



Rhinebeck's Historic
BEEKMAN ARMS

Along the Albany Post Road

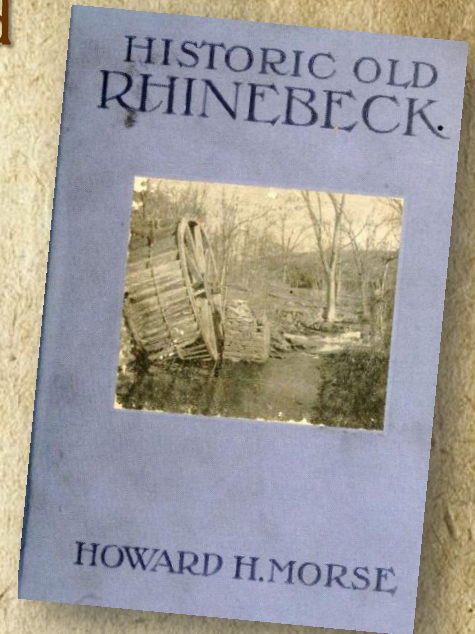
Beeckman Arms · A.D. 1700

Brian & Matthew Plumb

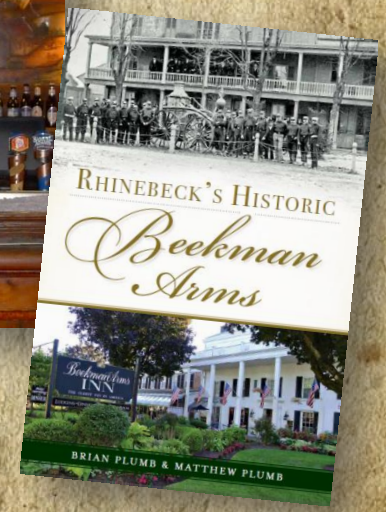
Rhinebeck Historical Society, November 21, 2014

So our story begins

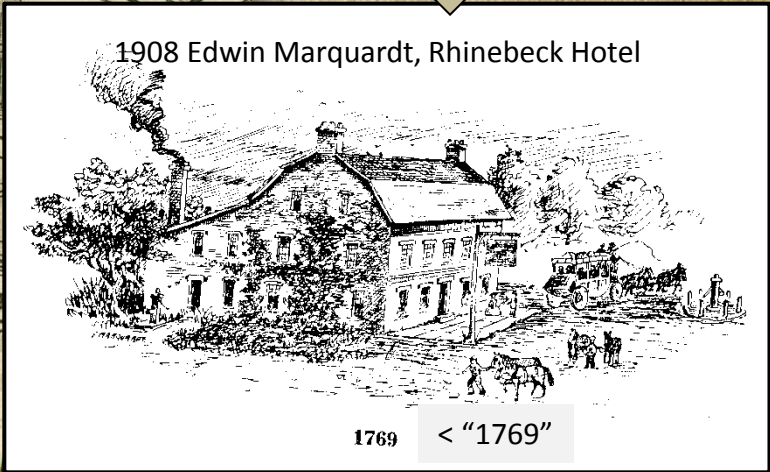
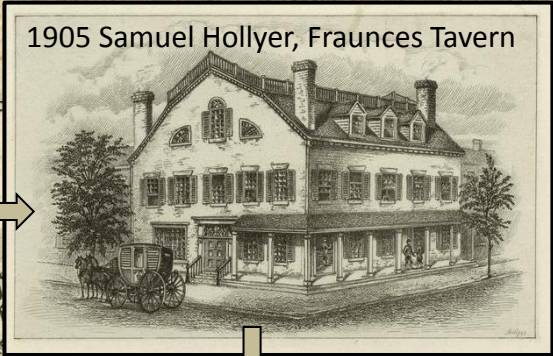
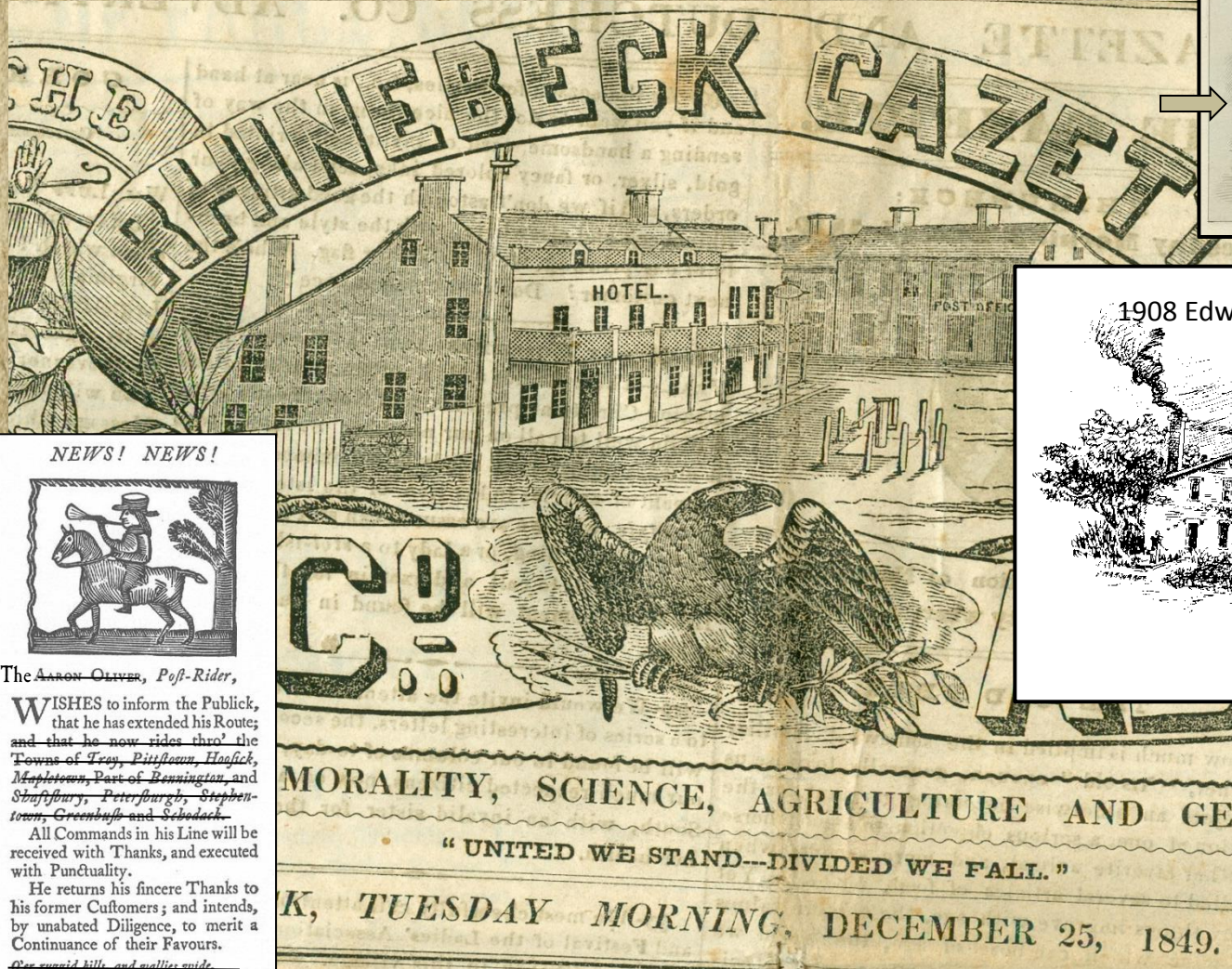
- All we ever knew about the Beekman Arm's early past came from one source – Howard Morse's 1908 book, *Historic Old Rhinebeck, Echo's of Two Centuries*. The other history book, Edward Smith's 1881 *History of Rhinebeck*, offers little.
- All we have ever repeated is Morse's narrative, it's been taken as fact. It does not appear to have ever been questioned or investigated.
- The narrative on the Post Road was equally limited.



- Morse was a Civil War veteran and a highly respected attorney. He also grew up in Rhinebeck. Morse spent years and years researching his comprehensive [self-published] book. No footnotes were used.
- Morse did live closer to the time period and perhaps had some passed-on eyewitness accounts or corroborating evidence.
- We spent two years, but had the benefit of his work, historical societies, and the internet.

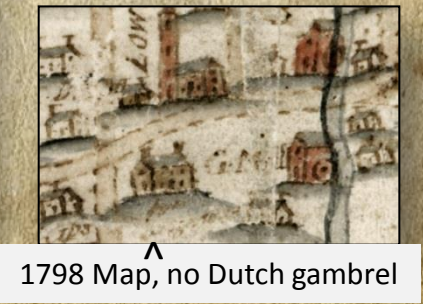


Morse did the very best he could with what he had



NEWS! NEWS!

The **AARON OLIVER**, *Post-Rider*,
WISHES to inform the Publick,
 that he has extended his Route;
 and that he now rides thro' the
 Towns of *Troy, Pittstown, Hoafick,*
Mapletown, Part of Bennington, and
Staffbury, Peterburgh, Stephen-
stown, Greenbush and Schoadak.
 All Commands in his Line will be
 received with Thanks, and executed
 with Punctuality.
 He returns his sincere Thanks to
 his former Customers; and intends,
 by unabated Diligence, to merit a
 Continuance of their Favours.
Over rugged hills, and vallies wide,
He never yet has fail'd to wadge it;
As steady as the flowing tide,
He hands about the Northern BUDGET.
 June 18, 1799. Dec 15, 1769

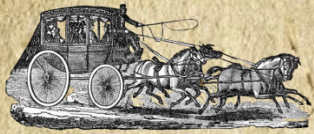


The "Old Hotel," A Full Life

A constant ebb and flow of success and hard times



Dutch/Colonial Period



Jacque's Hotel Era



Civil War



Gilded Age 1870-1900

Violets!



