to 1781 inclusive. A Grist Mill with its implementes "complete" £200, 5 horses and 2 "heffers", 34 pounds," signed Jan. 1st, 1782. Augustinus Hess Sr. The records also show that three of his sons viz.

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and one-half pound of bread for his two children, Daniel and Eva who were under 16 at this time. See Col. Peter Bellinger's report on this raid, in Clatch's Papers.

Here is an interesting item, German Flatts, June 5th, 1777. Received of Jelles Fonda, the sum of 10 pounds, 6 shillings in full for 8c 2qr. 15 lb. Flour and riding same 2 miles at the carrying place around the Falls for Public use." Augustinus Hess Sr. Jelles Fonda was the Commissary at Fort Dayton at this time which was about two months before the Battle of Oriskany. I assume that this mill was the one burned by Bount and Butler and was the one owned at one time by Frederick Pelling as mentioned in the old Fort Herkimer Church deed dated Sept. 24 1780. Now let us set down some facts in regard to this Church in which Augustinus Hess Sr. took part and it will also record the damage done to him and others, by the M. de Bettetre raid Nov. 12, 1757, during the French and Indian War. The following is the call for funds to rebuild the Church. "To all Christian people to whom this shall come, Whereas The Inhabitants on the South side of the river at Burnet's Field on the German Flatts were about to build a Church wherein the High Dutch Language in the Protestant way should be preached, before the late war, but when the war began we were obliged to leave off building, and in the war everything was discharged. And now as we are desirous to have a place of worship we have begun to build a church. But we find ourselves not able to finish the same, occasioned by the trouble we had in the war, that is to say, all our houses and barns with all we had in them were burnt and our horses

and cattle were killed or taken away, and a great many of our people were taken prisoners by the enemy which would have enabled me to finish the church. For these reasons we have two of our Members, that is to say, Johan Jost Herkemer and Hendrick Bell to enable us to have our Church finished and we hope that all good people will take our cause in consideration, as we have no place of Worship now but small Log Hous. We are, in behalf of the Congregation; Gentlemen, Your most Humble Servant, Augustinus Hess Sr. Rudolf Schomaker, Peter Vols.

N. B. I being old and unable, I therefore send Peter Vols to do the business of collecting for me. Johan

From the Church records it would appear that Frederick Orendorf took the place of Rudolf Schomaker on the building Committee but that Augustinus Hess Sr. remained chairman and was on the job during the building operations. I find many such records as these viz. Aug. ye 5 1767. Then received of Mr. Hess and Mr. Orendorph and John Jost Herkemer the sum of thirteen pounds currency of New York for work done at the church, I say received by me 13 pounds. Thos. Campbell. Burnet's Fields August ye 22 1768, Thos. Campbell says,—he received of the same three men 19 pounds 13 shillings in full of all account. I find Burnet's Field May the 23rd 1767. Received of Augustinus Hess, Seven pounds, Six shillings Six pence, being in full of all Demands be me. Jacob Bartholomew and Burnet'sfield Mar. 28 1768, I acknowledge to have received from Mr. Hess for work done on the church, 20 shillings as witness my hand Jost Koch. And on Nov. 2, 1773 Augustinus Hess paid Wm. Folan 6 pounds 13 shillings. This was after the Church had been deeded to the "Church Warters" April 20, 1778. So he must have continued in charge of the finances. This is only a part but it shows the standing that Augustinus Hess Sr. had in church affairs. The next article will give some records to show the political standing of Augustinus Hess Senior during the Revolutionary period.

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THE HESS FAMILY

The Hess Family

In this article I wish to deal only with Augustinus Hess Sr. as a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety and some of the work done by that committee during the year of 1775 in preparation for the war of the Revolution, which they knew must surely come. The facts in this article I have copied from the original Minute Book now in the State Library, Manuscripts Department, Albany, N. Y.

Story of Augustinus Hess Sr. member of the committee of safety, for the Kingsland and German Flatts Districts now in Herkimer County, N. Y.

On May 24th, 1775 the 24th meeting of the united committee of Palatine, Dutchess, Kingsland and German Flatts Districts, Augustinus Hess Sr. was present with Frederick Van Buren, Jost, Frederick Orendorf, John Frank and others from the Kingsland and German Flatts Districts. "The proceedings of the previous meetings of the German Flatts and Kingsland Districts, unaltered together with speech delivered to the Oneida Indians with their reply, unanimously approved." Christopher F. Yale was elected chairman of the united committee at this meeting. This meeting was held at the house of William Rader in the Catsburgh district and all members were sworn in secrecy. At this meeting a committee was appointed to confer with the Dutchess and Albany committees on the petition in America and this county in particular, to obtain all possible intelligence and to buy such a quantity of powder and shot and lead as they judge necessary." "Received unanimously to endeavor by force or otherwise to rescue from imprisonment members of the Committee imprisoned without legal process, upon a legal ground, executed in a legal manner." I wish to call your attention to the fact that this meeting of the committee was held more than a year before the Declaration of Independence and that the members of the committee were largely descendants of the Palatines who came to this country in 1739 and 1740 that they might be free and to bring up and educate their children and also to worship God according to the dictates of their own con-

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Johnson asking him
with the Indians
interfering in
Mother Country

They complained of his agents
meeting in the Mo-
said, "We are much
about it as two important
rights of English Subjects are there-
infringed upon, to wit, A right to
and a right to obtain all the
intelligence in their power." They ad-
vised to meet the next day Satur-
day, June 3rd, 1775 to get reply from
Guy Johnson, Supt. of Indian Affairs
in America. Herkimer reported that
Johnson would have his answer ready
on the next Monday, June 5th, 1775."

It was "Ordered that Nicholas Herki-
mer, Augustinus Hess Sr. and Wil-
liam Petry be a committee to wait on
Col. Johnson for his answer which
they after perusal are to transmit to
the Chairman." "Ordered also that
the before mentioned 3 persons, viz.
Nicholas Herkimer, Augustinus Hess
Sr. and William Petry, be a commit-
tee to attend the Congress with the
Indians and to procure some able
person as an interpreter and make
report in writing to the chairman."
It was at this meeting that it was re-
solved to organize companies of Mil-
litia and appoint proper officers. "On
Sunday, June 11th, 1775 at the house
of Goss Van Alstyne, Augustinus
Hess Sr. present with 27 other mem-
bers, they appointed" Christopher P.
Yates and John Mariatt to attend
Provincial Congress without delay
and to act in conjunction with mem-
bers of that body on the very alarm-
ing and calamitous situation of Bri-
tish America." The XII Meeting of
the Committee was held at the house
of Frederick Fox in the Kingsland
District, Augustinus Hess Sr. pres-
ent. It was reported at this meeting
that the "associated freeholders and
inhabitants have been mustered and
formed into Companies of Militia, but
the choosing of officers was postpon-
ed." "On the 20th of June, 1775 the
congress with the Sachems and War-
riors of the Oneida and Tuscarora
Indians was held at the house of
Frederick Bellinger in the German
Platts district." This was the con-
gress to which Nicholas Herkimer,
Augustinus Hess Sr. and William Pe-
try had been appointed as a commit-
tee, "they were joined by two deputiz-
ed members from the committee of
Schenectady and four members of the
Albany committee. Several speeches
were mutually passed and before they
made their adieu they recommended
to us that we should not neglect to
check the Gate at Fort Stanwix that
nothing might pass and repass to

July." This fact shows the im-
portance of the committee
Augustinus Hess Sr. was
This is only a part of the work done
by Augustinus Hess Sr. in the Com-
mittee of Safety for Tryon County,
but it is enough to show that he took
a leading part in the Committee's af-
fairs. At the meeting on Saturday,
August 20th, 1775 Militia Officers were
appointed for each district and Col.
Nicholas Herkimer was appointed
Chief Commander for Tryon County.

It will be seen from the above that
the work of the Committee of Safety
was of supreme importance, they
were more than a legislative body,
they not only appointed the officers
for the Militia and made rules for
the punishment of soldiers who dis-
obeyed their officers, but they had
them carried into execution. They
were also very strict with their own
members, they were fined for absence
when notified of a meeting of the
committee, unless sick and "No mem-
bers when assembled may withdraw
without leave of the Chairman," this
rule was signed by Augustinus Hess
Sr. and thirty six other members.
They even appointed "Pathmasters to
look after and repair the roads."
They divided the County into Mil-
itary Districts and on Nov. 7th, 1775 it
was "Voted that Col. Jacob Clook
shall extend no further than the
house of Jacob Staring on the west
side of Canada Creek and Col. Peter
Bellinger shall begin there" and at
this same meeting they voted that
"six weeks residence shall make a
man liable to military duty." This
rule will help explain why the same
man might serve in more than one
company or even in different reg-
iments during the Revolution, possi-
bly they happened to move from one
military district to another. It can
be readily seen that for such impor-
tant work as that done by the Com-
mittee of Safety they would choose
the leading man in the district.

And now from the above I wish to
call your attention to the fact that
although New England has always
claimed credit for winning the war
Tryon County was well organized and
when the time came August 6, 1777
they stopped the enemy at Oriskany
and started the beginning of the end
of the Revolution although it made
nearly every home in the county a
house of mourning. Augustinus Hess
Sr. was "killed in action" July 15,
1782 at Fort Stanwix.

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THE HESS FAMILY

The story of the Hess family in New York state I dealt especially with Augustinus Hess Sr. as a member of the Committee of Safety for Tryon County, and while in this and I shall deal mostly with his active political record to further show his standing in Tryon County as a citizen. I shall deal mostly with his active record and the records of his sons and his sons-in-law in the Revolution. Here is an interesting item from Clinton's Papers, viz. "We the Supervisors of Tryon County do hereby certify that the place of John Walrad is very convenient to be established a Ferry and at this time highly necessary to preserve a Communication between Forts Plank and Paris, and do hereby recommend the said John Walrad to his Excellency Governor Clinton for a License for a Ferry across the Mohawk River. Given under our Hands the 6th day of April, 1780. Jelles Fonda, Christopher P. Yates, John Pickard, Augustinus Hess Sr., Hendrick Starling.

Augustinus Hess Sr. signed the rolls for the years of 1779 and 1780. The rolls were dated Nov. 29, 1779 and April 6th, 1780. They raised \$1766.00 the first year and \$129,000 the second year. He represented the German Flatts and Kingsland districts of Tryon County, N. Y. I think we will all agree that that was a deal of money to raise, within six months, in those days, and this tax must have fallen rather heavily on his shoulders as well as all of the rest, because it was only the fall before that is on Sept. 17th, 1778, that Brant and Butler made their terrible raid on the German Flatts and Kingsland districts and did such awful damage and as no Hess family record would be complete without a report of this raid I shall include a part of Col. Peter Bellinger's report to Governor George Clinton.

"I here send your Excellency an Account of the Damage done by the Enemy on both sides of the River. They Burn'd Sixty-three Dwelling houses, Fifty-seven Barns, with Grain and fodder, Three Grist-mills, One Saw-Mill, nad they have taken away with them, Two Hundred Thirty-five Horses, Two hundred Twenty-nine horned Cattle, Two hundred Sixty-nine Sheep and they kill'd and destroyed a great number of Hogs, and they have burned a great many other buildings." One of these ~~Cottages~~ belonged to Augustinus Hess Sr. and it was at this time that he and his three sons John, Frederick and Augustinus Jr. lost 16 Horses besides cattle, grain, etc. Col. Peter Bellinger

cause their grain and food stuffs had been so completely wiped out. The families of Augustinus Hess Sr. and Frederick Bellinger were included in this list. The earliest record that I have of any military service performed by Augustinus Hess Sr. is that he and his two oldest sons Johannes Hess and Frederick Hess are reported as belonging to Capt. Conrad Frank's company in 1767 in a volume published by the New York State Historian. I have a photostat copy of a pay roll of Capt. Frederick Frank's company, Bellinger's Regt. for the years 1779 and 1780, on which appears the name of Augustinus Hess Sr. and four of his sons viz John, Conrad, Frederick and Augustinus Jr. There are 72 names on this pay roll and it was sworn to before William Petry Justice at Fort Dayton, January the 10th, 1781. The pay roll is all in one hand writing and the spelling of the first name is wrong in many cases, for instance Peter is spelled "Pitter" and Frederick is spelled "Frictorich" all through the pay roll. This accounts for the same person getting on the pay rolls under two or three different names. On this pay roll I find several Starlings and Bellingers and Schumachers, these families intermarried with Hess families more or less. I have a photostat copy of the following, which is interesting to me, because it shows that the soldiers in the militia were not paid in many cases until some time after the close of the war and in some cases the father being dead the children made out the claim, here is one in the case of Augustinus Hess Sr. via Fort Herkimer, April 23rd, 1785. Please to pay to Frederick Hess or order the pay due to Augustinus Hess Sr. for services done in your regiment of Militia in the course of the last War and oblige Frederick Hess. To Col Peter Bellinger. Witness Johannes Hess.

Note how Frederick Hess my great grandfather spelled his name. This takes three ways that his name is spelled in the records and so is put down by some as three persons, all of which has caused confusion which I said at the start of my story I hoped, in part to remedy.

One more item and I will close the record, for the present at least, of Augustinus Hess Sr. who served Tryon County so well on the Committee of Safety and as ~~Supervisor during the trying years of the Revolution~~ and also saw real service as a soldier in the Militia. He was a man of some means and bequeathed some ~~400 acres~~ or more of land to his children besides considerable money and personal property. Original Documents Vol. XV Page 27 also calls "Archives of the Revolutionary

was killed in an Indian and Tory raid near ~~Fort Herkimer~~ while attempting to reach the Fort, which was on the ~~west side above~~. Tradition says that he was buried inside the Fort "after night-fall" of this I have no positive proof.

I will now take up the war records of the sons and sons-in-law of Augustinus Hess Sr. and will give them as reported to me from War Department, Washington, D. C. or as I have copied them from original sources in Albany, N. Y. or other places. The following is the record of ~~Hess (16)~~ "War Dept. Washington, D. C., John Hess, private, Capt. Michael Ittig's Co. An undated return shows, "To Johnstown Feb. 7, 1776, 6 days. On guard ye house of Frd. FOX, Oct. 17, 1776, 5 days. To Mount Edmiston June 5, 1776, 2 days; Gen. Herkmar's Battle, August 6, 1777, 8 days; a scout sent by Col. Bellenger, June 15, 1777, 1 day. The records also show that he was in service 12 days in June and 6 days in July, 1778 and 22 days in 1779 and 35 days in 1780 in Capt. Frederick Frank's Co." "He was wounded in the right arm at the Battle of Oriskany." Gen. Herkmar's Battle August 6, 1777" and on Jan. 1st, 1788 he drew six years back pay total, 28 pounds and 16 shillings as pension allowance." The pension office, Washington, D. C. says that he was allowed 12 dollars per annum. He lost 3 horses in the Brant and Butler raid Sept. 17, 1778 and is recorded as a

blacksmith in his claim for damages. I have no record that these claims were ever paid. He is said to have been buried in Elbridge, N. Y. He was born Dec. 23, 1747, died May 22, 1805. Descendants of this family live in Rochester, N. Y. at the present time. And now for purposes of comparison I wish to take up the record of Augustinus Hess Jr. (18) although Frederick Hess (16) my ancestor and George Hess (17) are both older than he. Augustinus Hess Jr. (18) has not only been confused with his father Augustinus Hess Sr. (6) but with his own son Augustinus Hess the 3rd who was called Junior after his grandfather had died. The War Dept. says, "The records also show that one Augustinus Hess served in that war as a private in the same regiment. His name appears on an undated return of Capt. Ittig's Co. which shows the following: "To Johns Town Feb. ye 7, 1776 days. For Albany, October 10th, 1776, 2 days. On guard at ye house of Frederick Fox October 17, 1776, 5 days. To mount Edmiston June ye 5, 1776, 2 days. Gen. Herkmer's Battle August ye 6 1777, 8 days. A scout sent by Col. Bellinger June 15th, 1177, 1 day." His name ap-

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one of the four executors of his father's will. I find the following church records of his family viz. Born July 11, 1777 a dau. Elizabeth, born March 11, 1784 son Conrad, born May 29, 1786 a daughter they named Elizabeth. This would seem to show that the first Elizabeth had died. Born April 5, 1791 Maria and on June 27, 1793 another John Jost indicating that the first had died. This was according to the regular rule among these Mohawk Valley families. On August 12, 1795 they had a daughter they named Eva. This is all I have at present of this family except that it appears from the records that Christian Hess married Elisabeth Kast and at one time deeded some property in Staley's 2nd Tract in southern part of the Town of Columbia. The Church records are recorded at German Flatts.

