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AS GIVEN AT THE BI-CENTENARY REUNION

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PREFACE.

OTHER the printing of the "Du Bois Reunion," comprising the papers read at New Paltz. August, 1875, and other additional papers relating to the Du Bois Family, a desire has been felt by some of the descendants of BENJAMIN Du Bois to print the Titles and Conveyances of his landed estate at Catskill.

These documents possess considerable local and family interest, and being printed in uniform size and type with the "Reunion," can be readily preserved along with it.

To make the line of Wills complete for the whole period the family has been in America, the wills of Louis, the first settler, and of his son Solomon, through whom the Catskill branch descends, are also given.

In copying these wills and deeds and transcribing church records of our history, we have endeavored to copy verbatim et literatim, believing that veritable transcripts from the originals, with all the old peculiarities of expression and varied styles of spelling, would be preferable to amended copies made in accordance with the rules of modern orthography. In spelling the name "Du Bois," for instance, it will be observed that it is spelled quite differently as it occurs in different places in the same document, and it will also be noticed that Huybartus Du Bois, who signs his name correctly in some places, uses "his mark" in others. Capital letters are often introduced where they do not properly belong, and

sometimes they are omitted where they should have been employed. In some cases words are missing, but the sense will readily supply the deficiency. No effort has been made to correct or amend in any particular, but to give true counterparts of the original records.

The Genealogy is made as complete in names and dates as our present information allows, some items of personal history being added. It is, however, still imperfect, and any corrections or additions would be gladly received by the compilers. Such as it is, we hope it may prove acceptable to the Family, and awaken among us a desire to perpetuate the memory and imitate the virtues of those from whom we are descended.

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL INDIAN DEED, IN DUTCH, OF LANDS AT CATSKILL.*

Compareerde voor ons ondergesz Commissarissen van Albanie Colonie Renselaerswyck en Schennechtady & dese volgende Esopusse wilde, Eyghenaers van sekere Parcele Lants gelegen te Catskill, viz. Wannachquatin een oude wilt, Mamanauchqua een wildin & haer Soon Cunpwaen, en Usawanneck, alias gheele Jakob, en Wanninmauva Taw-wequannis, Annaneke en Naktemoot, D'Welke Verclaerde in waren, Rechten, vryen, Eygendom te Cedeeren, Transporteeren en overtedraegen aen en ten behoeve van Mr. William Loveridge sen'r hoedemaker alle haere gerechtigheyd gelegen tot Catskill, synde sekere Parceele Boss Lant streckende vand' Mont vand' Kill daer zyn Loveridge huys en schuyv opstaet Suydwaerts langs d'noort alias Hudson's rivier, tot over d'helft vand' groote Imbocht daer d'boomen gemerkt zyn WL en loopt van d'Rivier op westwaerts tot daermen kompt op een Vael op Kaeterskill gent Qwatawichnaak en so langs d'oost zyde van Caeterskill tot daer d'selve inwaetert in Catskill en soo langs d'Catskill tot het huys en schuyer van Wm. Loveridge voorsz. • en soo tot de groote Rivier en dat mett alle de killen, krieken, vlaktens, appendentien en dependentien van dien, exempt t'Bowlant die d'Loveridge van Jan Conell gekocht heeft,

*Copy of the original Indian Deed, in Dutch, of lands at Catskill, to Wm. Leveridge, dated July 19, 1682. See Albany County Records, Vol. C. or Vol. 3, page 152.

waervan alreedes een Patent Verleent is; Sulx zy Cedanten doen uyt cracht als synde S Rechte Proprietowrs en Eygenaers van voorsz landeryen, exempt dat zy bedingen dat Mahak Mininaw, Sakamaker van Catskill sall hebben, als hy't huys komt 2 cleet duffells en 6 kan Rom ; Transporteerde 't selve Lant vry en onbeswaert, sonder eenige lasten daerop staende ofte uyt gaende (behoudens den Heer syn Recht) sonder dat zy Cedanten, in't minste daerop meerderhebben te pretendeeren, als bekennen daer voor tot contentment genoten te hebben dese volgende goederen in d'presentie van d'Court, te weten : drie roers, drie ketels, twee pistoolen, drie combeersen, drie cleet duffells, drie cleet stroudwaters, drie hemden, drie Paer Coussen, then vaem zew half witt half swart, twee ankers Romm, twee deegens, drie messen, drie bylen, ses gupse cruyt, ses staeve loot, drie dissells, een half fatt goet beer, Gevende der halve volkoome macht aend' voorsz. Wm. Loveridge, syn Erven en nackomelingen, off die naemalks zyn Rechte en actie mochte Vercrygen, ommet voorsz Lant, Boschagie, killen, kreeken & te doen & te disponeeren gelyk als hy met zyn Eyge Patrimoniall goederen en effecten doen soude mogen Belovende 't selve op en jegens eenen ygelyck te waren en te vryen voor alle commer, naermaeninge ofte benoaernisse die naermaels van Christenen off wilden soude mogen coomen, En also Dirck Teunise Teunise eenige pretentie is makende op een stuk lant int gemelde lymiten gelegen aend' punt by d'Rivier . genaemt Uyle Spiegels lant, soo Verclaert Wm. Loveridge voord' Court dat indien hy zyn pretentie kan goet maeken, soo will by geerne daer van desisteeren, anders so sall Dirk Teunise gehouden zyn, indien hy gemelde lant will houden, daer voor te betaelen, naer Rats als hy voor't geheel betaelt, vorders Verclaerende wilden hier tegens nimmermeer te sallen doen noch laet engeschieden in geeniger maniere onder Verbant als naer Rechten daertoe staende. Actum in Albanie in d'Court huys op den 19 July, 1682, en is van alle d'Eygenaers dus ondertek'.

(Signed) Cornelis van Dyck, Dirck Wessels.

T'merck van Wannachquatin d'onde wilt.

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T merk van 🕂 Mamanauchqua d'oude wildin.

T merk van Cunpwaer 🖁 —

T merk van Usawanneeck

T merk van Wannin 🚫 mauwaa een wildin.

T merk van Taw-wequanis een wildin.

T merk van 🗸 Annaneke een wilt.

In kennisse van my.

(Signed)

Rot LIVINGSTON, Sect.

TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING INDIAN DEED.

By Hon. Teunis G. Bergen, Bay Ridge, L. I.

Appeared before us underwritten commissioners of Albany, the colony of Renselaerswyck and Schennectady, &c., the following Esopusse wild men, (Indians) owners of a certain parcel of land lying at Caktsill, viz: Wannachquatin, an old indian, Mamanauchqua, a female indian, (squaw,) her son Cunpwaen, and Usawanneck, alias yellow jacket, and Wanninmauwa, Taw-wequannis, Annaneke and Naktemoot, who declared as owners in their own right to cede, transport and convey to and to the use and behalf of Mr. William Loveridge, Sen'r, hatter, all their right and title to a certain piece of wood-land lying at Catskill, stretching from the mouth of the kill on which said Loveridge's house and barn stands, southerly along the North alias Hudson's river to opposite the one-half of the great bend where the trees are marked WL, and running from the River Westwards to where it comes to a fall on the Kaeterskill, named Qwatawichnaak, and then along the east side of Caeterskill to where said kill empties in the Catskill, and then along said Catskill to the house and barn of Wm. Loveridge, aforesaid, and then to the great River (Hudson); with all the kills, creeks, valleys, appendences and appurtenances thereunto belonging, except the cultivated land which said Loveridge