Electricity, running water, heat



Dows/Foster Era

Depression, WWI, The creation of the Beekman



Winne Era

WWII, Roosevelt



LaForge era

Bicentennial, Greenhouse



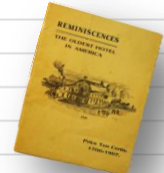
Tenant Period

Rhinebeck Hotel

Beekman Arms

Landlord (or manager)	From	To	Yrs	Owner	
Lot	1746	1747	0.5	Arent Traphagen	
1 House/Store	1766	1770	4	Simon I. Cole (nephew, heir of Arent Traphagen)	1
2 House/Store	1770	1799	30	Everardus Bogardus to 1799 to courts from 1799-1802	2
3 Asa Potter	1802	1805	4	Asa Potter	3
4 William Jacques	1805	1835	30	Elisha R. Potter until 1834, Richard Schell until 1837	4
5 Mrs. Jacques	1835	1837	2	Richard Schell	5
6 Jacob H. Tremper	1837	1840	3	Johnathan Wilson, probated until 1839, then Elisha Potter Jr	6
7 Robert T. Seymour	1840	1853	14	Elisha Potter Jr until 1845, then Van Keuren/Platt/Delamater	7
8 O.V. Doty	1853	1855	2	Garret Van Keuren, William Platt, Henry Delamater	8
9 David F. Sipperly	1855	1857	2	Van Keuren/others until 1856, Martin Marquart	
10 Edward Pultz	1857	1858	1	Martin Marquart	
11 Hunting Germond	1858	1860	2	Marquart until 1859, Hunter Germond	
12 Burnett Conklin	1860	1862	2	Hunter Germond until 1861, then James McElroy	11
13 Jas. N. McElroy	1862	1864	2	James McElroy	
14 Griffin Hoffman	1864	1873	9	Griffin Hoffman	12
15 Tremper Brothers	1873	1884	11	Tremper until foreclosed 1884, the Griffin Hoffman	13
16 Lorenzo Decker	1884	1891	7	heirs of Hoffman until 1889 then Catherine Fulmer, NH, RH	14
17 Edward Lasher	1891	1893	2	Catherine Fulmer, Nicholas Hoffman, Robert Hoffman	15
18 E.M. Vanderburgh	1893	1894	1	Catherine Fulmer, NH, RH	
19 Vernon D. Lake	1894	1906	12	Catherine Fulmer (alone) until 1904	
20 Halleck Welles	1906	1907	1	Halleck Welles	16
21 Arthur Shuffle	1907	1914	7	Arthur Shuffle	17
22 Wallace W. Foster	1914	1925	11	Wallace Foster	18
23 Tracy Dows, acting	1926	1927	1	Tied up in courts. Ownership claim by bank.	
24 Frank Lord, RM	1927	1929	3	Beekman Arms, Inc. (Tracy Dows)	19
25 Frank Cole, RM	1930	1930	1	Beekman Arms, Inc. (Tracy Dows)	
26 Lewis F. Winne	1930	1949	18	BA Inc. until 1939, Then 8 person local group (Winne, et.al.)	
27 Harry Williams	1949	1950	1	8 Person local group (new Beekman Arms, Inc.)	
28 Kenneth Arnold	1950	1952	2	8 Person local group (Beekman Arms, Inc.)	20
29 Howard Hohl	1952	1954	2	8 Person local group (Beekman Arms, Inc.)	
30 Walter Harter	1954	1958	4	8 Person local group (Beekman Arms, Inc.)	
31 Charles LaForge, Jr.	1958	2002	44	8 per. group until 1969, then Charles LaForge (WIONY Inc.)	21
32 George & Phebe Banta	2002	Present	12	George & Phebe Banta (Beekman Delamater Prop, LLC)	22
Possible Operation as a Store/Tavern/Hotel	1766	2014	248	1766 date uncertain. Building existed by 1769.	
Known Operation as a Hotel/Inn	1802	2014	212	These dates are certain - in continuous operation.	

FOR SALE
 THE Hotel, together with about 2 Acres of Land occupied by Robert T. Seymour in this village, is offered for sale. Application may be made to either: GABRIEL VAN KUREN, WM. B. PLATT, or H. DELAMATER. Rhinebeck, July 27.



Willem Traphagen

The Early Settlement

Traphagen's, Kiersted's, and Coles'

ancient Traphagen

Earliest Native Trails - Colonial Roads

Susquehanna River

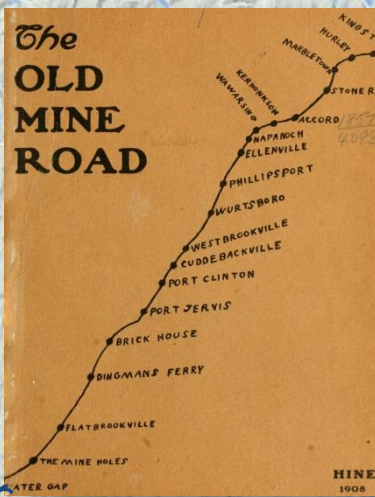
Ulster & Salisbury Turnpike 1802

(aka Ulster & Delaware Turnpike full extent)
(aka by locals east of Hudson, Sepasco Trail)

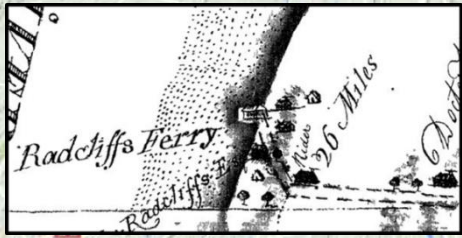
Albany Post Road, 1703

3rd Largest NY Dutch Settlement Esopus (Kingston)

circa mid-1600's



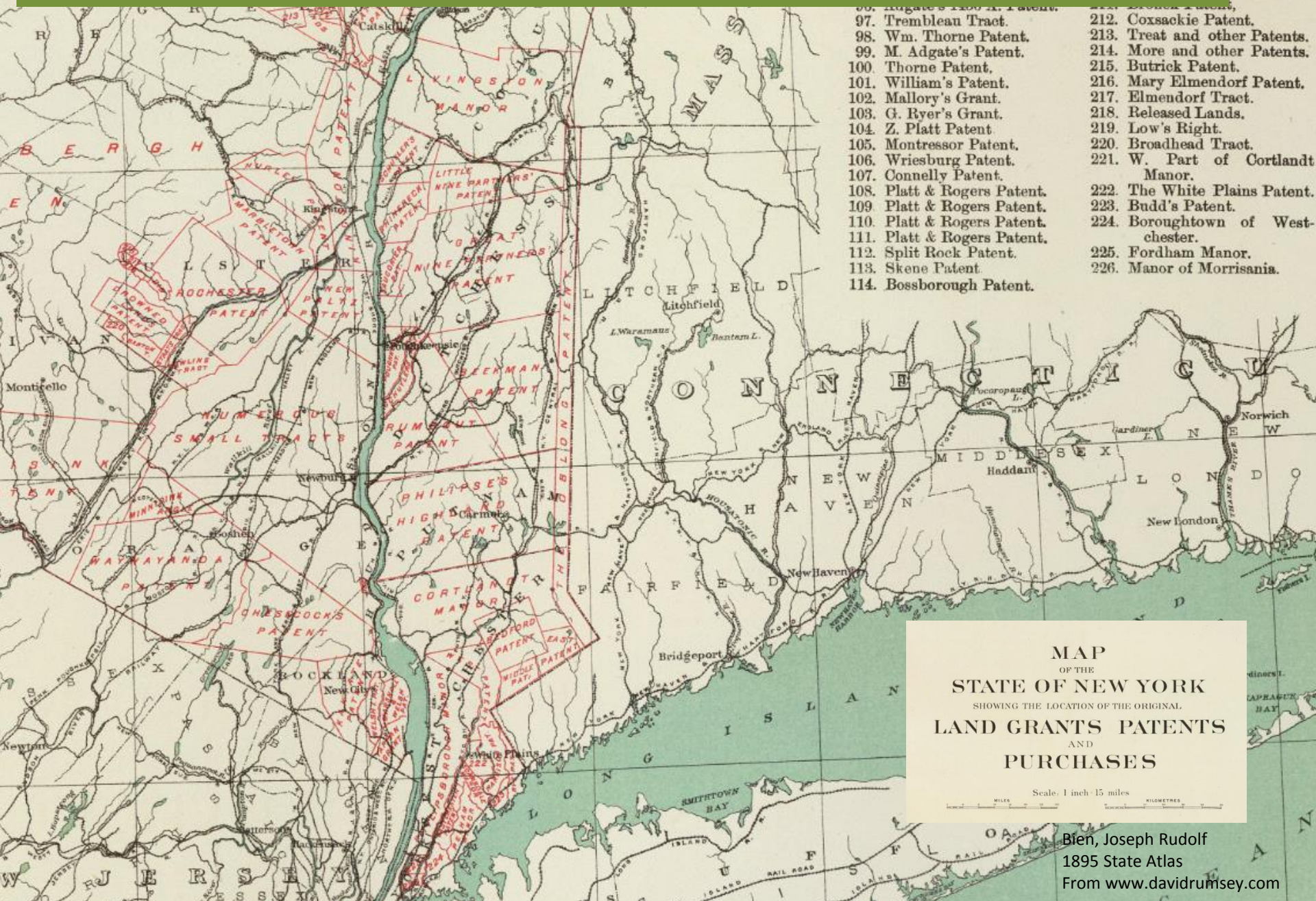
"CT Pioneers Traveled through here to their new homes in Western NY" (DAR, 1922)