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Lieut. and paymaster in Willert's New York Regt. in 1782. This would show that Christian Hess served with Col. Marinus Willett. I find the name of Christian Hess among those who received a Land Bounty but where his particular grant was located I am at present, unable to say. In dealing with George Hess I explained one way that the Linc was recruited by means of Bounties, now as time went on a Bounty was also added, and later this sometimes amounted to 80 pounds. "Now as the war progressed Land Rights were added to Bounty Right. A Right was 200 acres and a Colonel or Major could have four Rights, Captain 3, Lieut. 2 and a private or non-commissioned officer was given one right of 500

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Gehring, a clear title to membership
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name might have been Phillip. I also
find two boys one baptized Nov. 29,
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Frederick Hess born Nov. 9, 1785,
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aret Hess born Sept. 24, 1812 and a
son Gershon Hess evidently named
after his mother's father, Conrad Hess
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of Abraham Mabee. They had son
Abram Hess born Jan. 24, 1820. Hen-
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children Mary Hess born Nov. 25,
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Jan. 27, 1818 whom they named Ger-
shon Hess. Is it any wonder that
mistakes are made in tracing these
Mohawk Valley families? It was
this Henry Hess who was mistaken

making ten children in all. Is it
any wonder that the Hess family mar-
ried into nearly every family in the
valley and then at that they were
obliged to marry two or three in
some of the families to have enough
to go around.

I find that according to the old
church records at South Columbia,
N. Y., that Augustinus Hess Jr. and
his brother John Jost Hess were
two of, if not, the two largest sub-
scribers toward the building and up-
keep of that old church built about
1806 and many of the church records
of these two families may be found
there and especially those of the de-
scendants of Augustinus Hess Jr.,
many of whom still reside in that
part of the county. Mrs. M. M.
Hatch, an authority on the history of
that old church and I think a de-
scendant of the Getmans has given
me a good bit of aid in getting the
records from that church.

I have not attempted to give a com-
plete record of these families first
because the records are incomplete,
although I have much more than I
have written, second the record is so
extensive that I have not the time
to go into it in detail, yet I have tried
to connect some of the lines down to
some that I know of the present gen-
eration and have indicated where
other records may be found.

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THE HESS FAMILY

Before I deal with the sons in law
of Augustinus Hess Sr. (6) and the
rest of the family of Johannes Hess
Sr. (1) I am going to write a part of
the story of Frederick Hess Sr. (16)
next to the oldest son of Augustinus
Hess Sr. (6) Member of the Com. of
Safety. Frederick Hess Sr. (16) is
great grandfather and also the great
great grandfather of Lyle Bellinger of
the Naval Operating Base, Hampton
Roads, Va.

The first military record that I find
of Frederick Hess Sr. is found in the
Report of the New York State His-
torian for 1897, Vol. 2, page 849. He
is recorded as belonging to Capt.
Conrad Frank's Co. of Militia in 1767.
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and Oct. 16, total 65 days. This you
see was the year of the Sept. 17, 1778
raid made by Brant and Butler which
I have reported earlier in my story. It
was at this time that he lost horses,
cattle, etc., and in his claim for
damages, he was reported as a
"Weaver by Trade." It would appear
from the records that while the Hess
family were principally yeomen or
farmers they were also tradesmen
and businessmen. "His name also
appears on a roll of Capt. Freder-
ick's Frank's Co. same regiment.

Sworn to January 10, 1781 at Fort
Dayton before William Betsy Justice
which shows that he was in service
24 days in 1779 and 18 days in 1780.
I have a photostat copy of this pay
roll which I had made from the orig-
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ick Hess Sr. actually served in the
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Frederick Hess Sr. born July 11,
1749, died October 30, 1796 married
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Henry Crantz (Grant) a widower, for
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Elizabeth is the ancestor of Lyle
Bellinger and Henry is my grand-
father.

Frederick Hess and Anna Maria
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which provided for an unborn child.
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whom are mentioned in his will, two
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 July 11, 1883, married Oct. 20, 1904
 Abram J. Van Alstine son of Floyd
 Van Alstine. I have more of this
 family which lives at present at Ca-
 millus, N. Y. Solomon Hess had an-
 other daughter Alice A. Hess born
 Nov. 29, 1847, married Feb. 9, 1869
 Henry Elderkin born at Camillus Nov.
 8, 1842, died July 30, 1907 at La
 Grange, Illinois. They had four chil-
 dren Sarah L. born Jan. 30, 1870, mar-
 ried Jan. 21, 1897 Harry Grossman
 and had a son Karl Grossman born
 March 4, 1901. Clayton Henry Elder-
 kin born April 7, 1872 married Jennie
 Grossman. Alice May Alderkin born
 Oct. 6, 1878 married Rev. Alphaeus
 Turner, Owen C. Elderkin born March
 2, 1896 married Elva Ellen Bulcka.

Frederick Hess and Dorothy Grants
 also had children Levi Hess born Nov.
 15, 1818 married Rebecca Wait, Ger-
 trude Hess born March 10, 1816 mar-
 ried Whitman Percival who had
 daughter Mary born Oct. 4, 1845 who
 married Oct. 31, 1877 Thomas C. Les-
 ter of Alpena, Mich. Hiram Hess
 born March 10, 1821 died Feb., 1908.
 Adaline Hess born Nov. 14, 1828 mar-
 ried Sept. 24, 1849 Joseph Ewins born
 Sept. 10, 1810 died Dec. 11, 1885 and
 son Percival Ewins born July 24, 1850,
 who March 2, 1874 married Mary E.
 Smith and had a son Fred Ewins born
 Dec. 4, 1876 who married Harriet San-
 ger July 3, 1882.

I have not attempted to give the
 complete record of Frederick Hess Jr.
 son of Frederick Hess Sr. and grand-
 son of Augustinus Hess Sr., Member
 of the Com. of Safety for Tryon Co.,
 but I have tried to give enough to
 connect some of the present genera-
 tion that I know back to their ances-
 tors in the Revolution. My next story
 will deal with the rest of the children
 of Frederick Hess Sr.

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Before I continue with this my second article on the story of Frederick Hess Sr., son of Augustinus Hess Sr. I wish to say that the ancestors of Maria Staring who married Frederick Hess Sr. for his first wife has caused me a lot of hard work, and I have not settled it to my complete satisfaction yet. Was she a sister of Heinrich Staring who married Elizabeth Hess daughter of Augustinus Hess Sr.? I find this record of a baptism, viz. Catherine Staring born April 9, 1770, daughter of Henry Staring and Elizabeth Hess was the brother of Elizabeth Hess, was Maria Staring the sister of Henry Staring, who later became Captain, Colonel, Supervisor, Justice, etc. If so who were their father?

Now we will go ahead with some more of the records of this family. The Rev. J. P. Spinner, Church Records of Herkimer and Fort Herkimer church give "At Herkimer April 4th, 1802, George the legal son of Frederick Fox of pious memory, and Elizabeth the legal daughter of Frederick Hess of pious memory, both of German Flatts, were married by me in the house of D. Schepard in Herkimer. Conrad Hess and Andrew Piper being present as witnesses."

George Fox born July 27, 1780 died August 20, 1834 "of Asiatic fever," Elizabeth Hess born August 13, 1779, died August 27, 1830 both buried at the Fort Herkimer Church and the markers of their graves may be seen in the picture of the Old Fort Herkimer Church by W. N. P. Dailey, D. D., recently published by the St. Johnsville Enterprise and News, who is doing monumental and priceless work in getting these old records into print so that they may be kept for future generations.

The records also show that "April 6, 1834 George Fox, Esq. widower, justice of the peace and farmer married Clarissa Eliza Aldridge widow of Michael Crandel, sister of Calvin M. Aldridge." George Fox and Elizabeth Hess had the following children viz. Frederick Fox born Oct. 31, 1803, George H. Fox born Aug. 14, 1806, Samuel Fox born July 5, 1809, died Jan. 5, 1899, married Sept. 16, 1830 Hannah Reese born June 5, 1812, died July 27, 1904. Mary Ann Fox born Sept. 18, 1812 died Feb. 18, 1813. Elizabeth Fox born April 15, 1814 married Sept. 28, 1843 Lawrence Bellinger born Jan. 13, 1812. Mary Catherine Fox born Feb. 24, 1817 died May 1818. Daniel Y. Fox born April 16, 1820 died May 7, 1907 and who

married Peter J. Alman and lived for many years on a place three or four miles own the river from the old Fort Herkimer Church. George H. Fox was supervisor for German Flatts in 1844 and state senator in 1850 and 1851 when he resigned. Here is a rather interesting fact. Three generations of this family served as supervisor of the Town of German Flatts, Frederick Fox 1791 for two years, he was the first supervisor after the town was erected. George Fox, 1830 for two years and George H. Fox 1844 one year, and now while I am speaking of Frederick Fox it might be well to give one reason why so many of the war records give "On guard at ye house of Frederick Fox". "Received of Gerard Bancker Esq. Treas. of this state the sum of 480 pounds granted me by an act passed at the present meeting of the Legislature entitled, An act to provide for the payment of certain contingent expenses of this state for the use of the widows and children in said act mentioned, Signed, Kingston, N. Y. Oct. 25. 1779, Frederick Fox." This also gives the reason why so many receipts were made out to him.

Samuel Fox and Hannah Reese had the following children, viz. Frederick J. Fox, born March 30, 1834, died March 17, 1904, married Mary McLaughlin. George Fox born April 16, 1845 married Esther Dibble. Catherine Fox born April 9, 1848 married Edgar W. Devendorf. They had one daughter Elizabeth G. Devendorf, born July 11, 1866. Three other children Emma Jane Fox, Mary Elizabeth Fox and Marcellus Fox all died in infancy. Daniel Y. Fox and Jane Reese had two children, Daniel E. Fox born Sept. 8, 1855 and Alice Fox born Dec. 13, 1861, died Feb. 7, 1886, married James Hendricks and had the following children, viz. Margaret Hendricks born May 24, 1867 married Oct. 13, 1886 J. Horace Holden Myra

Hendricks born Oct. 30 1869 married March 28, 1900 Jerome Moffett and Sarah Hendricks born Dec. 1, 1870, died 1876.

Elizabeth Fox born April 15, 1814, died June 16, 1891 daughter of Elizabeth Hess and George Fox, married Sept. 28, 1843 Lawrence Bellinger born Jan. 13, 1812, died July 5, 1890. They had one child Lawrence Milton Bellinger born Nov. 24, 1844, married Aug. 15, 1865 Margaret Ashley born Jan. 30, 1946. Here is an interesting item taken from the church records which shows a characteristic side light of the Rev. J. P. Spinner. "Sept. 28, 1843 Lawrence Bellinger, legitimate son of Frederick Bellinger and

female of the first order and conducted in the presence of many witnesses all and every one of German Flatts and especially of Miss Weaver of Utica the only one not brought up in German Flatts and Frederick Bellinger the brother of the bridegroom. Received, Five Dollars." Evidently this was a liberal fee for getting married in those days.

Lawrence Milton Bellinger and Margaret Ashley had two children viz. Lyle F. Bellinger born Jan. 10, 1867, married Jan. 31, 1899 Anna Beall Dobbs born Oct. 17, 1876 and have the following five children, Elizabeth born Dec. 20, 1900, Margaret born March 16, 1902, Frederick born Aug. 14, 1904, Lorentz born July 11, 1908 and Anna Harrison Bellinger born Dec. 11, 1917. Bertha A. Bellinger, born March 9, 1872 died Feb. 3, 1908, married Dec. 16, 1899. Clarence L. Miller and had one child Leland Miller born March 12, 1904.

It was this Elizabeth Fox daughter of George Fox and Elizabeth Hess who first began the research into the history of the Hess family in the Mohawk Valley. There was claimed by her some to be vast landed estates along the Rhine and in Hesses Cassel which belonged to the Hess and all that was needed was to prove our claim and we would have riches galore. I wonder how many families had the same dream of riches left them in the fatherland. Elizabeth Fox also invented a fire lighter and was one the road to cash in on her invention when the invention of the friction sulphur and phosphorus match made her invention out of date. The only other child of Frederick Hess and Maria Staring who lived to grow up was Henry Hess my grand father who served in the war of 1812 and I wish to submit a very interesting item from a paper now on file in Albany, N. Y. in the original hand writing of S. D. Hulse, Justice of the Peace, for the Town of Tompkins, Delaware county now town of Deposit, Delaware county. This paper dated Oct. 12, 1857 is a claim for pay and expenses in the war of 1812. The paper states that Henry Hess of the town of Tompkins is the identical Henry Hess who served as private in Asa Chatfield's company of militia, Col. Christopher P. Bellinger's Regt. in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States June 18, 1812, that he marched to Sackett's Harbor from German Flatts he then lived in the town of Warren, Herkimer county. That he received no pay coming or going, that he was on the march about seven days going and seven days coming both times, that

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ed both times, that he furnished his own clothes both times and gives an itemized account of his clothes and cost of provisions. This bill amounts to \$88.50 with interest thereon from January, 1815. He was later given a certificate of indebtedness bearing interest at 6 per cent for the amount of his adjusted claim, but as congress never appropriated any money to pay these claims they were never paid. I wonder how many of these old certificates there are in the Mohawk valley. I will now continue with the genealogy of Henry Hess, son of Frederick Hess and Maria Staring.

Henry Hess born at German Flatts July 17, 1732 died Dec. 28, 1867, married for his first wife Elizabeth Echutt in Herkimer, N. Y. and he married Dec. 24, 1815. Barbourville N. Y. Permella Axtell born Feb. 11, 1797, died June 23, 1864 while my father was in the Civil War.