Illustrative map, not definitive
Next page: Thomas Cole, Mill at Sunset, 1844



Unlike New England with freeholders of land, New York was divided into large patents



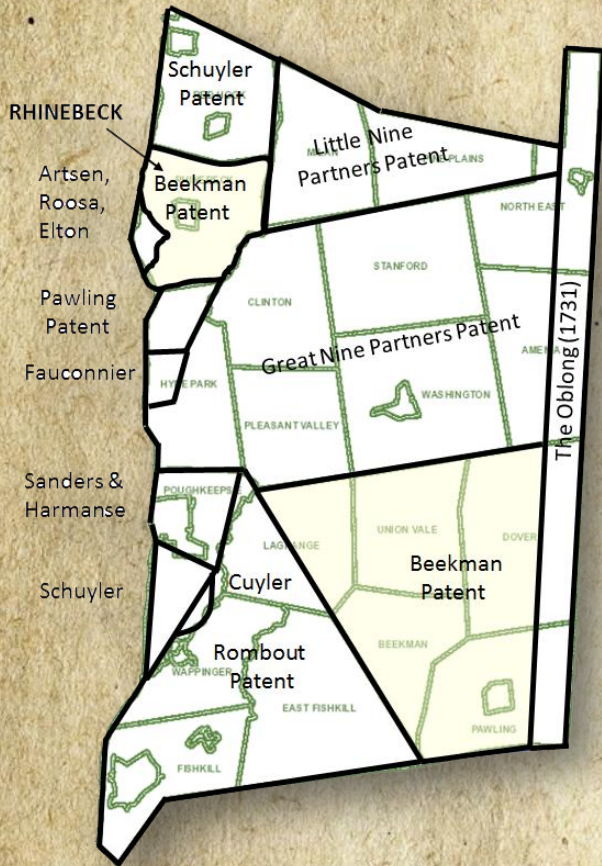
- 90. Dent's Location.
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- 93. Adgate's 1200 A. Patent.
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- 99. M. Adgate's Patent.
- 100. Thorne Patent.
- 101. William's Patent.
- 102. Mallory's Grant.
- 103. G. Ryer's Grant.
- 104. Z. Platt Patent.
- 105. Montessor Patent.
- 106. Wriesburg Patent.
- 107. Connelly Patent.
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- 112. Split Rock Patent.
- 113. Skene Patent.
- 114. Bossborough Patent.
- 206. Remsen & Lane Patent.
- 207. Freehold Patent.
- 208. ... Patent.
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- 210. ... Patent.
- 211. ... Patent.
- 212. Coxsackie Patent.
- 213. Treat and other Patents.
- 214. More and other Patents.
- 215. Butrick Patent.
- 216. Mary Elmendorf Patent.
- 217. Elmendorf Tract.
- 218. Released Lands.
- 219. Low's Right.
- 220. Broadhead Tract.
- 221. W. Part of Cortlandt Manor.
- 222. The White Plains Patent.
- 223. Budd's Patent.
- 224. Boroughtown of Westchester.
- 225. Fordham Manor.
- 226. Manor of Morrisania.

MAP
 OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
 SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL
LAND GRANTS PATENTS
 AND
PURCHASES

Scale, 1 inch = 15 miles

MILES KILOMETRES

William Traphagen's original 281 acres of deeded land from Henry Beekman



Beekman's first recorded sale was to Kingston resident William Traphagen on May 25, 1705. Beekman sold him a considerable stake, 281 acres, bounded by the Landsman Kill and Rhinebeck Kill to the west, south and north and by a line later defined as running on the east approximately at the angle of Oak Street. (Originally: "Beginneth at a furr tree marked wth three notches & a Cross by a fall in y^e first abovementioned run of water on Lantsmans Kill thence Running north north west forty five minutes northerly along y^e Lands of Coll Beekman to a White Oak tree marked as above fifty five chains."

William Beekman 1623–1707

Judge Henry Beekman 1652–1716

Colonel Henry Beekman Jr. 1687-1776

Margaret Beekman Livingston 1724–1800

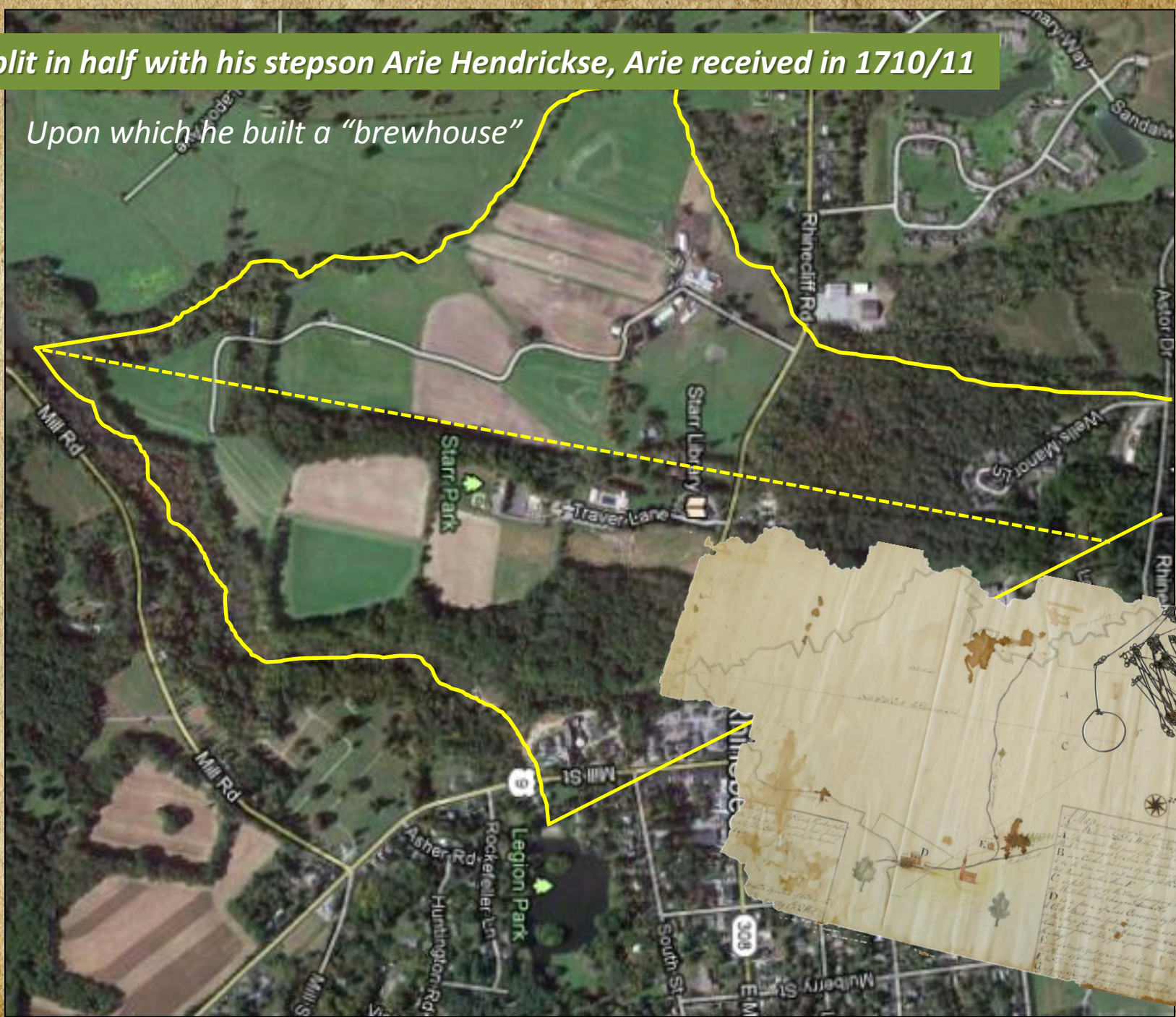
Henry Beekman Livingston 1748-1828

107	William Traphagen in his Conveyance of 1705 for 281. acrs	
1705	of land in Dutchess County Laying in a point Betwixt the Rhinebeck & Lantsmans Kill made over by Coll. Henry Beekman to man of Kingston under the reserved Rent of three six Shilling to be paid his heirs & assigns for ever.	
	Also In 1719. the said Traphagen is Dr. by his Conveyance of 230 Acres sold him in the County. by Henry Beekman his son & heirs & others in reserve a quit rent annually to be paid him & his Heirs & c. of three other shillings	
1705	to may 1746	years at at 6 ^{sh} 3 ^d annu
1719	to do 1746	years at 3 ^{sh} 18 ^d
1746	to 26 years in arrears	2 17 ^d
1753	to quit Rent due for 1705. acrs. at above for	19 1
1754	to quit rent	for 1753. 6

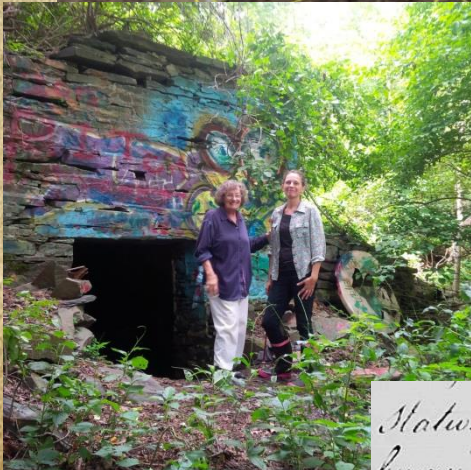
Judge Beekman tallying of Traphagen's early rents, 1705, Princeton University Library