The Fort Herkimer Church records give the baptisms of the two sons of Henry Hess by his first wife viz. Born

Nov. 22, 1808, bapt. Jan. 1, 1809, Frederick the legal son of Henericus Hess and Elizabeth Schutt, witnesses, Fritz Hess and Dorothea his wife. This is Henry's brother Sept. 30, 1810, bapt. 27, 1811, Chauncey, legal son of Henericus Hess and Elizabeth Schutt, witnesses Catharina Schutt and Conrad Ohrendorf. The records are in Latin which accounts for the spelling.

I have not been able to find the exact date when Henry Hess married his first wife but the church records say that Dec. 28, 1801 when he acted as witness at the marriage of John Sekener and Elizabeth Nash, he was unmarried and Sept. 14, 1806 when he was confirmed and joined the church at the Old Fort Herkimer Church at German Flatts he was the married son of Frederick Hess so he was married some time between these dates. The war records at Washington, D. C. say that Henry Hess, private, Capt Asa Chatfield's Co., Lt. Col. Christopher P. Bellinger's Regt. New York Militia. His service commenced May 14, 1812 and ended Sept. 4, 1812 and again Sept. 20, 1814 ended Nov. 20, 1814, in Capt. Zachariah Townsend's Co., same Regt. both times he was on duty at Sackett's Harbor.

During the spring or early summer of 1815 he moved with his two boys Frederick and Chauncey to Barbourville, N. Y. and settled on the farm near the Upper Barbourville

He owned also and operated a grist mill at one time about one half mile above his farm on the Cold Spring Brook.

Due to the fact that he had a team of horses while the most or all of his neighbors had oxen, he did the most of the teaming which had to come from Catskill on the Hudson, over the old Catskill turnpike.

The walls of the old grist mill and the old saw mill sites are still in existence, but the floods of time have long since carried away the old dams on the stream called the Cold Spring brook.

The descendants of Henry Hess hold a reunion every year on the Saturday of the week of the 18th of August and next year it will be at the Community House at Hambleville, N. Y. Henry Hess the third of Deposit, N. Y., R. F. D. is the President of the association.

I find that to include the genealogy of Henry Hess and the rest of the Frederick Hess family in his article will make it too long so will conclude it in my next article. I will close this article with a couple of corrections. In one of my articles I find that I spoke of the "6 days to Johnstown in 1776" as the "Battle of Johnstown. This 6 days in January was when Gen Herkimer ordered out the militia and placed Sir John Johnson under arrest, sent him down to Fishkill where he was placed on parole which he later broke and with a number of his tenants went by the way of the Sacandaga and Lake George to Montreal. This might be called the bloodless battle of Johnstown of 1776. The real battle of Johnstown was fought on August 22, 1781. Col. Willett in command of the Levies there were 13 Americans and 17 British and Indians killed.

In another article I said that Johannes Hess Sr acted as sponsor at the baptism of Anna Hess who married Jacob Klock. It was Augustinus Hess and his wife Anna Catherine, date March 25, 1749, but I find that Johannes Hess Sr. gave a subscription to John Lawyer who was raising money to build a church in Schoharie June, 1749, so Johannes Hess Sr. was alive at that time which was the point that I wished to show.

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to her by her father and by her to her children. Henry Hess Sr. and Permella Axtell had the following children, viz. Clarissa born Oct. 16, 1816 died 1869. Permella born Aug. 26, 1818, died March 18, 1889. Henry Jr. born Dec. 23, 1819, died Sept. 21, 1890. David born May 12, 1821, died Susannah born Aug. 26, 1823, died Dec. 29, 1925. Abigail born Aug. 4, 1825, died Mary Ann born July 9, 1827, died Feb 17, 1897. John born March 25, 1829, died Oct. 18, 1901. Sally born October 4, 1831, died George born April 12, 1833, died Sept. 23, 1897 and Joseph A. Hess born Dec. 25, 1839, the only one of the above family now living.

Clarissa Hess married Thomas Robinson. The children of this family were Eliza Louise born March 24, 1838, Elizabeth, Alvira and also Augustinus Robinson who died young. Elizabeth married Frank Bates and moved into Mass Heirs unknown. Alvira died in Brooklyn.

Eliza Louise married April 22, 1858 James Crawford and had the following children. James Wm born Nov. 1, 1858, died March 1, 1860. Mary Jane born Oct. 9, 1859. Fred W. born March 2, 1863, died Sept. 26, 1921. Geo. Brinton Crawford born Feb. 2, 1868.

Mary Jane Crawford married Aug. 5, 1876 Thomas Pulver born July 10, 1857 for her first husband and on Oct. 25, 1910 married Thomas Crowley for second husband. Mary Jane Crawford and Thomas Pulver had two children, Edna Maud born June 4, 1877 and George W. born Dec 16, 1881, died May 20, 1922.

Edna Maud Pulver married July 4, 1895 Horace Simmons born Jan. 15, 1860 and had the following children, Leonard born Nov. 13, 1898 married May 22, 1929 Carrie Rhinebeck. Geo. born April 22, 1901 married May 12, 1928 Susie Hathaway born March 19, 1889. Jesse born June 12, 1903, died Oct. 29, 1923. Mary born April 5, 1905 married Dec. 1, 1923 Elmer Clift, born Jan. 2, 1904. Paul born March 21, 1907 and Hazel Simmons born April 6, 1909. George W. Pulver married Dec. 27, 1906 Mary Brecht, born March 3, 1884 and had one child Gordon born May 21, 1912. Fred W. Crawford married Oct. 2, 1903 Eva Sisson, born May 14, 1884 and had children viz. Louisa born Jan. 17, 1905. Gladys B. born Aug. 14, 1906, married Sept. 28, 1922 Harold Vanorsdale born July 8, 1883 and Ivan V. Crawford born Jan. 26, 1910.

George Brinton Crawford married June 30, 1889 Lucy Hess born Oct. 5, 1810, daughter of Henry Hess Jr. and had the following children viz. Ethel

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... Laura L. and Hel...
 ... Thompson...
 ... married Nov. 24, 1818 Jacob Blin...
 ... July 20, 1806 and had child...
 ... July 13, 1818, Libby...
 ... June 2, 1821 and Burton J. Blin...
 ... Nov. 4, 1824, address St...
 ... N. Y. Lenora M. Craw...
 ... married Nov. 14, 1919 Walter...
 ... Any missing dates and children...
 ... of recent date will be printed lat...
 ... If the dates are sent me. Address...
 ... of Georgia B. Crawford, Kelsey, N. Y.
 ... Fernella Hess married 1838 Lu...
 ... Hood born Feb. 29, 1816, died...
 ... April 21, 1863 and had the following...
 ... children viz Elizabeth born Aug. 26...
 ... 1802, Sylvia and Gordon Hood all...
 ... and young. Rosella Hood born April...
 ... 24, 1851 died Oct. 1884 in New Ber...
 ... N. Y. George Hood born May 11...
 ... 1808 died Jan. 1, 1834. Rosella Hood...
 ... married Sept., 1808 George Phillips...
 ... and had the following children viz...
 ... Frank born August 18, 1809, died Feb...
 ... 14, 1912, married Adella Brooks and...
 ... had three children, lived in Norwich...
 ... N. Y. Little Phillips married George...
 ... and had two children, Norwich...
 ... N. Y. Sarah Phillips died in Mont...
 ... date unknown. Jay Phillips mar...
 ... Mabel Littlewood and went to...
 ... Hairs unknown. Burr...
 ... Phillips married Mrs. Frank Phillips...
 ... (Adella Brooks). William Phillips...
 ... died Aug. 18, 1917, married Lillian...
 ... Shapley. George died aged 3 years...
 ... Deposit, N. Y.

I hope that this will stir up some of
 the living members of this Phillips
 family so that I will send a more com-
 plete record.

George Hood the youngest son of
 Fernella Hess and Luman Hood,
 married Nov. 2, 1873. Elizabeth Mills
 born Aug. 7, 1867, daughter of Walter
 Mills and had the following children
 viz. Walter born Nov. 14, 1890, died
 Nov. 8, 1902. Penrella born July 13,
 1893. Kathryn born Dec. 22, 1895,
 Nellie born Nov. 6, 1898, Luman born
 Jan. 11, 1891, Evelyn born Aug. 31,
 1894, Berolice born Aug. 18, 1900. Per-
 nella Hood married Nov. 18, 1912
 Earl Cole Kathryn Hood married
 Jan. 10, 1904 Ray Reynolds born Nov.
 12, 1905. Earl Reynolds married Miss
 Hazel. Nellie Hood married Oct. 7,
 1911 Clarence Mills. Luman Hood
 married Ethelyn Dix. Evelyn Hood
 married Nov. 28, 1914 William Bond,
 and had one child Kathryn Bond,
 born Aug. 18, 1917. Bernice Hood,
 married June 28, 1922 Sumner Free-
 man. The most of this family live in
 the town of Deposit, N. Y. Address
 Mrs. George Hood, Deposit, N. Y.

Henry Hess Jr. married May 17,
 1833. Sarah Beale born Dec. 5, 1833,
 died May 20, 1924 and had the follow-
 ing children viz Alton born Feb. 28,

his first wife and Harriet Dixon for
 his second wife and had three child-
 ren by first wife, Grace Hess born
 Aug. 25, 1881 married Sept. 14, 1912.
 James Fitzgerald born Dec. 4, 1877,
 no children, lives at Sidney, N. Y. and
 John Hess born Dec. 4, 1882 and well
 do I remember the event. They came
 after my mother at one o'clock at
 night, temperature way below zero,
 and one of the worst blizzards of the
 winter. Why do children insist on
 picking out such times to be born?
 John Hess married April 14, 1908
 Nellie Mulkins born April 18, 1889.
 Have two children Thelma born May
 16, 1911 and Gerald born Sept. 13,
 1913. John Hess lives at Otego, N. Y.
 Alton Hess Jr. born May 21, 1885
 died young. Children of Alton Hess
 and Harriet Dixon, Frederick Hess
 born Oct. 9, 1887, married June 29,
 1921 Martha Marie Anderson born
 Oct. 28, 1888 and Alton Hess Jr. lives
 in the west, unable to get record. La-
 mora Hess married June 29, 1875
 Erwin Axtell born March 22, 1847 and
 had the following children viz. Harry
 E. born May 16, 1877, died 1880, Os-
 car born Oct. 24, 1870. Earl born
 June 23, 1882. John born Oct. 2,
 1884. Lucy born Dec. 6, 1886 and Guy
 Axtell born Nov. 16, 1889. Oscar Ax-
 tell married May 26, 1909 Jennie I.
 Miller born Nov. 12, 1888. Had child-
 ren Ralph E. born Nov. 26, 1912.
 Raymond F. born Feb. 14, 1914. La-
 mora born April 24, 1916 and Lucy
 Irene Axtell born April 19, 1918.

Earl Axtell married March 31, 1914
 Rena St. John born Dec. 11, 1888.
 Had children Warren born May 2,
 1915 and Bruce A. Axtell born Aug.
 22, 1921. John Axtell married Aug.
 27, 1905 Adelaide L. Rogers born
 Dec. 25, 1885. Had children Roger E.
 born June 2, 1906 and Harold E. born
 Oct. 16, 1907. Guy F. Axtell married
 Jan. 31, 1917 Electa M. Gardner born
 June 12, 1893. Had children Eleanor
 R. born Jan. 24, 1918 and Arthur G.
 born July 4, 1919. Joseph Hess mar-
 ried Sept. 7, 1885. Clara Gray born
 May 28, 1867 died Feb. 21, 1899 and
 for second wife Aug. 25, 1906 Blanche
 Springsteen. Children by first wife
 Halsey born April 13, died Feb. 12,
 1920. Mable M. born Nov. 27, 1890.
 Maurice born Aug. 3, 1894 and a ba-
 by boy 1896, died at birth. They had
 one adopted daughter Irene Spring-
 steen who died 1923 after she had
 graduate from Genesee Normal that
 spring and contracted to teach in the
 Deposit high school that fall. Halsey
 Hess married Sarah A. Churchill,
 had child Freda born March 25, 1916.
 Mable M. Hess married Harry W.
 Krebs May 6, 1912. Maurice Hess
 married March 5, 1921 Emily E.
 Digwood born Oct. 15, 1901, had
 child Lauren Joseph Hess born April
 5, 1927. Maurice Hess served in the

1893, Lavinia born July 16, 1898, Cliff-
 ford born Jan. 13, 1909. William H.
 Hess married Oct. 17, 1913 Bessie Mc-
 Mullin and had children Lawrence,
 born July 31, 1916, Marvena born Ju-
 ly 20, 1918, Peleg born Aug., 1920.
 Lawrence Hess married April 22, 1916
 Charles Benton born Oct. 18, 1893.
 Lavinia Hess married Dec. 22, 1919
 Alexander Detmer born Feb. 21, 1889,
 one adopted son Gerald Detmer born
 March 6, 1915.

Lucy Hess married George B.
 Crawford as given above. Henry Hess
 3rd married May 6, 1907 Maud Boice
 born October 2, 1885, daughter of Will
 Boice and Fannie Turner and grand-
 daughter of Susannah Hess and had
 children Ruth born Oct. 29, 1908, Inez
 born April 14, 1914, Henry 4th born
 Aug. 23, 1918. Pernella Ann Hess
 married Aug. 31, 1891 Ray Delancey,
 born March 8, 1888 and had children
 Charles born Sept. 23, 1903, David
 born Jan. 23, 1909, Lamora born Oct.
 9, 1915, died Feb. 5, 1917. David Hess
 married first wife Betsey Stafford,
 second wife Harriet Smith. Children
 first wife LeVan Hess born Feb. 22,
 1857, Nettie Hess born March 23,
 1852, died July 18, 1908; by second
 wife Myrtle Hess who married Rufus
 Scott. Nettie Hess married Sept. 11,
 1881 Charles W. Crumb, died Aug. 28,
 1910, had children David S. born June
 25, 1882, died Sept. 23, 1887. Robert L.
 born July 27, 1883, died April 18, 1887.
 Grover C. born Oct. 23, 1884. Betsey
 born Nov. 5, 1887. Silas born June 12,
 1896. Arthur born Nov. 3, 1899. Chas.
 Jr. born April 17, 1891. Daisy born
 March 10, 1892.

Betsey Crumb married Feb. 28,
 1906 John Gray born Aug. 15, 1864
 and had children viz. Marie Gray born
 Nov. 3, 1906, died April 14, 1921. Jaa.
 Jr. born March 4, 1910. Helen born
 Jan. 1, 1918 and Leonard Gray born
 Nov. 16, 1917. They live at Stam-
 ford, N. Y. Daisy E. Crumb married
 Marcus Houck and had children Viv-
 ian Houck and Donald Houck.

I hope this will stir up this family
 so the record will be completed.

Le Van D. Hess son of David Hess
 married Sept. 27, 1883 Ida Keeler,
 born Sept. 6, 1866 and had the follow-
 ing children viz. William Hess born
 Sept. 3, 1884. Callie born Sept. 17,
 1887. Leona born May 19, 1889. Glenn
 Hess born Jan. 7, 1891 and Reva Hess
 born Sept. 27, 1896. William Hess
 married for first wife June 10, 1906
 Maude Young and had children The-
 reasa Hess born March 29, 1909 and
 married for second wife March 31,
 1923 Elsie Lasher.

Callie Hess married Dec. 17, 1912
 Claude Brooks and had the following
 Kenneth Brooks born June 5, 1915,
 and Glenn Brooks born March 1, 1926
 Leona Hess married Dec. 9, 1909 Wil-
 liam Engle. Glenn Hess married
 June 2, 1918 Hazel Hale and Rose

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This story will continue the genealogy of Henry Hess Sr. and Pamelia Axell. Susannah Hess married Nov. 18, 1846 James Turnes born Sept. 14, 1821, died Oct. 22, 1897 and set born May 18, 1847, died Jan. 19, 1914. John born August 17, 1849. Jaa. had the following children, Aytaxan-Sept. 28, 1853. Lillian born Nov. 10, 1855. Fannie born Aug. 22, 1860 and Robert Turner born March 17, 1871. Alexander Turner married Sept. 30, 1869 Harriet Knickerbocker born Nov. 11, 1849 and had children Hiram born May 22, 1871, died Sept. 18, 1872. George born June 1, 1873. Fred, Dec. 15, 1875. Charles born March 11, 1879 died March 13, 1882. Roscoe born Sept. 22, 1880, died Feb. 24, 1920. Mabel born April 23, 1885, died Sept. 2, 1910. Axford born Feb. 24, 1888.

George Turner married Feb. 17, 1893 Etta Miles and had a son Millard F. Turner born Nov. 2, 1903. They also had an adopted daughter Fred Turner married Sept. 21, 1904. Mabel E. Moore born Nov. 1, 1882 and had children, Lawrence K. born April 23, 1897, La Moine born Dec. 1, 1910, Lester born Oct. 4, 1919 and Helen Marie Turner born May 8, 1925. Roscoe Turner married Jeannette Hulburt born Nov. 9, 1886 and had son Loren H. Turner born May 29, 1906. Jeannette Hulburt Turner married for second husband Fred Wilcox of Deposit, N. Y. Mabel Turner married Sept. 12, 1885 Floyd Close born Oct. 15, 1884, had one child Velma Close born Sept. 1, 1910. Axford Turner married Aug. 26, 1910 Bernice Jester born Feb. 27, 1894, had children Hilda M. born Mar. 28, 1911. Theron R. born April 14, 1917.

John Turner married Mary Taylor. James Turner married April 4, 1878 Louise Gray. Lillian Turner married April 15, 1878 Edward H. Mauterstock born May 9, 1856, had children Robert L. born Jan. 18, 1882 and F. Gladys Mauterstock born Nov. 28, 1884.

Robert L. Mauterstock married June 2, 1898. Agnes M. Bates born April 26, 1866, had children Frances L. born Nov. 10, 1910. Joyce E. born May 18, 1915. Robert E. born April 15, 1918 and Grace A. born Nov. 2, 1920. F. Gladys Mauterstock married Dec. 28, 1916 Rex A. Purdy born Nov. 10, 1897 had child Edward H.

children, Luman Hall who married Miss Hathaway. Sterling Hall married Frances Sherman. Lovell Hall born Dec. 15, 1856, single. Abigail Hess married Driss Walkey for second husband and had children but I have been unable to get them to send in any record. I still have hopes.

Mary Ann Hess married Stephen Getter for first husband and Hosea Couse for second husband. Children by first husband, Sheldon L. Getter born May 28, 1848, died April 7, 1894. Evaline born April 12, 1852. Sarah Jane born March 1, 1854. Crawford born Dec. 27, 1896 and Lionel W. Getter born Dec. 17, 1861. Children by second husband Jennie Couse born August 28, 1868. William born Feb. 27, 1871 and Hosea Couse Jr. born August 28, 1872. Sheldon Getter married Hannah M. Travis and had son Aaron S. Getter born Oct. 20, 1878 who married May 20, 1903 Mabel Elizabeth Hamun and had son Edward S. Getter born Sept. 20, 1914. Eveline Getter married March 5, 1870 Albert Davy and had two children. Iva born Sept. 14, 1875, Lena Davy born May 16, 1877.

Sarah Jane Getter married Aug. 16, 1874 Daniel Luzerne Cornell born Aug. 18, 1851 and had children May Cornell born Feb. 14, 1876. Fred born April 21, 1878. Jennie born Feb. 8, 1880. May Cornell married Oct. 2, 1900 Van Birdsall born 1877, had child Iva Birdsall born Oct. 7, 1900. Fred Cornell married Feb. 13, 1909 Pearl Youmans born Oct., 1882 and have son Lewis Cornell born Dec. 13, 1910.

Jennie Cornell married May 30, 1910 Lewis Ramsdell born April 6, 1882, had children Raymond Erwin, born Feb. 19, 1911, died April 17, 1911 and Kenneth Ramsdell born March 18, 1919. Crawford Getter married

November 28, 1877 Samantha Daniels born Sept. 11, 1844 and had children Edna born May 5, 1880. William born Oct. 23, 1882. Charles born Feb. 7, 1885 and Louis Getter born March 17, 1886. Edna Getter married April 2, 1902 Otto Van Akins born Oct. 12, 1876 had children Belle born May 19, 1903 and Helen Van Akins born Oct. 12, 1905. Belle Van Akins married July 18, 1921 Maurice Sanford born July 29, 1895 and had daughter Virginia Sanford, born March 27, 1922. William Getter married Irene Dobbins Dec. 25, 1917, had child Doris Getter, born Nov. 29, 1921. Charles Getter married Jan. 7, 1913 Laura Quinlan, had son Philip Getter born Oct. 2,

and Myrtle Getter born March 10, 1908.

Ralph W. Getter married Jan. 10, 1925 Ina M. Pratt born Jan. 31, 1898 had daughter Loretta born Nov. 27, 1919. J. Maurice Getter married Jan. 24, 1920 Mildred F. Spencer born Dec. 31, 1897 had daughter Geraldine Ann Hess had three children by her Jessie Getter born Oct. 25, 1921. Mary second husband Hosea Couse, viz. Jennie born Aug. 28, 1868. William born Feb. 27, 1871, died April 6, 1872 and Hosea Couse Jr. born Aug. 28, 1872. Jennie Couse married William D. Makley and had two children Rena and Glenn Makley. Hosea Couse Jr. married Emogene Whitman. No children.

John Hess married June 12, 1855 for his first wife Margaret Crawford born August 7, 1823, died May 30, 1893 and had children Frances Laura Hess born Sept. 4, 1856 and Smith Hess born May 31, 1860. Frances Laura Hess married Oct. 26, 1875 at Unadilla N. Y. Charles Gerowe born March 1850, died Nov. 12, 1902 at Center, N. Y. had children Margaret L. Greowe born Dec. 4, 1875, died Jan. 4, 1921 and John Clark Gerowe born Dec. 22, 1893, married Nov. 15 Ruth E. Thompson. Smith Hess went west and we have no record of him or his descendants if any. John Hess married Anna Chapman for his second wife in Pekin, Ill., no children.

John Hess served in the Civil war in the 1st New York Cavalry, drew pension, pension certificate Number 667028. He died in the hospital connected with Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Quincy, Ill. Cause of death uraemia. He is buried at Pekin, Ill. where his wife Anna Hess then lived.

Sally Hess married William Jucket and had children Mary, Pearl and Nellie Jucket. Mary Jucket married man by name of Frant for first husband and William Peck for second husband. They live at Granton, N. Y. Pearl Jucket married Harry Busell. This story may get a better record.

George Hess married Nov. 9, 1894 Mary Wells born Oct. 19, 1846, died Feb. 14, 1922 at Saugerties, N. Y., had children Mary Elberteen Hess, born Sept. 28, 1865 and Myra Hess born Jan. 14, 1874, died Dec. 14, 1893. Mary E. Hess married Sept. 7, 1902 Charles S. Merrick, born Nov. 23, 1863, no children, lives at Saugerties, N. Y.

Joseph Axell Hess the youngest son of Henry Hess and Pamelia Axell

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A graduate of Colgate University class of 1888. Mrs. H. W. Hess is a graduate of Oswego Normal class of 1888. She and Mrs. H. W. Hess have been connected with the Glens Falls high school for the past 25 years. Frank Hess is unmarried. Pearl Hess married August 22, 1901. Robert J. Hess born Oct. 20, 1877 had children Viola J. Hess, born Oct. 12, 1895, died Oct. 12, 1895 and Ida Hess born June 2, 1911. They live at Sidney, N. Y. Martin Hess married March 28, 1813 Elizabeth Forsythe born May 4, 1849, no children. They live on the old homestead at Masonville, N. Y. Joseph A. Hess served in the Civil War in Co. A, 14th Regiment, N. Y. Vol. for three years. He was wounded in the battle of Honey Hill. He was given a medal of honor by Gen. Q. A. Gillmore for gallant and meritorious conduct. He is still living on the old homestead, he bought 60 years ago at Masonville, N. Y.

I will now give what I have been able to find in regard to the children of Frederick Hess Sr. and Anna Maria Fulmer daughter of Conrad Fulmer. Frederick Hess Sr. married April 25, 1781 for his second wife Anna Maria Fulmer born 1742, died May 4, 1820 had children. Magdalena Hess married Nicholas J. Hillis, I think because I find in the church records at South Columbia, Catherine Hillis born Jan. 11, 1818, baptized Jan. 28, 1818, parents Nicholas J. Hillis and Magdalena Hess. No other Magdalena Hess. His this record.

Conrad Hess married Feb. 27, 1816 Magdalena Staring daughter of John Nic. Staring and had children Martin Hess born 1836 married Delia Nicholson. Abrahm Hess, no record. Mary Ann Hess married L. Willis. Caroline Hess married C. Saute and Almyra Hess married Charles Getrain. Conrad Hess served in the war of 1812 as private in Capt. Asa Chatfield's Co. Col. Christopher P. Bellinger's Regt. New York Militia. His service commenced May 14, 1812 and ended Aug. 25, 1812. When he put in his claim for pay and expenses he lived at Richland, Orwego county, N. Y. I shall be pleased to get any facts in regard to any of the above families.

Catherine Hess married March 2, 1817 Adam Staring and had children William Staring, born Sept. 8, 1817, bapt. March 20, 1818. I also find Harvey, Mary Catherine and Henrich, all bapt. July 2, 1823. Mary Staring married Morse, had child Elizabeth Morse married Herbert Walk of Carthage, N. Y. no children. William Staring married Sarah E. for Hess born Dec. 25, 1830, died

Harvey Staring born March 31, 1855, married Clara Hillis born April 24, 1861 and had children William Harvey Staring born Dec. 18, 1881, Marie born Feb. 18, 1884, Clarence H. born July 11, 1891, Ruth E. born Dec. 4, 1892. Florence born May 13, 1894. George born March 14th, 1895 and Charles Elmer born Nov. 1, 1901. Many of this family now go by the name of Staring and live in ~~and~~ and ~~Masonville~~, N. Y. This concludes for the present my story on the family of Frederick Hess Sr. as far as I know it but since I started writing the Hess family history Aug. 15 I have found at least two descendants of Frederick Hess Jr. in Syracuse, N. Y. and one in Weedsport, N. Y. with prospects of finding others who are interested in making this record which I hold is a worthy one, complete as possible. My next story will deal with the war records of the sons in law of Augustinus Hess Sr.

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In the art of the story of the Hess family I wish to give enough of the record of the sons in law of Augustinus Hess Sr. to show that practically his whole family, daughters as well as sons, were involved in the Revolution. Henrich Staring who married Elizabeth Hess October 2, 1784 "served in the Revolutionary War as a captain in Col. Peter Bellinger's Regiment New York Militia, Tryon Co. He appears to have been in service from June, 1777 to Dec. 1780. Henry Staring was commissioned Captain June 25, 1778. He also swore to a pay roll April 30, 1787. In the year Oct. 2, 1786, there was a reorganization of the militia in the German Flatts and Kingsland districts and Henry Staring was Com. Lieut. Colonel. On Feb. 17, 1781 Henry Staring was appointed Justice of the Peace and was known as Judge Staring. Henry Staring and Elizabeth Hess had the following children via Henericus born July 9, 1765. Catherine H. born April 9, 1770. Augustinus born May 2, 1776. Gertrude born November 12, 1779. John Adam Staring born Aug. 27, 1782 and Maria Staring born Feb. 14, 1786. Catherine H. Staring married May 11, 1789 George Helmer, son of Philipp Helmer, and on June 25, 1790 had son Henrich Helmer, Col. Henrich Staring and Elizabeth acted as sponsors. I have

30, 1742, died August, 1833, son of Johannes Diefendorf Sr. and Elizabeth Keller and had children Hannah born Jan. 27, 1769 married Jacob Klock. Catherine born Jan. 27, 1771 married Louis Fabrique.

John H. Diefendorf born August 2, 1773 married Catherine Klock. George born Jan. 8, 1776 died May 22, 1778. Elizabeth born August 12, 1778 married Peter House. Mary born July 4, 1783 married Andrew Outhout. Gertrude born July 7, 1784 married Peter Dygert and Augustinus Diefendorf born July 12, 1787 married Maria Wagner. Catherine Hess and Johannes Diefendorf Jr. are the ancestors of Judge Irving Devendorf of Herkimer, N. Y. "Johannes Diefendorf Jr. served as private in Capt. Jacob Diefendorf's Co. Lieut. Col. Samuel Clyde's times during the Revolution. His Regt. New York Militia at various name appears on a receipt roll dated "Canajohary, Sept. 20, 1784 which shows that he received certificates signed by Gerard Bancker, Treasurer of the State of New York, for his services."

Anna Hess, daughter of Augustinus Hess Sr. married Jacob Diefendorf, born May 1, 1740 died Nov. 17, 1818. Mrs. M. M. Hatch of South Columbia, N. Y. says that Capt. Henry Diefendorf who was killed at Oriskany and Jacob, Johannes and John Jacob were all brothers. The war records at Washington, D. C. says that Jacob Diefendorf was commissioned Captain March 4, 1780 and that he resigned date not given. His name appears on an abstract which shows that he was in service at different times from the 19th of June, 1779 to the 1st of Jan. 1780 and his name appears on payrolls which shows that he received certificates of different amounts and that he served as Captain in Lieut. Col. Samuel Clyde's Regt. of Militia. I have a record that John Jacob Diefendorf married Catherine Windescher, and was the ancestor of Mary Stagg Devendorf author of the "Hictric Mohawk." I have never attempted to trace the Diefendorf family except enough to show that those who married into the Hess family served in the Revolution, because as I said at

the beginning of my story of the Hess family in New York I would try to show the position that the members of the Hess family either by blood or marriage held in history or politics and also to give as far as possible, enough of the genealogy to connect some of them with the descendants of the present generation. And now as I have given about all of the records and history that I have of the

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family of Daniel Hess who was in the Revolution as recorded in my story of August 22, children of John D. Hess and Mary Anna Young. Mary Hess married Jonas Wood, John Hess married Hannah Diedrich, Harriet Hess married John Bellinger and Elisabeth Hess born August 20, 1813, married William Van Deusen. Children of John D. Hess and Magdalena Flanders born Sept. 1, 1785 died July 1857. Daniel Hess born July 26, 1815, died March 1891, married Sept., 1869 Mary Sitterly. Archibie born March 21, 1817 died Feb. 187, married April 21, 1839 Cordelia Cook. William born 1819, died 1893, married 1841 Sarah Hammond. Magdalena born 1821 died August 1, 1905, married William Miller. Margaret born 1823 married Onsey Talbot. Catherine born 1825, died 1841. Nancy born 1828 died August 12, 1895, married William Conley and Julia Hess born 1831 married James Lee and William Bennett. William Hess and Sarah Hammond had children, William J. Hess, Archie, Daniel, George, Josephine, Ella and Fred Hess. Nancy Hess and William Conley had children George H. Conley and William D. Conley.