Split in half with his stepson Arie Hendrickse, Arie received in 1710/11

Upon which he built a "brewhouse"

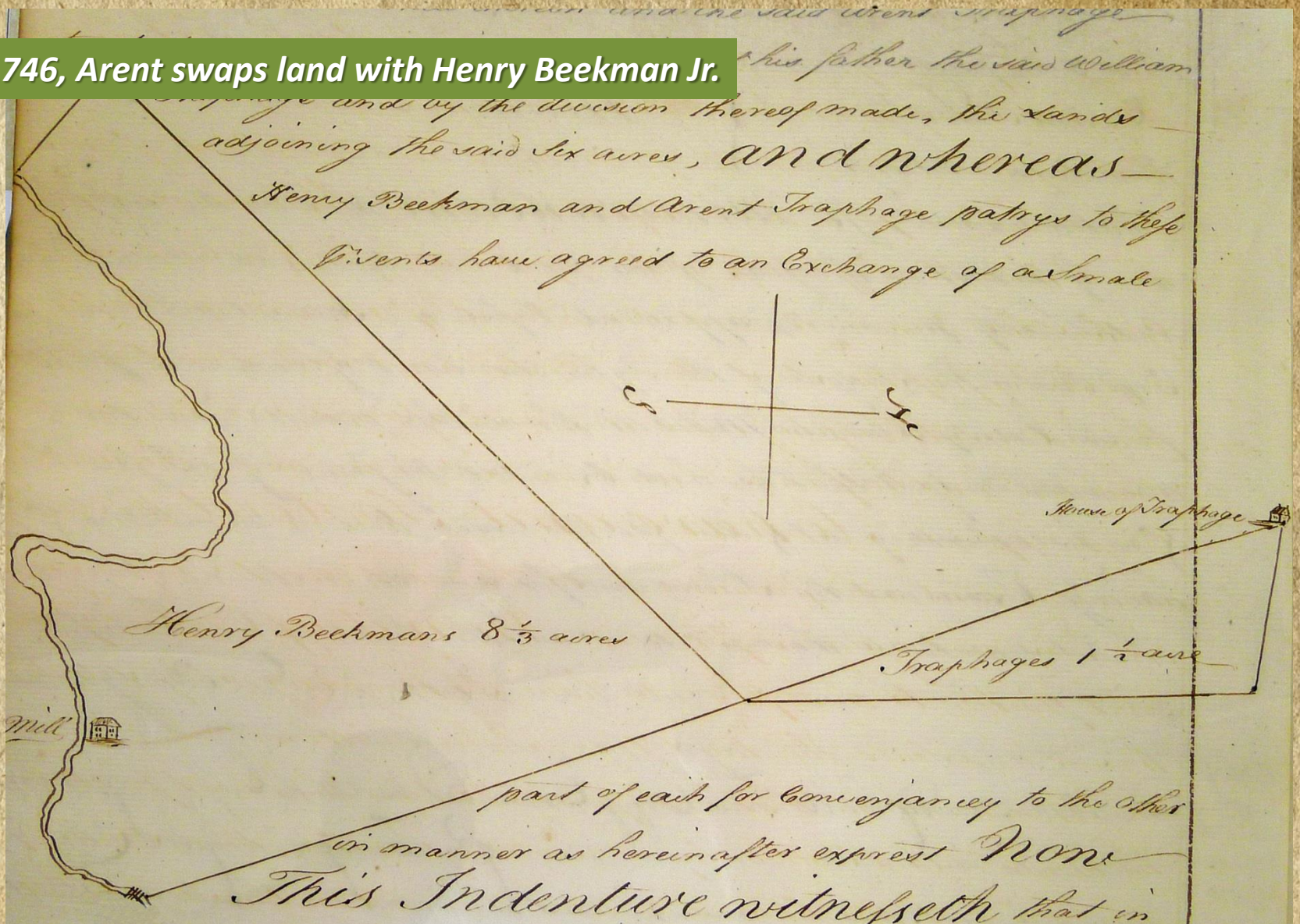


By his 1736 will, he split his land up to his 3 children
(William Jr., Geesje, and Arent)



*Station containing forty three acres and six porches (excepting one quarter for a
burying place). Also a lot of meadow land which begins where Sartmans Mill
1790 Bogardus Mortgage, Bk6, p97 DCRD*

In 1746, Arent swaps land with Henry Beekman Jr.

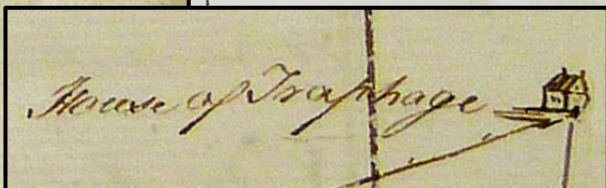


1746 Deed, DCRD BK5, p399

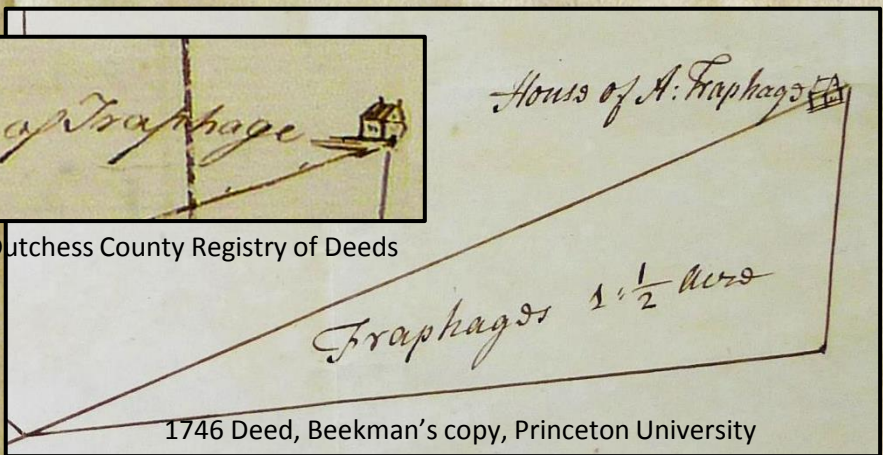
So we know when the land around the Beekman Arms was secured from Beekman.

(Arent passed away later in 1746, no BA on this map, so it seems unlikely he built.)

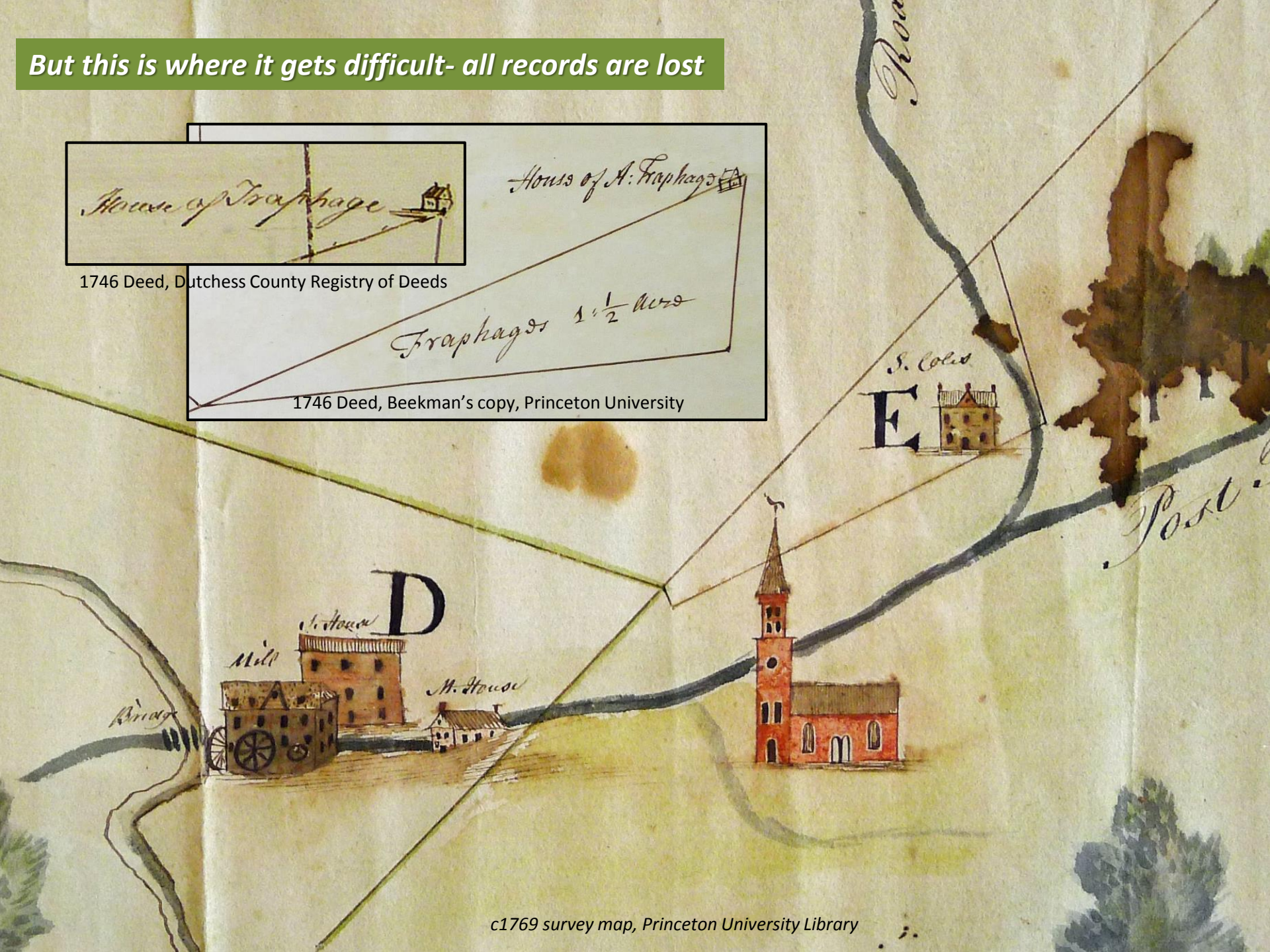
But this is where it gets difficult- all records are lost



1746 Deed, Dutchess County Registry of Deeds



1746 Deed, Beekman's copy, Princeton University

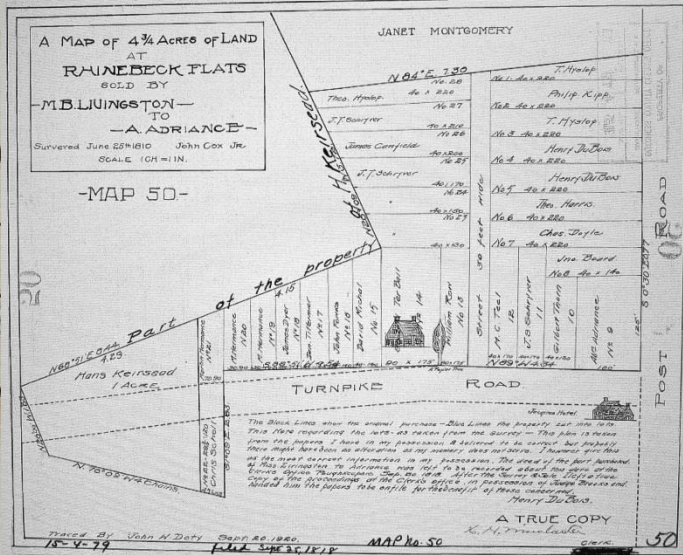


Mar 1770 Survey, Princeton
 Jul 1770 Deed, Princeton, Simon Bought

Trophagus Homes Lot
 Kings High Way

Doctor Kieffers Land

589 W 4.54
 Cont. 20.0
 Undivided Land



1810 Cox Map #50, DCRD

North West corner of
 Trophagus Lot
 27 March 1770
 Simon

At the Request of Simon J. Cole I Have Surveyed
 Two acres of Land. Beginning at North West corner
 of the Land of the Heirs of a part Trophagus Lot.
 Which is Released and Run due South one Chain
 and Eighty three Links to the bounds of Doctor Kieffers
 thence North Seventy five Degrees West. four Chains
 thence North Twenty five Degrees West. one Chain
 and Sixty three Links to a Stake thence North Seventy
 Degrees East. Eight Chains and forty four Links thence
 South Twenty five Degrees East. Two Chains and

Everardus Bogardus

Everardus Bogardus

1769-1799

Bogardus was likely involved in the Commodity Trade



How the Bogardus house may have looked at the center intersection of the busy post road
(actually painting of the Fairview Inn, Three Mile House on Old Frederick Road. Oil on canvas by Thomas Coke Ruckle. 1814, Maryland Historical Society)

*Dutchess County, State of New York Gentleman of the one part, W^m Evciardus Bogardus
of the same place Merchant, of the other part. Witnesseth That the said Henry De Livingston
be god in Com...*
Never listed as an innkeeper, always as a merchant...and he came from a family of sloop operators

Everardus appears to be more of a wholesale merchant than an innkeeper

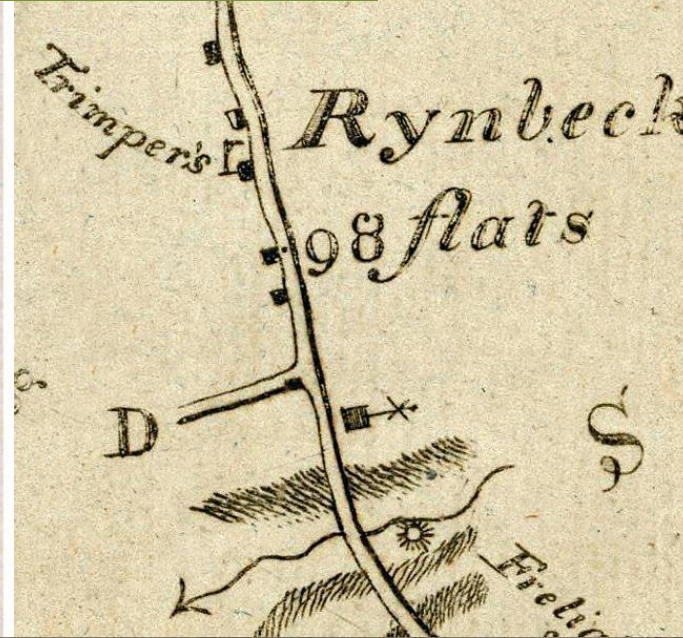


1787

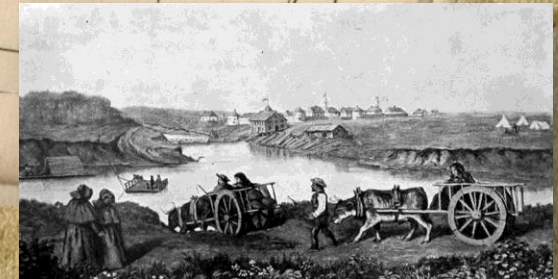
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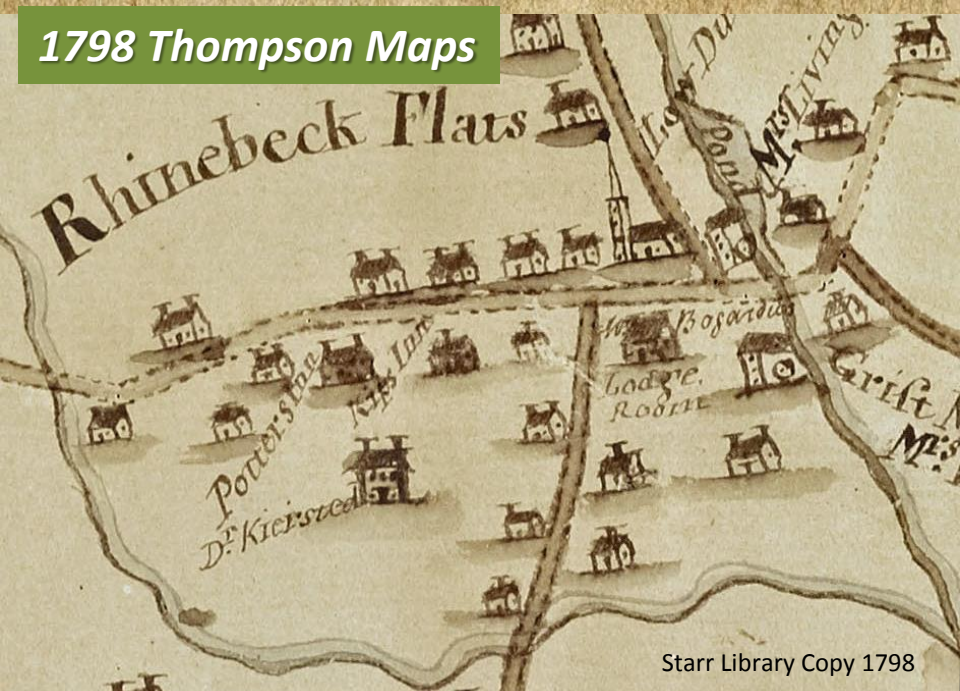
Mapping the Post Road, Erskine 1779, & Colles 1789



On June 19, 1703, the Colonial Assembly passed “AN ACT for the Laying out Regulateing Clearing and preserving Publick Comon highways thro’out this Colony,” setting out the requirement for a usable road north. Among other things, it provided for a highway “to Extend from Kings Bridge in the County of West Chester thro’ the same County of West Chester[,] Dutchess County and the County of Albany of the breadth of Four Rods English Measure at the Least to be Continue and remain for ever the Publick Comon General Road and Highway from King Bridge aforesaid to the Ferry at Crawlew over against the City of Albany.”