Joseph Hess and Margaret Fox, had children viz. Peter J. born August 24, 1815, bapt. Nov. 26, 1815. John Hess born Feb. 18, 1818, died Sept. 22, 1859, married Marilla Gleason. Maria Hess born Oct. 3, 1820, died Sept. 26, 1896, married L. Rumsay. Caroline born March 14, 1823 died Oct. 9, 1845. Margaret born Aug. 19, 1825, died May 12, 1866. Elizabeth born April 16, 1826, married John Lynn. Perry born June 2, 1831, died May 24, 1834. Mary and Nancy twins born Aug. 10, 1833. Mary died June 22, 1853. Nancy died Jun 28, 1834 and Joseph J. Hess born May 2, 1836 died Aug. 20, 1891, married Blawson for first wife and Amanda Mowson for second wife.

Margaret Hess and Daniel C. Fox had children Polly (Maria) Fox born April 20, 1804, died May 24, 1881, married Peter W. Saltman. Margaret (Peggy) Fox born Sept. 5, 1806, died June 20, 1890, married Jan. 19, 1828 Joseph England. Jesse Fox born March 23, 1808, died May 28 1893, married Betsy Saltman. Elizabeth (Betsy) Fox born Nov. 3, 1809 died July 26, 1842, married Hiram Saltman. John D. Fox born April 13, 1812 died October 3, 1859, married Amelia Fox. Rufus Fox born Feb. 11, 1815, died August 24 1898 married Elizabeth Bulta. Nancy Fox born Jan. 18, 1817 died May 12, 1842, married Joseph H.

one of the twins daughter of Daniel Hess and Maria Fox (ch. rec.) married Jonas Duesler. See Smith-Duesler record for this family, Mrs. Carrie Cool, historian, St. Johnsville, N. Y., R. F. D. (Nancy) Anna Eva the other one of the twins married David Fox

I also find a church record of Benjamin Hess born Nov. 1795 son of Daniel Hess and Maria Fox and that Benjamin Hess married Sept. 6, 1814 Helen Leonardson. I have not been able to find anything in regard to Peter Hess said to be son of Daniel Hess and Maria Fox. Daniel Hess son of Conrad Hess and Margaret Frank had son Peter Hess. Has there been a confusion, if not will some one send in the record. Now the record of Daniel Hess and his second wife McDoNald is very incomplete, but they Commissioner of Sequestration for had two daughters Olive who married Robert Sheffield and Eva Hess who married William Burtis and had daughter Amelia Burtis who married David S. Collins. David S. Collins and Amelia Burtis had two sons William Burtis Collins born Jan. 21, 1864 died Dec. 22, 1916 at the home of his brother A. D. Collins at Detroit. Mich. William B. Collins married Jan 25, 1862 Carrie A. Neahr. I have no record of A. D. Collins.

This concludes about all I have at present in regard to the family of Johannes Hess Jr. I make no pretensions of knowing all there is to be known in regard to all of the Hess families and their descendants, but I am trying to make the record of Johannes Hess Sr. family as complete and correct as is possible. I shall consider it a great favor if any one connected with the Hess family in any way or knows any one who is related, will send the facts to me or tell me where the facts may be found and especially members of the present generation so that this wonderful work being done by the Enterprise and News may be fostered by the younger members of the Hess descendants of the present day.

My next article will deal with Henry Hess son of Johannes Hess Sr.

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York Militia, and also as a private in Captain John Roof's Co. in Lieut. Col. Samuel Clyde's regiment from New York he received certificates signed by Gerrard Bancker, Treasurer of the State of New York". While I am not at present able to give the days and dates he actually served I am able to give the conclusive proof that he actually was in the Revolution and makes the 18th member of the Hess family who was involved in the war and saw actual service. I will give a part of the genealogy, all that I have. Children of Henry Hess and Mary Elizabeth Garlock, Elizabeth born 1765, died May 20, 1846, married Nov. 6, 1792 George Ratnour, born 1760, died May 30, 1844, Catherine Hess born April 8, 1768, died September 30, 1844, married March 25, 1787 Nicholas Yerdon born May 7, 1763, died Nov. 27, 1839, had child Permelia Yerdon born Sept. 14, 1797, George Hess born March 17, 1773, died Sept. 29, 1840. Henry Hess born Sept. 8, 1782 unmarried. Maria married Strobeck, Susannah born 1768, died Feb 16, 1845, married Jacob Dieendorf. Magdalena married John Yerdon and Margaret Sophia Hess married John Helwig. George H. Hess was the one that carried on in this family, and he did it well.

The will of Henry Hess recorded at Fonda, N. Y. gives to his son Henry his farm at Freys Bush and also provides for his wife Mary, his son George H. and his daughters Elizabeth, Catherine, Susannah, Magdalena and Margaret and the four daughters of his deceased daughter Maria viz. Anna, Maria, Elizabeth and Susannah.

George H. Hess married March 19, 1793 Mary Elizabeth Yerdon, born Feb. 14, 1772, died May 22, 1838 her first wife and Dec. 9, 1838 married Mary Margaret Fralick for second wife, married by Rev. John J. Wack.

George H. Hess and Mary Elizabeth Yerdon had the following children, viz. Maria born May 9, 1794, died October 12, 1866. George born Nov. 30, 1795, died Feb. 18, 1857. Elizabeth born July 20, 1797, died Sept 26, 1808. Catherine born July 14, 1799 died July 2, 1890. Henry born Sept. 19, 1801, died Oct. 15, 1866. Jacob born March 30, 1808 died Aug. 19, 1857. Anna born Aug. 24, 1806 died Feb. 12, 1875. John born Sept. 22, 1808, died April 22, 1887. Margaret born August 30, 1811, died August 18, 1855 and Daniel Hess born July 27, 1813, died June 25, 1892. Maria Hess married Cornelius G. Flint.

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Wormuth. Vix. Moses Hess
born Sept. 20, 1824, died Dec. 27, 1887,
born May 20, 1828, died Sept. 5,
born April 22,
died Jan. 1, 1906, married Aaron
Solomon born June 12,
died May 18, 1904.

Catherine born May 15, 1832, died
April 21, 1912 married George Sneak.
Adam Hess born Aug. 17, 1834 died
Dec. 21, 1898, married Betsy Shultz.
George M. born Nov. 10, 1836 died
December 7, 1882. James born Sept.
12, 1838 married Magdalena Diefen-
dorf. Mathew born August 24, 1840,
died Feb. 12, 1918, married Magdalena
Diefendorf. Mathew born August 24,
1840 died Feb. 12, 1918 married Anna
Louise Weirath and Mrs. Melissa
Hannah Bean. Eva Hess born July
18, 1842 married Louis Yerdon. Har-
low born Sept. 26, 1844 died Feb. 27,
1897. ~~born April 12, 1847 died~~
~~born April 12, 1847 married~~
Emma and Louis Hess born Feb. 2,

1847 died March 18, 1895 married
Harlow Harder. This is certainly a
large family, 16 children, 14
grandchildren and at least 12 married
again. I say is it any wonder that
the Hess family is related to everybo-

dy. Moses Hess married Nov. 3, 1843
Elizabeth Yerdon born April 4, 1825,
died May 2, 1908, daughter of Daniel
Yerdon, had children Henry E. born
Jan. 27, 1844. Catherine M. born No-
vember 3, 1848 an Livingstone Hess
born March 19, 1858. Henry E. Hess
married January 11, 1870 Mary Mel-
roe and had children viz. Charles H.
born April 8, 1872. Clarence born
August 21, 1880. Herbert born May
2, 1884. Mabel born July 2, 1888. Mabel M. Hess
born Oct. 27, 1891. Louis E. Hess born
November 22, 1899 and Marion Hess
born May 2, 1902. Charles H. Hess,
married July 5, 1893 Mabel Sherwood,
had children Pauline Elizabeth, born
Dec. 30, 1895 and Arthur C. born May
1897 died July 20, 1897.

Thomson Hess married February 19,
1851 Margaret Livingstone born Oct.
24, 1824, died Feb. 14, 1912 had chil-
dren Benjamin F. Hess born Feb. 14,
1854 an Forest L. Hess born Feb. 12,
1857. Benjamin F. Hess married Mar-
ch 22, 1877 married Laura M. Tra-
vis and had children Evelyn Pauline,
born March 27, 1909. Arlington Benj.
born June 12, 1910 and Norma Mar-
garet Hess born Jan. 12, 1913. Phoe-
nix, N. Y.

Forest L. Hess married Dec. 4,
1882 Helen Johnson and had children

Oct. 1866, married April 8, 1822 Ly-
dia Warmuth born Dec. 24, 1802, died
Dec. 21, 1863 had children Polly born
July 4, 1823, died Dec. 29, 1848. Cth-
erine born March 5, 1825, died Sept.
18, 1851, married August 11, 1841 Eli-
jah Bush. Laura born May 23, 1826,
died Oct. 2, 1871, married Sept. 5,
1850, married Garrett Moyer, she mar-
ried Daniel Getman for second hus-
band. William Hess born Aug. 15,
1827 died April 29, 1914, married Feb.
12, 1852 Catherine Moyer. Sarah
born Feb. 17, 1829 died Feb. 12, 1834.
Amos Hess born Nov. 27, 1830 died
Oct. 17, 1900, married Oct. 11, 1865
Mary H. Bowman. Elizabeth born
August 28, 1832, died Jan. 14, 1915 un-
married. Henry Hess Jr. born April
3, 1835 died Sept. 14, 1903, married
Jan. 12, 1870 Elizabeth Shultz Sally
Ann born March 12, 1837 died Sept.
16, 1916, married Dec. 25, 1861 Uriah
Dingman. Norman Hess born March
14, 1839 died Jan. 27, 1918, married
March 31, 1861 Betsy Ann Moyer.
Jonas Hess born Sept. 15, 1841 died
Oct. 29, 1875, married July 15, 1868
Anna Arndt and Lydia Jane Hess
born Feb. 24, 1844 married Charles
M. Moyer July 1, 1863. Mrs. Lydia
Hess Moyer lives at present at 461
Glebe street, Johnstown, N. Y., the
only one living in this Henry Hess
and Lydia Wormuth family. This
family at one time lived at Hessville,
N. Y. I have a picture of the old
homestead sent me by Mrs. C. D.
Hess, Syracuse, N. Y. whose husband
is the oldest son of Norman Hess
and Betsy Ann Moyer while she is
the only child of Amos Hess and Harriet
Bowman. Mrs. Hess has a picture
taken many years ago of the five
Hess brothers. This was shown in
the Sunday edition of one of the Sy-
racuse papers some two months ago,
with their whiskers and all but it
was a good picture. I find that I
have overlooked the family of Eliza-
beth Hess and George Ratnour
family. They had children George,
born January 15, 1795, died 19, 1874,
married Caroline Warren. Henry
born 1796 died August, 1883, married
Elizabeth Shaft. William born 1798
died Oct. 12, 1847, married Ann Rice.
Magdalena born 1800 died May 23,
1883 married Walter White. Cath-
erine born 1802 died 1888, married Wil-
liam Hendrickson. Jacob born Jan.

born 1816, died 1867, married Law-
rence Smith.

William Hess, son of Henry Hess
and Lydia warmuth was born in
Munden, N. Y., married Mary Cath-
erine Moyer, born May 30, 1832, died
Dec. 1, 1914, daughter of John F. and
Nancy Moyer, had children Nancy
Catherine Hess born Dec. 26, 1860,
died April 24, 1894. Charles Erwin
Hess born May 16, 1856. Myron Os-
car Hess born May 23, 1859 and Mary
Elmina Hess born Sept. 10, 1860.
Charles Erwin Hess married Feb. 20,
1888 Ida Wood, Phoenix, N. Y. and
had children Harold born 1891 and
Nelson Hess born Jan., 1898.

For a number of years I was un-
able to prove that Henry Hess was
the son of Johannes Hess Sr. and
brother of Augustinus Hess Sr. and
Johannes Hess Jr. but recently I have
come into possession of facts that
give the date of his birth which set-
tles the matter conclusively and to
my own satisfaction. This article
brings the major portion of my story
of the Hess family to a close. If I
have done what I set out to do that
isto get some of the heretofore un-
published records into print and
brought to the attention of the pre-
sent generation I am satisfied, and if
I have cleared up any erroneous ac-
tions or misrepresentations I am the
more pleased. I have spent many
years in collecting the fact set forth
but I have spent the time and what-
ever expense it has been to me with
but one idea that is the satisfaction
of knowing what my ancestors did
for this great country of ours, and
knowing full well that it is a record
of which no one need be ashamed.
I shall be pleased to get any com-
ments or criticisms from any one
who may take time to write me here
at Glens Falls, N. Y. If any of the
records seem, and are incomplete, it
is the best I have and in most cases
it is the best to be found. If any-
one knows of any further facts in
regard to any member of the family
or any of the descendants I hope
they will take interest enough in the
matter to send them to me just as
soon as possible. I wish to take this
chance to publicly thank the Enter-
prise and News and I hope that ev-
ery member of the Hess family will
become a regular subscriber to this
paper which is doing so much to
perpetuate the deeds done by the
worthy heroes of the Mohawk valley
while this country was in the mak-
ing. The rest of my story will be

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While writing my articles on the Hess family I have come across a good bit of Hess data that I shall submit from time to time as I get it checked up. At this time I would like to submit a statement from a deed that I copied in Fonda, N. Y. which shows that the name of the wife of Daniel Hess was not "Cathy" as given by some but was Maria as given in the church record as given by Mrs. Town of Palatine, Montgomery Co., N. Y. March 10, 1785. Peter Loucks and Susannah his wife, Michael Keller and Sarah his wife, to Daniel Hess and Mariaugh his wife. Lot 161 in Klock and Nellis Patent 100 acres for 100 pounds. Here is another statement I would like to submit. From the study of the Will of Johannes Hess Jr. I have always believed that he died shortly after he made his Will which was dated Oct. 28, 1780 instead of dying in 1767 or 70 as given by some. So let me give a part of deed now recorded in Fonda, N. Y. dated Sept. 27, 1765, Between George Klock, Wm. Nellis, Fritterick Bellinger and others, With Fritterick Young having power of attorney for Johannes Hess deceased,—etc. Lots 8, 67, 105, 126, and one half of Lot 126, also one-thirty-fifth of the common land subject to quit rent from 1761, of two shillings six pence, payable every year on the twenty-fifth of March. This would seem to show that Johannes Hess Jr. died some time between Oct. 28, 1780 and Mar. 25, 1761, when the next quit rent payment would become due. Frederick Young's daughter Margaret married Johannes Hess Jr.

Here are some interesting transfers of property recorded in Fonda, N. Y. by the children of the above Johannes Hess Jr. and Anna Margaret Young his wife which I have been asked to publish, viz. David Hess and Margery his wife of Palatine, sells to Johannes Nellis of the same place Deed dated Sept. 29, 1790 for 400 pounds, Lot No. 7, being a sub-division of a larger tract formerly released by Frederick Bellinger deceased to Johannes Hess deceased, being part of a patent granted to Francis Harrison and others. This small lot containing one hundred and five acres. Said larger tract Lots nine and ten having been sub-divided into twelve small lots.

On Nov. 16, 1790. Frederick Hess and Catherine (Nellis) his wife sell Lot No. 5 in Large Lot No. 9 in the Harrison Patent to Casper Ludwick, one hundred and forty-six acres for

recorded a mortgage by Frederick Hess to Stephen Hegeboom dated Feb. 5, 1798. It conveys two hundred acres of land in the Otego patent Lot 68. "This was acknowledged before Judge William Cooper, the father of James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas." I also find that Frederick Hess deeded to his son John Hess Lot 158, in the Wallace patent. The deed recites that he is a resident of Otego, Otsego county. "That the lot begins at a poplar tree corner marked 157.158 standing on the top of a bank below the Low Lands and a little above the rock where the Indians have painted some Warriors in Canoes etc." Deed dated May 20, 1801, Recorded June 5, 1801. So here is where I do some work. What a deal of unpublished interesting history lies buried in these county clerk's offices if only it could be dug up. Now we will go back to Fonda, N. Y. again. On May 20, 1809 John Hess and Anna (Fox) his wife sold a part of small lot No. two in large lots nine and ten in the Harrison and others patent to Robert Nellis, containing three roods and eighteen perches for one hundred and seventy dollars. On Feb. 23, 1811 John Hess and Anna his wife sell to Aaron Loucks parts of Lots two, seven and twelve in the Harrison patent, seventy five acres, for one thousand dollars. On April 18, 1813 John Hess and Anna his wife sell of Josiah Crane for two hundred dollars, a small lot in the Harrison patent on the north side of the "Hawk Turnpike" next to Robert Nellis. On May 24th, 1793 John Hess and Anna his wife sell a part of small lot twelve in large Lots nine and ten in the Harrison patent, containing seven acres to John Weaver a blacksmith for thirty pounds and on June 7, 1794 he sells a small lot evidently a building lot in lot twelve to John Weaver for five pounds. Here is a deed that settles the question of the spelling of David and "Dawalt", "Dabalt," etc. Hess. The deed gives the following, viz. That on June 6, 1788 David Hess and Margery his wife sell to Jacob Rutnauer of Freys Bush

one hundred acres for ninety-five pounds in a patent dated Feb. 10, 1762 given to Philip Livingston and others on south side of the Mohawk. Being one fourth of lot four conveyed to Margaret Hess by her father Frederick Young Esq., March 21 and 22, 1768. David Hess in this case signs his name as "Dewalt". So Dewalt is now David. On May 25, 1801 John Hess and Anna (Fox) his wife of Palatine sells to Peter Waldradt of Minden for one hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, fifty

acres of land being one-fourth of Lot fifty-four in a patent granted to Philip Livingstone and "commonly known as Young's Patent on the south side of the Mohawk." I find that Margaret Hess, then living at Milford, Otsego county, "sells to Daniel Hess of the same place all her interest in the Youngs Patent "what ever it may be" for ten pounds. Deed dated Nov. 1, 1828. Now these would have to be Daniel D. Hess and Margaret children of Daniel Hess Sr. on Nov. 11, 1793 John Hess and Anna (Fox) his wife, sell in the Young's Patent One hundred acres in Lot forty-four to Adolph Walrath. On Feb. 25, 1789 John Hess and Anna his wife sell the east half of lot 37 in the Young's patent to Jan Dederick Horning two hundred acres for one hundred and sixty pounds. On Feb. 4, 1792 John Hess and Anna sell two hundred acres in lot 35 in Young's patent to John Willies of Cherry Valley for one hundred twenty pounds. Did Willies change to Willis?

Yours truly,
H. W. HESS.

P. S.—Lyle Bellinger writes me that he finds the name of David Hess brother of Daniel Hess, among some pension papers in Washington but not a pensioner, as having served in Klock's regiment at Oriskany. If so this is a "find" as David is not mentioned in N. Y. in Rev. as having served in the Revolution. This is the David mentioned in this deed.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Here ends the story of the Hess Family as compiled by Prof. H. W. Hess. He followed this in 1970 with the Staring Family, allied by marriage in the early generations, to the Hess Family. The Staring Family series was interrupted by the death of Prof. Hess, May 21, 1970. This material was published in

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The following papers relating to the application for pension by Elizabeth (Kast) Hess. The matter to follow is from photostat records furnished by the pension department at Washington and are from the collection of the late Prof. H. W. Hess and are given to our readers through the courtesy of his widow, Mrs. Louise D. Hess. These papers will be of interest to all descendants of the Hess family and to the descendants of Christian. They are of especial significance as they prove the identity of Elizabeth the wife of Christian as Elizabeth Kast thus clearing the line for an error of long standing. In many instances the papers reveal historic episodes, some of which throw new light on the matters only partially known.

Affidavit of Elizabeth Hess

State of New York
Herkimer County

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me John B. Dygert Esquire a judge of the court of common pleas of said County, Elizabeth Hess a resident of Brighton in the County of Monroe in said state aged ninety four years who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1838. That she is the widow of Christian Hess late of Pittsford in said County of Monroe deceased who was a private a part of the time and a Sergeant a part of the time during the Revolutionary War in the Army and Militia of the United States.

That her husband enlisted first about the commencement of the war for and served nine months under Captains Eyesler and Bigbread and that during this term of service and in the month of April she was married to him, that after he served out this term, he soon or immediately after went to Stonearabia now in the County of Montgomery in said State and enlisted again as she was then informed, understood and believes for three years, but this deponent has forgotten the names of his officers on this occasion though she thinks the name of one was Willet, Williams or Wilkes or some such name that he was absent from home on this occasion in the service nine or ten months and then returned home and staid some few days, per-

her husband was a part of the time in Schuyler in the County of Herkimer and State aforesaid and a part of the time in Stonearabia aforesaid, that when the nearness of the enemy rendered it necessary this deponent went to the nearest fort for protection, that her said husband was absent when Stonearabia was burnt in the service, but this deponent was then there and went into the fort; after that on such occasions she went into Fort Plain, that the reason of her making her statement before an officer in Herkimer is because her relatives reside in that county as well as the persons or most of the persons now living who know of the service of her said husband, that she is not able owing to her advanced age and bodily infirmity to attend court to make her declaration and she further declares that she was married to the said Christian Hess in the month of April in the first year of the war out on what particular day of the month or in what particular year she is not able to state, that her husband the aforesaid Christian Hess died on the fifth day of August 1804 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will appear more fully by reference to the proof hereto annexed, that she and her husband removed from Herkimer County aforesaid about forty years since.

her
Elizabeth a Hess,
mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me,
John B. Dygert Judge

Herkimer County Courts
State of New York
Herkimer County

I John B. Dygert Esquire the Judge before whom the above declaration was made do certify that the above named Elizabeth Hess came from bodily infirmity attend the court in the usual manner

As witness my hand this Eighteenth day of October A D 1838.

John B. Dygert Judge.
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married Elizabeth Kast, before, during and after the Revolutionary war and that he also knew said Christian and Elizabeth as well before as after their marriage and this deponent further saith that he was a souldier of the Revollution and knows that said Hess served as a souldier in said war a term of nine months service in that year 1782 in a company principally commanded by Captain Guy Young in the Regiment commanded by Col. Marinus Willet, that he does not recollect the names of the other officers, but see said Christian in sail service under said officers frequently during said years, that said Hess served as a souldier during the principal part of said war, was a non-commissioned officer a part of the time and afterward a Clerk of the Dutch Reformed Church in German Flatts & Herkime rof which this deponent was then & still is a member. And this deponent further saith that said Hess was a good true and faithful soldier and further saith not that he makes his mark for the reason that he has had a felon on his right and which makes his forefinger stiff.

his
Andrew x Piper
mark

Subscribed & Sworn
the 5th day of September 1841.
Before me

Timothy I. Campbell,
a Justice of the Peace.

Brother Jost at 82 makes his statement.

State of New York)
) SS
Herkimer County)

I Jost Hess of German Flatts in said County being duly Sworn deposeseth and saith that he is a pensioner of the Revolutionary War of the age of Eighty two years & upwards that he is a brother of Christian Hess deceased, that said Christian was two years older than this deponent, that in the early part of said war and this deponent believes in the fall of the year 1788 said Christian had been out in the service of the United States as a souldier and come home sick and desired this deponent to go and bring Elizabeth Kast then a single woman but afterwards the wife of said Christian to take care of him during his sickness and this deponent did so, that at that time he understood from them both that they, were engaged to be married, and this deponent shortly after returned into the service and when he came home the next fall he was informed that said Christian & Elizabeth had been married and com-

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Herkimer, And this deponent has no doubt but what said Christian & Elizabeth were married by said Rosegrants within the time above mentioned, and this deponent further saith that both said Christian & Elizabeth were regular members of said church while in charge of said Rosegrants as aforesaid and that said Christian was a Deacon thereof. And this deponent further saith that he was almost constantly in the service during the Revolutionary War and therefore not at home except at short intervals but was informed & believes that his said brother was also out in the service much but he can not from his own knowledge say how much or in what particular years but believes from information at the time that his said brother served from time to time for as much as three years.

his
Jost x Hess
mark

Subscribed & Sworn the 16th day of March 1840.

Before me W. T. Sheldon Com. of Deeds.

I certify that I am acquainted with the above named Jost Hess and that his statement is entitled to full credit.

W. T. Sheldon Com. of Deeds
Herkimer County as

I certify that W. T. Sheldon Esqr was on the days of the date of the within affidavits a commissioner of Deeds &c in & for said county duly commissioned and qualified and that I am well acquainted with his handwriting & verily believe the above & foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County April 24 A. D. 1840.

E. A. Munson Deputy
for John Dygert Clerk.

souldiering a part of the time as this deponent then understood East of Albany or thereabouts, that this deponent resided with them or his sister in consequence of the absence of her husband as aforesaid and this deponent further saith that there is no record of the marriage of said Elizabeth and Christian within the knowledge or belief of this deponent, and this deponent further saith that during said war and at the time of the service of said Hess as aforesaid he understood that said Hess enlisted and served the first time nine months and the second time three years which understanding from the knowledge at the said time of the reputed service of said Hess he has no doubt was true and according to the fact and further this deponent saith not.

SEVERINUS KAST.

This is attested by John B. Dygert, Judge of Herkimer County courts on October 30, 1839.

Judge Dygert's signature is further certified by A. E. Munson, deputy for Judge Dygert's Clerk at the county clerk's office in Herkimer on October 31, 1839.

State of New York)
) ss
Herkimer County)

Mary Hess of Brighton in the County of Monroe in said state a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Hess with in mentioned aged forty eight years being duly sworn deposes and saith that her mother has always since the death of her father remained a widow and is now, that she this deponent has generally lived with or near her mother and from tradition fully concurs in her statement within made which she this deponent has heard read.

her
Mary x Hess.
mark

Subscribed and Sworn the 18th day of October, 1838 before me.

John B. Dygert Judge
Herkimer County Courts
State of New York)
) ss

Herkimer County)

I John B. Dygert Esquire the Judge before whom the above affidavit was sworn to do certify that I believe the above named Mary Hess to be a credible witness and that her statement is entitled to full credit.

As witness my hand his 18th day of October A. D. 1838.

John B. Dygert.

War records of Christian Hess from State Records.

I do certify that W. Gerert Staats Supt. of A. Class in Colo Cuyler's Regiment of Militia has this day delivered over and mustered before me an able bodied man duly enlisted, name-

Albany 25 April 1782.
State of New York
Comptrollers Office
Albany August 28 1840

I certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy with an original paper now on file in this office and that it is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

Bates Coke
Comptroller.

In pursuance of a law passed the 27th day of April, 1784, entitled an Act for the settlement of the pay of the Levies and Militia, for their services in the late war and for other purposes therein mentioned the following certificates have been issued bearing interest at five per cent per annum, vis:

1780 AUG. 31, 1218, Christian Hess, private, 3, 4, 0.
1779 Nov. 7, 1690, Christian Hess, Sergt., 1, 17, 4.

1782 Dec. 31, 7435, Christian Hess, private, 21, 19, 1.
State of New York.
Comptroller's Office, Albany, October 28, 1840.

I hereby verify the above to be true extracts from Books Nos. 1 and 2 now remaining in this office, and that the service for which the certificates above named were issued, were performed under the following officers, vis:

First under Capt. John Breadbake in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment, Tryon Co.

Second under Capt. John Zielle in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment Tryon Co.

Third under Capt. Guy Young and Capt. Joel Gillett in Col. Marinus Willett's Regiment Tryon Co.

W. W. Tudway,
Dep. Comptroller.

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Severinus Kast supports his father's testimony.

State of New York)
) ss
Herkimer County)

Severinus Kast of Frankfort in said County being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is of the age of seventy three years and upwards and that he is a brother of Elizabeth Hess named in the annexed papers who is the widow of Christian Hess also named in said papers, that said Elizabeth Christian were married according to the best of deponents re-

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County of Herkimer

Abraham Rosecrants of the town of Little Falls in the County of Herkimer being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is the personal representative and son of George Rosecrants deceased, who was the son of the Reverend Abraham Rosecrants deceased and that the said Abraham Rosecrants deceased in his lifetime was the minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Herkimer and German Flatts: that he was always informed and believes that his said grandfather as such minister solemnized marriages and kept a record of marriages and that he also kept a record of the baptism of the infants of parents and that the book in which such records was kept was after the decease of the said grandfather in the possession of the father of the deponent until his decease, which event took place on the 21st December 1838 and this deponent further says that since the death of his said father the said Book of records has been and still is in the possession of this deponent being the executor of the said George Rosecrants and this deponent further says that he has not on an examination of the record of marriages in this book found any record of the marriage of Christian Hess and Elizabeth Hess but among the records in said book of the baptisms of infants this deponent finds a record in the words and figures following to wit "1781, parents, N. A. Christian Hesse and B. A. Ellabeth; infants, Augustines; susceptores, Friedrick Kast and Ellabeth and further this deponent says not.

Abraham G. Rosecrants.
Subscribed Sworn to the 28th day of March 1840 before me.
William Brooks J. Peace.

I certify that I am well acquainted with Abraham G. Rosecrants who has made oath to the within facts that he is a man of truth and veracity and that his statement is entitled to full credit.

Wm. Brook, J. P.
State of New York
Herkimer County,

I hereby certify that William Brooks Esq. was on the day of the oath of the within affidavit a Justice of the within affidavit a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified and that I am well acquainted with his hand writing & verily believe that

The Children Testify

Supporting the former statements are attached papers furnished by the children of Christian and Elizabeth Hess. They are interesting as they furnish genealogical fact as well as supplementary proof of service. The first is from Henry Hess.