1798 Thompson Maps



Starr Library Copy 1798



NYS Archives Copy 1798

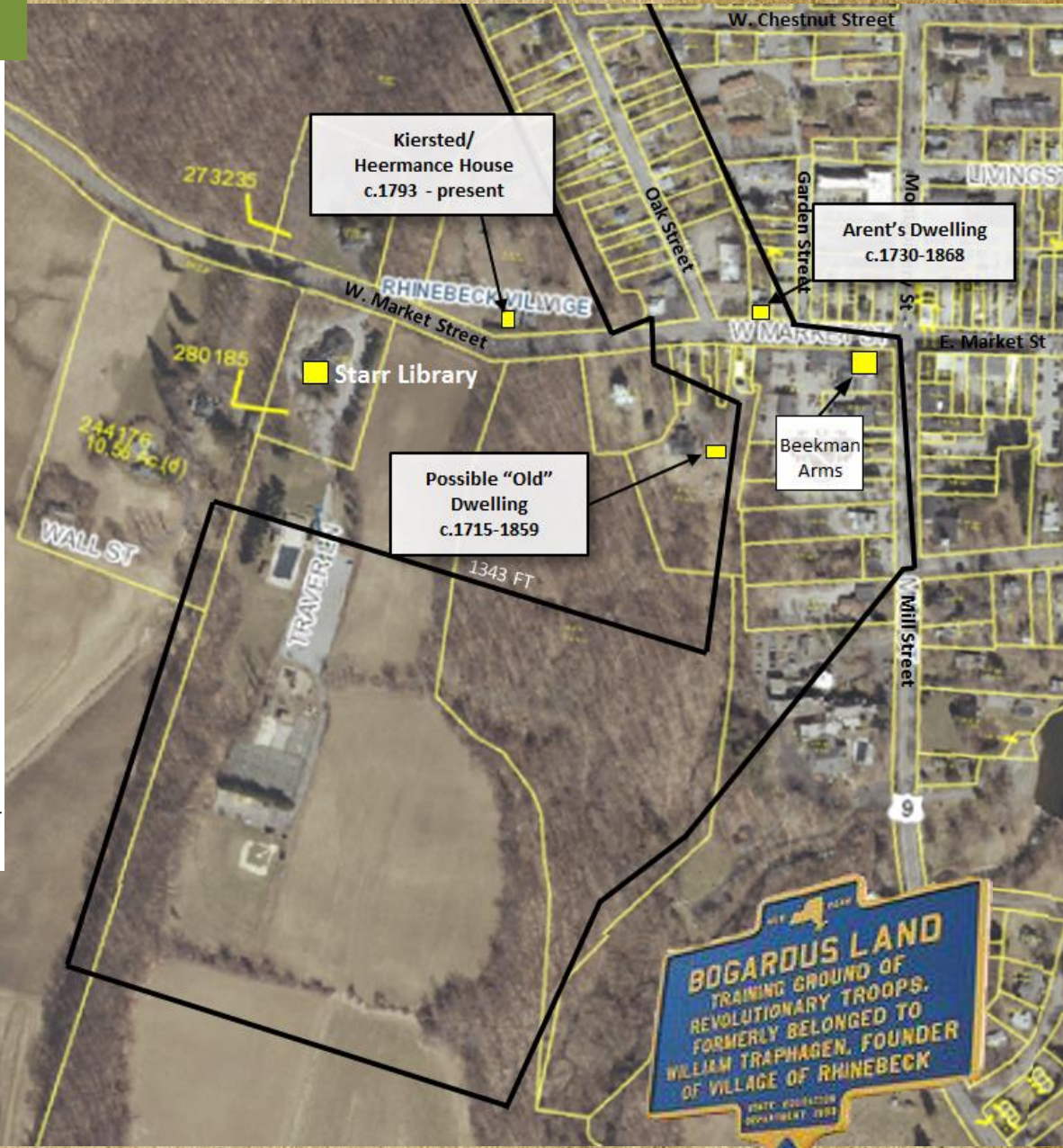
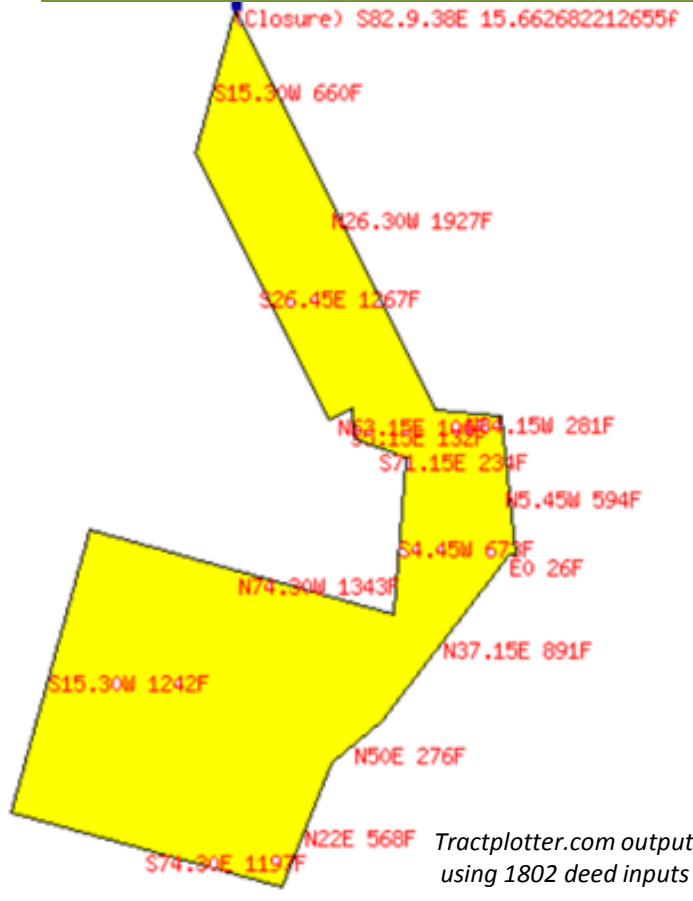


HRV Copy 1799



LOC Copy 1800

81 Acres of "BOGARDUS LAND"



At a Court held at the Surrogate's Office at Poughkeepsie,
in the county of Dutchess, the fourteenth day of May, in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred—

P R E S E N T,

GILBERT LIVINGSTON, Surrogate of the county of
Dutchess.

WHEREAS Ariantje Bogardus, Philip Bogardus, and
Benjamin Bogardus, administrators of all and singular the
goods, chattels and credits which were of Everardus Bogar-
dus, late of the town of Rhinebeck, in the county of Dut-
chess, deceased, by their petition presented to the said Surro-
gate, have set forth—That the said Everardus Bogardus was,
at the time of his death, seized of real estate in the county of
Dutchess, and not in any other county in the state of New-
York, to the knowledge and belief of the said petitioners.—
That the petitioners have made a just and true account of the
personal estate and debts of the said Everardus Bogardus, as
far as they have been able to discover the same, by which it
appears that the personal estate of the said Everardus Bogar-
dus, is insufficient to pay his debts, and therefore requested
the aid of this honourable court in the premises, pursuant to
the directions of the act, entitled, "An act concerning the
Court of Probates," and the act therein referred to, entitled,
"An act for the relief of creditors against heirs, devisees,
executors and administrators, and for proving wills respecting
real estates."

And Whereas, the said petitioners have filed in the Office
of the said Surrogate, the inventory, and the accounts and es-
timate in the said petition mentioned, in due season, and un-
der oath duly attested.—Whereupon it is ordered, by the said
Surrogate, that all persons interested in the estate of the said
Everardus Bogardus, do appear before the said Surrogate at
his office in the town of Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess,
on the fourth day of July next, at two o'clock in the after-
noon of that day, to shew cause, if any they have, why the
whole of the real estate, whereof the said Everardus Bogar-
dus died seized, should not be sold for the purpose of paying
his debts.

GILBERT LIVINGSTON.

May 24. w 1aw 6w



American Antiquarian Society, Republican Watch-Tower, 5/28/1800
Above, Bogardus grave behind RDC

1802 Salisbury Turnpike Map – First to Label the BA as a business (HOTEL)

DCRD Map #28

Map
OF THE TURNPIKE ROAD
from Salisbury to Radcliff's Ferry on Androons River. laid out by
Zachariah M. } Commissioners
Will. Colman }
W. H. M. } Surveyor