His affidavit gives residence at Pittsford in the county of Monroe. The date of the affidavit which was made before W. T. Sheldon Comm. of Deeds County of Herkimer on April 24, 1840. He declares himself to be 60 years of age, a son of Christian and Elizabeth Hess. He states that Elizabeth their daughter died in infancy and he believes himself to be the oldest child living. He states that his father died in that part of Pittsfield now called Henrietta on Aug. 24th, 1808, and that his mother was still living at that time in German Flatts, Herkimer county with her son John Jost (Joseph). He states that he possessed his father's Bible and that he was removing a certain leaf containing his fathers bible record and that he was attaching same "hereto."

The attached leaf mentioned follows.

Copies of two pages from the Bible of Christian Hess Christian was the first born son of Augustinus Hess Sr. and his second wife Mrs. Anna (Nancy) Schell Benson.

Christian Hess seine Bibels den Erster September 1784.

Ich bin geboren in Jahr Christ 1776 den 16 ten Martz.

Meine Tochter Elisabeth geboren im Jahr 1777 den 3ten July.

Mein Erster Sohn Heinrich geboren im Jahr 1779 den 17ten Aug.

Mein Sohn Augustinus geboren im Jahr 1781 den 8ten Nov.

Mein Sohn Johann Jost geboren im Jahr 1784 den 11ten Martz.

Meine Tochter Catherine geboren im Jahr 1786 den 18ten July.

Meine 3rd Tochter Elizabeth geboren im Jahr Christi 1788 den 29ten May.

Meine 4th Tochter Maria geboren im Jahr Christi 1791 den April 5ten.

Mein Sohn Johann Jost geboren den 26ten Jan. 1793.

Meine Tochter Eva geboren den 12ten August 1795.

Mein Sohn Daniel geboren den 1sten January 1798.

The Daughter Catherine

Catherine Stillwell in open court in Livingston county states that she is a resident of the town of Livonia, aged 63 years. Declares that she is a daughter of Elizabeth Hess widow of Christian and was informed and believed that her father saw service as

confirms her brother in his statement of the death of Christian at Henrietta but says it was the 23rd day of Aug., 1808. (Henry places the date at August 24). She states that the widow (her mother) died in the town of Purrington, Monroe county on the 22nd day of February, 1843 and that the surviving children at that time are Catherine Stillwell the deponent, Augustus Hess, Joseph Hess, Daniel Hess and Elizabeth Allen. This declaration was made Jan. 31, 1855 before James S. Orton, County Clerk, Livingston county.

The End

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Pension Papers of Conrad Hess - First Paper

The following papers relate to the application of Conrad Hess for a pension. Conrad Hess was the son of Augustinus Hess, Sr. and his second wife Mrs. Anna (Nancy) Schell Benson and was born March 27, 1792 died May 19, 1839. State of New York

Handwritten initials

Herkimer County

On this 13th day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Herkimer now sitting Conrad Hess, a resident of the Town of German Flatts in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in 1777 before he was sixteen years of age at the time that the Militia of German Flatts, where he was born, and at that time resided, was marched to the Oriskany Battle, he volunteered into the service of the United States in the Militia Service and was placed upon duty at Fort Herkimer as a picket guard at said Fort—that he so volunteered and served at said Fort under Capt. Michael Ittig, Lieut., Jacob Basaham and Ensign Frederick Frank—Colonel Peter Bellingier at that time was the Col-

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Herkimer in German Flatts in the year 1778 when German Flatts was burnt to the close of the War the inhabitants of German Flatts in the vicinity of said Fort lived in said Fort Herkimer—that he and most of the Militia of that quarter were during the whole of said period stationed at said Fort and almost constantly engaged in defending said Fort—that he was at said Fort at the time that said Fort Herkimer was attacked by the enemy being a party of about seven-

hundred—that at the time of the said attack upon said Fort his Father who was also engaged in the defence of the said Fort was killed in said Battle—that he and the rest of the Militia stationed at said Fort altho there were times when they were not on duty yet that their duties and services were almost continual both in the summer and winter seasons from the year of this enrollment until the close of the War That he has no documentary evidence of any of his said services—that Thomas T. Shoemaker of German Flatts Conrad Getman of Columbia and Peter P. Bellinger of Danube in the County of Herkimer are acquainted with the services or most of the services rendered by him That he was born at German Flatts in the County of Tryon now Herkimer County in the year 1762. That he has no record of his age but that his age is recorded in the church book which Book is now in the possession of George Rosecrantz of Lattie Falls That he was living at German Flatts when he entered the service that he has lived at German Flatts ever since the War. That he once entered the service of the United States as a substitute in the Room of Bat Kern—that he repeatedly volunteered and that he was repeatedly ordered into the service—that he served in the Militia in pursuance of a Resolution of Congress which as he is informed was passed in the year 1775.

That Capt. Moody was stationed at Fort Herkimer whilst he was at said Fort—that when he served as a substitute under Capt. Gross he was under Colonel Willett that Col. Willett was not at said Fort during the service under Capt. Gross but that he frequently saw him, was well acquainted with him and served with him at the Little where Butler was killed—that his Militia service was rendered under Col. Peter Bellinger, Lieut. Col. Frederick Bellinger and Lieut. Denis Clapsattie, Major. That he does not know that he ever had any written discharge for any of his said services. That he is known to Thomas T. Shoemaker, Frederick Shoemaker, Frederick Bellinger Junior, & Frederick Bellinger who reside in his immediate neighborhood and who can testify as to his

ity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

CONRAD HESS.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

*Evidently an error due to lapse of memory. General Robert Van Rensselaer who was meant instead of Henry as stated by deponent.

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Second Paper, Conrad Hess

Conrad Hess filed his first application October 13, 1832, and on June 4, 1833 he filed the following additional statement.

State of New York .)

) SS

Herkimer County)

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a commissioner of Deeds in said County, Conrad Hess who being duly sworn deposeeth and Saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For one half a month, I served as a private in a Company of nine months men commanded by Capt. Gross in the Regiment of Col. Marinus Willett. This service was rendered by me as a substitute for a man named Bat Kern who had been enlisted in said Company for the term of nine months For one year and six months I served as a private in the Company of Militia for some time commanded by Capt. Michael Ittig and afterward commanded by Capt. Frederick Frank who before his promotion to the rank of a captain was a subaltern officer in the Company of Capt. Ittig and Lieutenant Jacob Bassham in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Bellinger, Lieut. Col. Frederick Bellinger & Major Denis Clapsattie.

That in this last service of one year and six months I include all my actual service in the Militia from the time of my enrollment in the Militia which I now believe was in the year 1777 before I was sixteen years of age to the close of the war and rendered under the aforesaid officers and also by Volunteer and all other service under orders done from time to time as stated in my declaration under Col. Willett & Genl. Van Rensselaer as is also stated in my declaration except my services

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... in the service of the army when I and others of the Militia were on the occasion required ordered out and under their respective commands marched in pursuit of the enemy. That most of my said service was rendered at Fort Herkimer in the discharge of the usual garrison duties—and for these services aforesaid being for one half a month and for one year and six months as aforesaid I claim pension.

Conrad Hess.
State of New York)
Herkimer County) SS

On the 6th day of June, 1833 before me Charles Gray the said Commissioner aforesaid came Conrad Hess and subscribed and in due form of law made oath to the foregoing affidavit and I further certify that I am acquainted with said Conrad Hess and that he is a person entitled to credit.

Charles Gray.
State of New York)
Herkimer County) SS

I Julius C. Nelson, Clerk of said County do hereby certify that Charles Gray by whom the foregoing affidavit was sworn was on the date thereof a Commissioner authorized to swear Affidavits, and on a comparison of his hand writing with which I am acquainted believe the signature of said Charles Gray to said affidavit to be genuine, and the proper handwriting of said Charles Gray. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 6th day of June 1833.

Julius C. Nelson, Clerk.
Third Papers Conrad Hess
Conrad Getman and Thomas T. Shoemaker file their testimony as to the service of Conrad Hess.
State of New York)
Herkimer County) SS

Conrad Hess being duly sworn saith that he is sixty nine years of age as he believes—that he was acquainted with Conrad Hess, in the annexed papers named, during the whole Revolutionary War—that from the time of their respective enrollments in the Militia this deponent under Captain Getman and the said Conrad under Captain Ittig and Frank, they were stationed and lived and served together at Fort Herkimer then in Tryon County until the close of the said War—that the service of the said Conrad Hess in the Militia at Fort Herkimer and also his being in the Battle when Butler was killed as is stated by him is well recollected by this Deponent—that this deponent recollects the service mentioned by said Conrad in his declaration and which has been read in

and under Van Rensselaer & which service he this Deponent does not recollect.

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Conrad x Getman
mark
Sworn to this 13th day of October, 1832.

Julius C. Nelson, Clerk.
State of New York)
Herkimer County) SS

Thomas T. Shoemaker of the Town of German Flatts in said County be-

ing duly sworn saith that he is sixty-eight years old—that he was acquainted with Conrad Hess during the whole Revolutionary War that said Hess except when absent from the fort on other duty was at Fort Herkimer from the time German Flatts was burnt which was in the year 1778 as he now believes to the close of the said war—that this deponent recollects that said Conrad Hess was at said Fort Herkimer before the burning of German Flatts—that said Conrad when at said Fort was with the rest of the Militia at said Fort and of which this Deponent was one, and almost constantly engaged in the service defending and guarding said Fort and the inhabitants collected and living at said Fort—that there were periods when no service was done by the Militia stationed at said Fort but these periods were generally of but short duration—that said Conrad was also in service with the Deponent in guarding Boats to Fort Stanwix once—that this Deponent was a prisoner to Canada at one time during said period for about seven months or longer and did not during that time see said Conrad at said Fort but that said Hess has always had the reputation of having been at said Fort and of having performed such other service as is stated by him in his declaration and of which this deponent has no doubt—that this deponent has been acquainted with said Conrad ever since the aforementioned period that said Hess is a person of good character—has always had the reputation of being a faithful soldier and is entitled to credit and further saith not.

Thomas T. Shoemaker
On the 15th day of October 1832 before me Charles Gray a commissioner of Deeds & c came Thomas T. Shoemaker and subscribed and made oath in due form of law to the foregoing Affidavit; and I do hereby further certify that the said Thomas is well known to me and that he is a person of good repute and entitled to credit

Charles Gray.

hereto submitted in open Court, is well known to the Court and that he is a credible person and that the statement contained in his Affidavit is entitled to credit.

I Julius C. Nelson Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Herkimer do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Conrad Hess for a pension.

And I the said Clerk do hereby further certify that Charles Gray before whom the Affidavit of Thomas T. Shoemaker hereto annexed appears to have been sworn was on the date of the same a Commissioner of the said County of Herkimer and authorized to take Affidavits and that I am acquainted with the hand writing of the said Charles Gray & that I have examined the signature of said Charles Gray to said Affidavit and believe the same to be genuine and the proper hand writing of the said Charles Gray. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of my office this 15th day of October 1832.

Julius C. Nelson Clerk.

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Hess Steele

A letter from Mrs. E. E. Rowland, 1081 South street, Boston gives a line of Hess, Stehle which may be interesting to others and perhaps some one may throw a new light on the subject or perhaps furnish the solution to the problem. Mrs. Rowland says in part:

"The Hess articles by the late Prof. Hess for which I sent early in the year together with meagre family records, established my descent from Johannes Hess, P. E. 1710, through his grandson Christian (3) Hess and his son John Jost (4), Joseph born 1793 which is as far back as our records, thus, naturally, all East information is of interest to me and also I may add of the ancestors of Nancy (Anna) Schell. Though I do not know for what length of time you have published the Descendants Columns, I am hoping that possibly there has been something in them regarding the Steele family, descendants of the Palatine emigrant (1710) Rudolph Stahe, Staley, Steale who is also an ancestor of mine. There was a Steele, Hess alliance in 1819-20, a son of Conrad Stehle and a daughter of Joseph Hess (4) but our records go no further back than my great grandfather Conrad, descendant of Rudolph Stahl.

I understand another branch of the

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G. A. Hess
Minister Church of Christ
403 Milwaukee Street
Charles City, Iowa

October 22, 1900.

Enterprise and News.
St. Johnsville, N. Y.

Your letter of October 18 at hand I am sending you a copy of the story of the capture of Frederick Hess by the Indians as he was born in May, 1751 and according to the tradition was taken prisoner at the age of 16 it must have been an Indian raid at about 1767.

I wonder if old Palatine records show a raid of about that time in her history?

I have some material about Catherine Nellis Hess, some from Judge D. C. Nellis of Kansas sent me in 1910. (I imagine the old judge is dead before this.) I remember he said in one letter that Catherine was a daughter of Philip Nellis and in another letter he called her a sister of Philip. I am quite sure he was mixed up about her. The last record I have come through Mrs. David C. Cook and their family. (She is also a descendant of Dominic Somers.) She either went back there and studied out some of this or hired some one there to do it for her.

I loaned a lot of papers to Mrs. Bickford, a Fox-Hess descendant and she hasn't returned them as yet. She lives at Oswego, Ill. I will send her address to you and if she is not a subscriber he may become one. She is much interested in the Fox family and is a near relative of Col. Bell.

I want to thank you for back numbers. Maybe when you find time and space for this that you can suggest some other matter. I have quite a fund of traditional history.

Fraternally,

G. A. HESS.

From Autobiography of Daniel Hess

This autobiography of Daniel Hess as here given is preserved in the papers of Mrs. Lois Pittinger, the mother of Mr. David C. Cook. Mrs. Cook is the wife of David C. Cook, the Sunday school publisher of Elgin, Illinois. This story has been told in our family for years.

Mrs. Jane Bunton formerly of Albion, Mich. said in a letter Feb. 25, 1915, speaking of Johannes Hess II, says they (great grandfather Johannes Hess, Jr.) had lots of land and good buildings time of the Revolutionary war. The rumor came, said they must flee for their lives. They left everything, took a sack of flour, and fled to the woods. Great Grandfather was watching not far from where the children and mother were hidden. He was killed by the Indians so near his wife that she heard him say "Oh Lord!" She had a large family of boys and girls. My grandfather, (Frederick born 1751) was 16 years old. He and an older brother went to see if their buildings were burned, were taken prisoner. Daniel escaped the same night, after seeing several prisoners tortured and killed. Grandfather (Frederick) was with them in

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ty, N. Y. four miles west of Oneonta, on a new farm near the headwaters of Mill Creek, not far from the beautiful valley of the Susquehanna river. My ancestors on my father's side were of German descent, they came to America before the Revolutionary war. My grandfather (Frederick Hess I) was taken prisoner by the Indians when a mere lad, he was made to travel three days without giving him a morsel of eat, the reason they gave for doing so, was that they thought at the end of that time, he would be willing to eat such food as they gave him.

Frederick Hess' Imprisonment

They kept him prisoner for three years, but he gained their confidence and they allowed him to hunt and fish when and where he pleased without anyone to accompany him; he secreted ammunition in small quantities at a time to avoid suspicion, and also provisions; when his arrangements were all made, he started one morning as usual to spend the day hunting and fishing but he cast away his fishing rod, and took the most direct course he could for home. He traveled only at night, and lay secreted during the day, and knowing the great sagacity of the Indians in following their game, he took every precaution he could, to escape them. When ever he found a fallen tree, he would walk the length of it, and then jump as far as he could, and if he happened to bend down or brush a weed, he would right it up or remove it, to obliterate all trace of his track. After traveling many miles through a dense wilderness, without a path or anything to guide him but the sun and stars, he arrived at his home in safety.