Rhinebeck Flatts

25 Miles

Benjamin Welch



Road to A

Doctor Kierstedt
Nan Derpool
John Scriber's store
Hagedorn

HOTEL

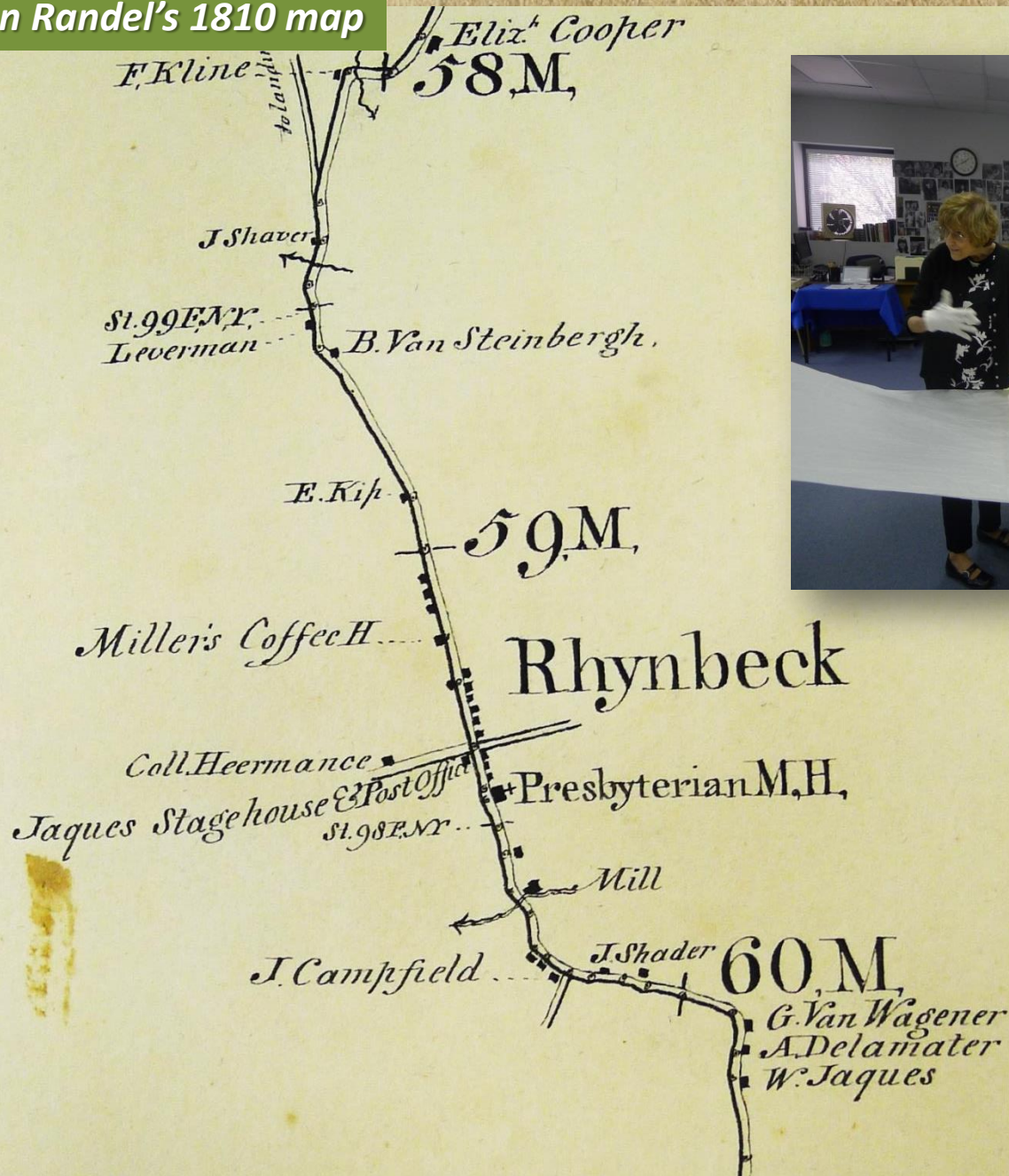
24 Miles



**Jacques Hotel &
The Rhinebeck Hotel**

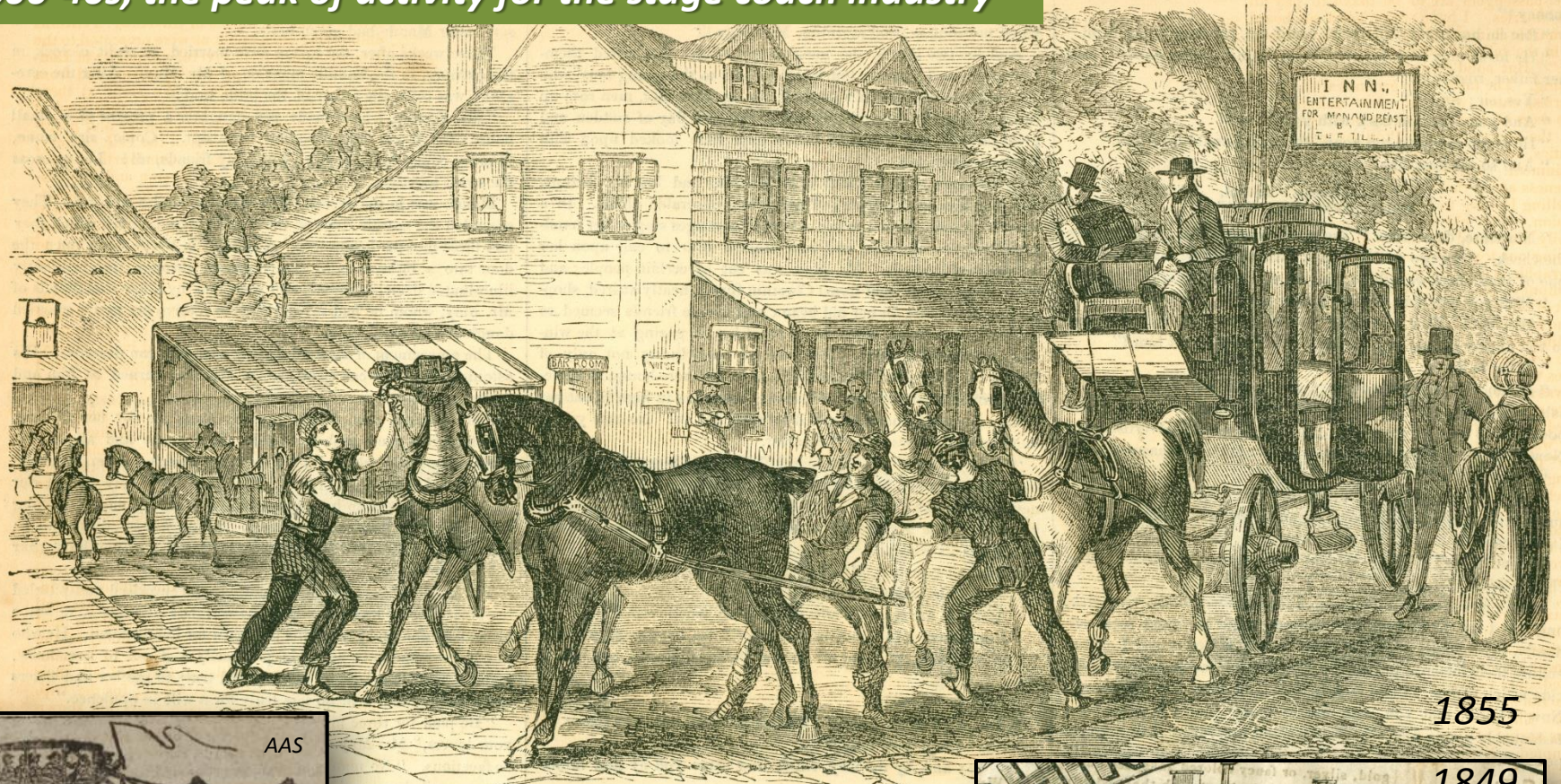
1805-1837, 1838-1913

John Randel's 1810 map



Randel's 22' map
Albany Hall of Records

1800-40s, the peak of activity for the stage coach industry

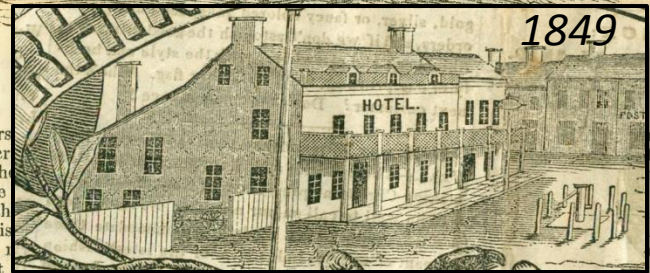


1855

AAS

NEW-YORK AND ALBANY MAIL STAGE,
LEAVES New-York every morning, at 6 o'clock, lodges at Peckskill and Rhinebeck, and arrives in Albany on the third day. Fare of each passenger through eight dollars, and 6d per mile for way passengers. For Seats apply to *William Vandecorl*, No. 48, corner of Courtland and Greenwich streets, New-York, and of *T. Watson*, Albany. February 13 of POTTER, HYATT & Co.

MAIL-COACH CHANGING HORSES.



1849

TRAVELLING
 solution has taken place man about town, sport-er, almost vividly, when ed upon its adventurous ds is still a novelty. s, though we may daily ble shakes our pillow, y seem, in a measure, ry power idealizes such steel, ponderous wheels,

darkening all but the broad track over which our hors rapidly, as they approach the welcome village inn, the ter of the stage and the day's journey. What a bustle th of the coach caused! The day's work over, all the male were congregated in the streets. The village blacksmith the horse he was shoeing, would come to the door of his catch a glimpse of the coach, and exchange a friendly r the driver. The village belle, decked in her best, sat at dow "a love-lighted watch-fire;" and how her little heart fluttered in her bosom, when, from the buff gauntlet of the driver, a snow-white letter, a missive from the distant lover, winged its flight to the very window-sill of the expectant maiden. But the largest representation of village curiosity, wisdom, wit and wealth was to be found at that favored hostlerie where the stage stopped. The figures of the village idlers and magnates were defined against the glowing background of the bar-room windows, ruddy with the light of generous oak and nutwood fires within; for, in those days,

place, the village politicians, and the village *bon vivants* courteously making way for them, and removing from the focus of generous heat. Then how many questions would be asked and answered! for the stage-coach was the messenger of news. In those days people were not crammed with news, as they are now, when every important village has its journal or journals. Perhaps since the last stage-coach, a packet had arrived from Europe, bringing forty days later intelligence. There was no such thing then as regular weekly arrivals, with scraps of intelligence, trivial items

and masses of wood. What wonder in all the "Arabian Nights" is comparable to this daily marvel? The Arabian enchanter transported his heroes from place to place on a bronze horse, or a flying carpet or in a house; but on the railroad we behold hourly whole blocks of palaces flitting from town to town and city to city with the speed of light. But one should never speak ill of

View Of The Tavern On The Road
To King's Bridge Near Fort Washington 1825
American Antiquarian Society



First known photograph likely c.1860, said to look like this in 1812



1907 Elmira Newspaper

THE RHINEBECK HOTEL IN 1812.
The Old Hotel Showed No Alteration
from The Above When As A Boy I
Knew It In 1840-45.
sperm and tallow candles and lamps

1907, Welles, *Reminiscences of Oldest Hotel*
Next page: John Kimmel, 1820, *Ballroom Dancing*, LOC

Possibly what was going on inside!