Editor—I have given two of the accounts one from Mrs. Heath's daughter Mrs. Bunton (Mrs. Heath was a daughter of Mariah Hess who was the youngest child of Frederick Hess and his wife Catherine Nellis Hess.)

The second is from the records of the Daniel Hess family, Daniel being a son of Frederick Hess II who married Mary McDougall Sept. 2, 1804. This Daniel married Frances Wright (born 1821) on Aug. 10, 1843. Their daughter Lois Hess married James Adams Kerr. Her daughter Frances Kerr married David C. Cook, Jr. Sept. 18, 1906.

I, G. A. Hess, the writer of this am descended from Jacob Hess and Elizabeth Scramling (sometimes Schrambling). My mother was personally acquainted with my great grandfather Jacob Hess who was fifth child of Frederick Hess and his wife Cath-

erine Nellis Hess. The family record is written:

Frederick Hess (1) and his wife Catherine Nellis Hess.

Frederick 1 born at Palatine, N. Y. May 10, 1751. Catherine Nellis born at Palatine June 1, 1748.

Children:

Catherine born Oct. 16, 1773, married Peter Scrambling.

John born April 12, 1778.

Nancy (also called Ann) born Oct. 23, 1781, married Henry Scramling.

Frederick (2) born Nov. 29, 1784, married Mary McDougall.

Jacob born Feb. 24, 1787, married Elisabeth Scramling.

Margaret born Jan. 8, 1789.

David born Nov. 28, 1794.

Maria born Oct. 7, 1797, sometimes Mariah, married Jacob Heath.

The name (Scramling also Schrambling and Scramlin, also Schramling.)

Frederick Hess and his wife Catherine Nellis Hess (born June 1, 1748 daughter of Andrew Nellis, son of William Nellis who came with the Palatines in 1710). They lived in Palatine until about the year 1780 (the year in which Palatine was burned by Brant and his Indians.) About this time probably on account of having been burned out, they removed to the Susquehanna Valley, going down the Susquehanna river with the Scramling family on rafts. The Hess and Scramling families settled near each other on farms at the mouth of Otego Creek, near the towns of Oneonta and Otego. Deeds recorded at Cooperstown.

In Reid's Mohawk History he says, "Henry Scramling moved to the Susquehanna in 1772 but the Indians were so troublesome he returned to Canajoharie till the close or near the close of the war when he returned and with him was David and John Young, his brothers-in-law, also his brothers David and George. He divided or sold this 1000 acre tract, the south line of the Scramling land was also the north line of the Hess farm. Mrs. Van Valkenburg of Michigan writes March 4, 1915.

"It seems to me, Frederick and Catherine Nellis Hess must be buried in the Otego cemetery where their daughter Catherine Scramling and her family are. John Hess owned his father's farm and sold to Mr. Hale and he to Blakesley. This is across the river from after Scramlin and his wife Catherine Hess Schramlin. John moved to Oneida county, N. Y. I think before 1820. I had letters from Mrs. Bunton (granddaughter of Frederick Hess) moved to Canada about 1840. (Mrs. Bunton's folks that moved to Canada) and they had a letter from John Hess who said he had visited at Otego and took up his father's re-

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London Paper of Han feet Hess
State of New York
Herkimer County

On the 7th day of June 1819 before
me John M. Combs, one of the Judges
of the Court of Common Pleas in &
for the County of Herkimer and said
State personally appeared Egan Joet
Hess now of the Town of Warren and
County of Herkimer aforesaid a vest-
ment being duly sworn saith that
he did in the year 1777 on the 14th
day of May enlist as a soldier in the
Army of the United States of America
at Fort Stanwix in the State of New
York under Capt. Gansevoort in Col-
onel Peter Gansevoort's Regiment in
the Continental establishment of the
said State in the Revolutionary War
known by being the third New York
Regiment and saith that he enlisted
for during the war of the Revolution
and that he did faithfully serve
against the common enemy in the ar-
my of the United States until the
depth day of June 1788 and then he
transferred to a Company commanded by
Capt. Austin in Colonel Gideon Van
Schoelkroff's Regiment in the first New
York Regt. which he was honorably
discharged by a discharge signed by
General George Washington and was
honored by a badge of merit both of
which this deponent hath lost but
saith that the first battle he was in
was at Fort Stanwix where the Amer-
ican army was routed twenty one
days and where this deponent receiv-
ed the wound in his arm and one in
his thigh and saith he was engaged in
the fighting of Chancellorsville in October
1862 besides various other engage-
ments from the time of his aforesaid
enlistment till the time of his aforesaid
discharge. And this deponent
saith he will be sixty one years of
age in November next and saith that
his name was called and believed it so
to be on the Rolls of the Army John
Overt and saith his name is some-
times spelled Joseph Hess and saith
that this difference in spelling his
name arose from his being a German
and never being able to speak Eng-
lish tolerably well but that he in the
same person called at different times
by the aforesaid different names and
saith he is poor, has not property
whom which to gain a livelihood and
that he stands in need of the assis-
tance of his Country for support and
saith he hath no other evidence of
his said enlistment and service in the
Revolutionary War in his possession
except the aforesaid affidavits of the
John Weatherline and Adam Hatter
and that he makes the application to
obtain the relief granted by an Act
of Congress entitled, "An act to pro-

I John M. Combs Judge of the
Court of common Pleas in said Coun-
ty of Herkimer do certify that it ap-
pears to my satisfaction from testi-
mony taken and had before me that
the reduced circumstances of the said
Egan Joet Hess entitle him to the pro-
vision of the aforesaid Act of Con-
gress.

J. M. Combs
A Judge of Herk. Com. Pleas.
Herkimer County SS

Adam Hatter and John Weather-
line being duly sworn say they were
during the Revolutionary war well
acquainted with Egan Joet Hess in
the foregoing affidavits mentioned
that are knowing to all the services
and enlistments and honorable dis-
charge therein mentioned being true.
That he belonged to and served in
the same regiment with these depo-
nents and say he was sometimes call-
ed John Overt and Joseph Hess but that
he is the same person who enlisted
and served as stated in his affidavits
and that we believe he stands in need
of aid from his country for support.

Adam Hatter.
John Weatherline
Sworn to this seventh day of June,
1822 before me.

J. M. Combs
A Judge of the Herk. Com. Pleas.
I John M. Combs a Judge of the
Court of Common Pleas in & for the
County of Herkimer aforesaid do cer-
tify that it appears to my satisfaction
that the said John Joet Hess did serve
in the Revolutionary war against the
common enemy as stated in the pre-
ceding declarations and I now transmit
the proceedings and testimony taken
and had before me to the Secretary
of War pursuant to the directions of
the aforesaid Act of Congress this 8
June 1822.

J. M. Combs
A Judge of Herk. Com. Pleas.
State of New York

Herkimer County
John Joet Hess, of the Town of
German Pratts, in the County of
Herkimer aforesaid, being duly sworn
saith, that he this deponent in the
month of May and so he believes on
the fifth day of May, one thousand
eight hundred and seventy seven, en-
listed as a private soldier in Captain
Van Schoelkroff's Company in Colonel
Peter Gansevoort's Regiment in the
first New York Line in the Continental
service of the United States, to serve
for during the then war between the
United and Great Britain—which en-
listment took place at Rome than
called Fort Stanwix—and this depo-
nent as such private in pursuance of
the Act of Congress entitled, "An act to pro-

vided and this deponent being duly
sworn and subscribed June 7, 1822
saith that at the time of passing the
Act for the relief of certain surviving
officers and soldiers of the Army of
the Revolution this deponent was not
to his knowledge or belief or at any
time since has not been on any per-
sonal list of the United States—and
further this deponent saith he,
his

John Joet Hess
Mark
Sworn and subscribed June 7, 1822
before me

Chas. Gray, Com. &c.
Under the Act of April 19, 1822.
State of New York
SS
Herkimer County

Mark Grants of the town of Colman-
bia in said County being sworn saith
that he this deponent was before dur-
ing and since the Revolutionary war
has been personally acquainted with
John Joet Hess now of the town of
German Pratts in said county, that the
said John Joet Hess was a soldier in
the Revolutionary Army and on the
consolidation of the New York Regt-
ment he served in a company in the
first New York Regiment command-
ed by Colonel Van Schoelkroff and was
honorably discharged at New Windsor
in 1783—That this deponent enlist-
ed as a private in said Regiment in
1779, and served at first in Capt. Par-
sons' Company & then in Capt. Par-
sons' Company to the close of the
war and left the army on his return
home in company with the said John
Joet Hess who in the Roll Calls was
called by the name of John Note Hess
as near as this deponent can recollect
the call and further this deponent
saith not.

his
Mark J. Cronis
mark
Sworn and subscribed June 7, 1822
before me

Chas. Gray, Com. &c.
Under the Act of April 19, 1822.
I Chas. Gray of the Town & Coun-
ty of Herkimer do hereby certify that
I am personally acquainted with
Mark J. Cronis and John Joet Hess the
persons whose names appear to the
within affidavits and that they are
both persons of truth and entitled to
credit June 7, 1822

Chas. Gray.
Resident Secretary
Treasury Department
5 July 1822

John Joet Hess of German Pratts
in the County of Herkimer in the
State of New York has applied to the

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and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778 and further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing.

This man was sometimes called John Note Hess. The third auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary.

A. Diskins.

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office

July 7, 1826.

The name of John Jost Hess cannot be found on the Revolutionary Records on file in this office nor any name resembling it.

Peter Hagmar, Aud.

John Uthurst of the 1st New York Regt. is returned as entitled to a certificate of eighty \$ may as above described for which a final settlement certificate issued. His name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency nor has it been since the 3rd March 1826.

Peter Hagmar Aud.

New York

Han Jost Hess
or John Joseph

of Herkimer in the State of New York who was a Private in the Regt. commanded by Colonel Gansevoort of the N. York line for the term of 1 year.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 7 of June 1815.

Certificate of Pension issued the 19 of July 18 and sent to N. J. Burton.
Little Falls, New York

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1819 \$23.40
Semi-ann all'ce ending 26/20

\$23.40

Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1814.

The combined stocks of carry over corn and the present crop indicate about 90 per cent of an average supply.

Mar 30, 1932

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The Rochester Times Union of Feb-
ruary 28 contains a fine likeness of
an old friend of the Mohawk Valley,
a subscriber to these columns and a
descendant of the sturdy Hess family.

boy played with Buffalo Bill's cause-
ren, to correct an error of long stand-
ing in the history of the Cody family's
associations with Rochester.

Colonel Hess, veteran of two wars
and head of the Hess Perfuming &
Costuming Company, himself looks
like Buffalo Bill—so much so he
hears school children commenting on
the resemblance as he passes along
streets.

Colonel Hess became acquainted
with the Codys in 1875 when they
made their home in a brown frame
house on the east side of Exchange
Street opposite Hubbell Park. The
house he says, was torn down just a
year or so ago. He recalls well Col-
onel Cody, Mrs. Cody and the child-
ren.

Grows Critical

So it is that when Rochester news-
papers as they have for years, called
Irma Cody the youngest daughter and
told of her birth in the family's stay
here, Colonel Hess grows critical—for
he knew Arta as a girl of 10 and
one whom at that time he thought
"the greatest girl in the world." She
attended old school 3 and many times
of a Saturday afternoon he went with
her to the old Grand Opera House in
St. Paul street on her father's passes.

Colonel Hess recalls, too, Arta's
younger sister, Orra and the boy, 8
year old Kit Carson Cody. But he
knew of no Irma Cody, described in
newspaper files as the eldest daugh-
ter whose death in the Philippine Is-
lands several years ago is recorded.

Colonel Hess remembers that Kit
Carson's death from scarlet fever
came while the family was residing
on Exchange street. So great was
the family's grief that it abandoned
this home and moved to the Waverly
House at State street and Central av-
enue, then one of Rochester's fore-
most hosteries. It is now the Savoy.

Later the Codys moved to 19 New
York street which is the only resi-
dence revealed in Rochester newspa-
per files. This house, too, has since
been torn down according to Colonel
Hess.

Wonderful Mother

It is Mrs. Cody who particularly in-
terests Colonel Hess as he reminisces
for information on her is scanty. He
remembers he has a wonderful mother
to the three children and he has a
suspicion she may have been a Rich-
ester woman, for an immaculately
dressed, grey haired man whom he
assumes was her father appeared in
own the New York street house.

Of Buffalo Bill himself, Colonel
Hess did not see so much, for the In-

dian fighter was busy with rehearsals
and road trips of his Wild West plays,
"Life on the Plains" and "Scouts of
the Plains." But Colonel Hess remem-
bers him as a magnificently built, im-
posing man and one who always was
a gentleman. Colonel Hess has recol-
lections too of others in the troupe,
Kit Carson, Jr., Texas Jack and "Wild
Bill" Hickok who became too wild for
the show. Col. Hess died

Sept 24, 1926

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THE UNFINISHED WORK OF PROF. HUBERT W. HESS

Sketch of the Staring Family. A Series of Letters Reprinted



Prof. Hubert W. Hess, late of Glens Falls was working on the Staring Family at the time of his death. The series was being placed in pamphlet form as they appeared. Then came the shocking news of his untimely death by being felled with a discus accidentally thrown at an athletic meet. This cut off one of the finest genealogist minds with which this office has come in contact. He was a worker and possessed that analytic mentality which went through and beyond the problem at hand and gathered from a store house of memory the needed clues to make a pattern match. Few have this quality. He had just reached the retiring age as a superintendent of schools and planned to devote his remaining years to genealogy and history. With his

H. W. HESS, A. B. passing the Mohawk Valley lost one of its best minds. What new discoveries he might have unearthed remain for others to find. Some knowledge undoubtedly will be forever lost. Prof. Hess had published a series on the Hess family in the Enterprise and News in 1928 and was engaged on the Staring family at the time of his death.

Prof. Hess was born June 23, 1869 and died May 21, 1930. He married Louise Demarest August 20, 1908. He was a graduate of Colgate, 1902 with an A. B. degree. He taught science and mathematics at Glens Falls and later became head of the science department in both the senior and junior schools. He was also head of the athletic department.

After his passing his widow, Louise Demarest Hess continued a series on the Hess family and other genealogical matters left in her husband's papers.

Prof. Hess was a frequent contributor to the Enterprise and News and was one of the co-editors of the Book of Names. He had in preparation a history of the Tryon County Militia and a complete series on the Hess family. He had gathered a fund of material from the Pension Department bearing on these early Mohawk Valley Militiamen.

The Staring Family

In his researches in the Hess family he came upon positive evidence that the Staring family as set up by W. L. Stone contained an error which denied several new D. A. R. lines to their rightful owners. This was in course of publication when he was so untimely cut off. The series consists of eleven articles by Mr. Hess and two by Frank D. Deuel who was also interested in the matter. The material gathered was carefully prepared and represented a great deal of research. In the belief that although unfinished the matter should not be lost we have bound up about 100 pamphlets and offer them to the public.

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