RHINEBECK HOTEL

With the stage and then railroads in the 1850's, came the salesmen

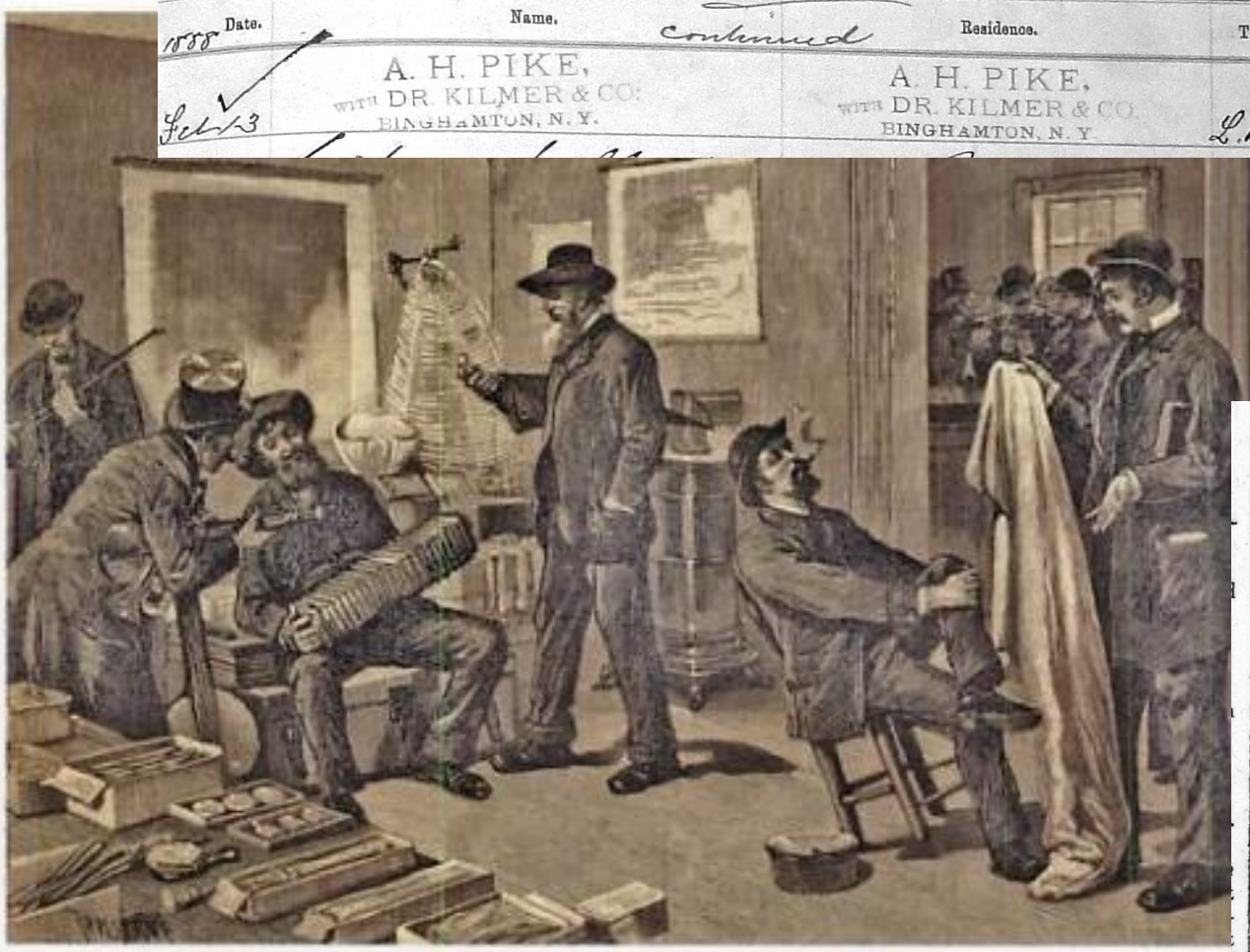
are deposited in the Safe at the Office. L. DEC

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Time.
1858 Feb 13	A. H. PIKE, WITH DR. KILMER & CO. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.	A. H. PIKE, WITH DR. KILMER & CO. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.	L.P.

IMPROVE YOUR SIGHT.



IMPROVE YOUR SIGHT.—Mr. George Pyke, the celebrated Oculist and Optician, from New York, has arrived in this village with a large assortment of his Periscopic Pebble SPECTACLES. Persons wearing Glasses, or in need of them, would do well to give him a call, as he intends staying only four days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at McElroy's Hotel.



RHINEBECK HOTEL.

THE subscriber having taken the above popular Hotel in the village of Rhinebeck, is prepared to receive boarders by the day or week on as reasonable terms as can be secured at other public houses on the Hudson, or in any of the rural districts of the State. The table is at all times furnished with

The Best articles the Market Affords, and no pains will be spared to render the Rhinebeck Hotel agreeable to those who choose to favor it with their patronage. Attentive and accommodating servants are always in readiness to minister to the requirements of visitors.

The Bar is furnished with the choicest varieties of beverages.

CIGARS PURE IMPORTED LIQUORS, &C., and no pains will be spared by the subscriber to make the house agreeable and comfortable to those who sojourn at it. **B. M. CONKLIN.**
Rhinebeck, Sept. 3d, 1859. tf

3.2 Commercial hotels offered patrons the use of sample rooms to display their wares. (University of New Mexico Center for Southwest Research)

By 1875, the third Floor is added, also a new pump appears



Before 1899, Stage to the River/Rail (Garden St & W. Mkt)



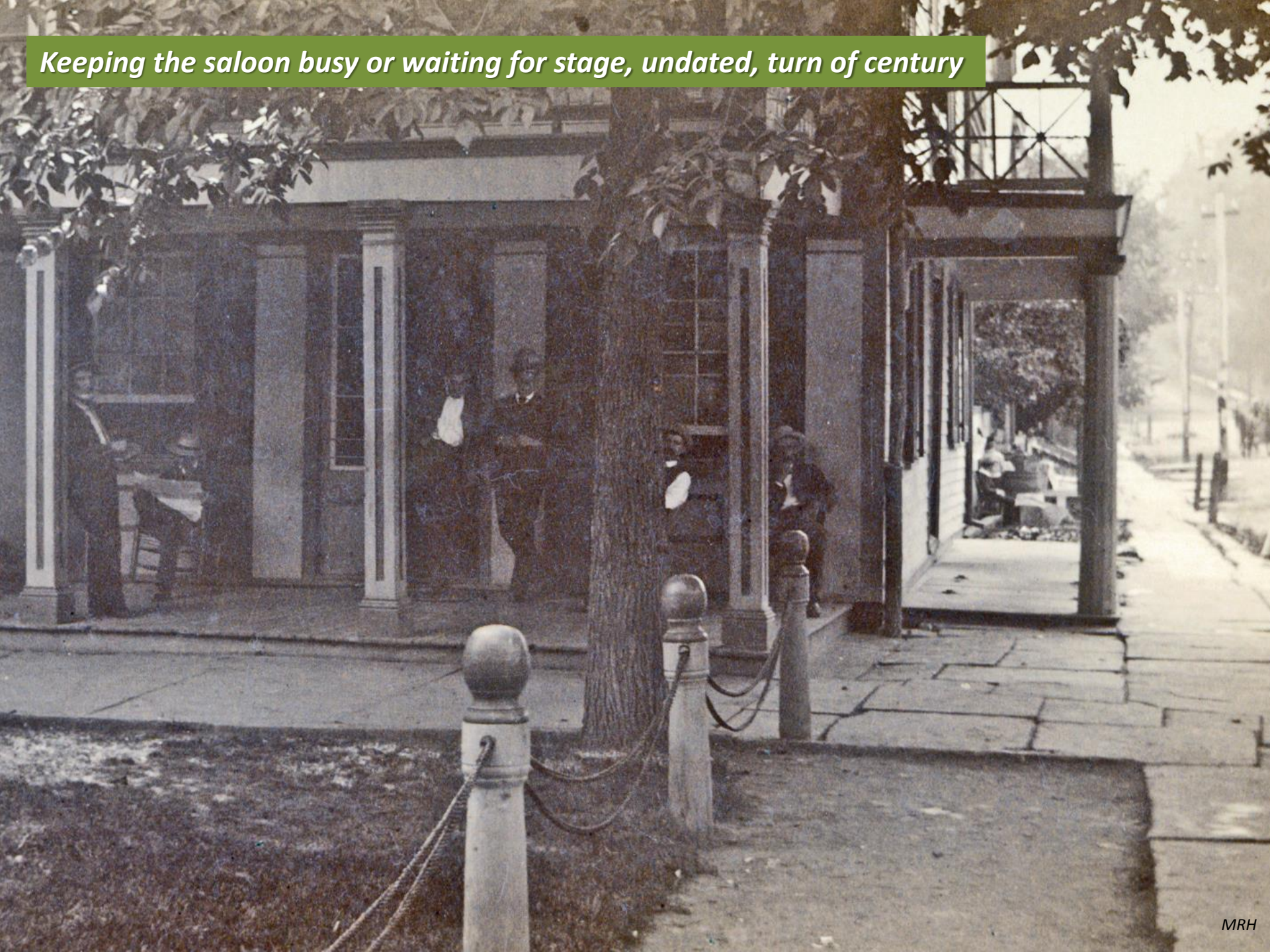




9111 Rhinebeck Hotel, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Drove through here on Tuesday and Thursday last.
Seemed good to see it. Yours, K. 10/7/05

Keeping the saloon busy or waiting for stage, undated, turn of century



1907, the "oldest" claim begins (as a Hotel)

REMINISCENCES
OF
THE OLDEST HOTEL
IN AMERICA



1769

Price Ten Cents.
1700-1907.

Wanted—A few more representative citizens to add to our subscription list next week.

WANTED—A few more old dishes, pieces of furniture or antique articles of any kind for use or decoration. Halleck Welles, Proprietor of Rhinebeck Hotel.

1907 RG

LOCAL NOTES.

THE RHINEBECK HOTEL.

(PICTURE ELSEWHERE IN THIS BOOK.)

* * * * *
First-Class Accommodations,
\$2.00 per Day.

FINE LOCATION AND COMFORTABLE BUILDING WITH
MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

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Special Rates for L. A. W.

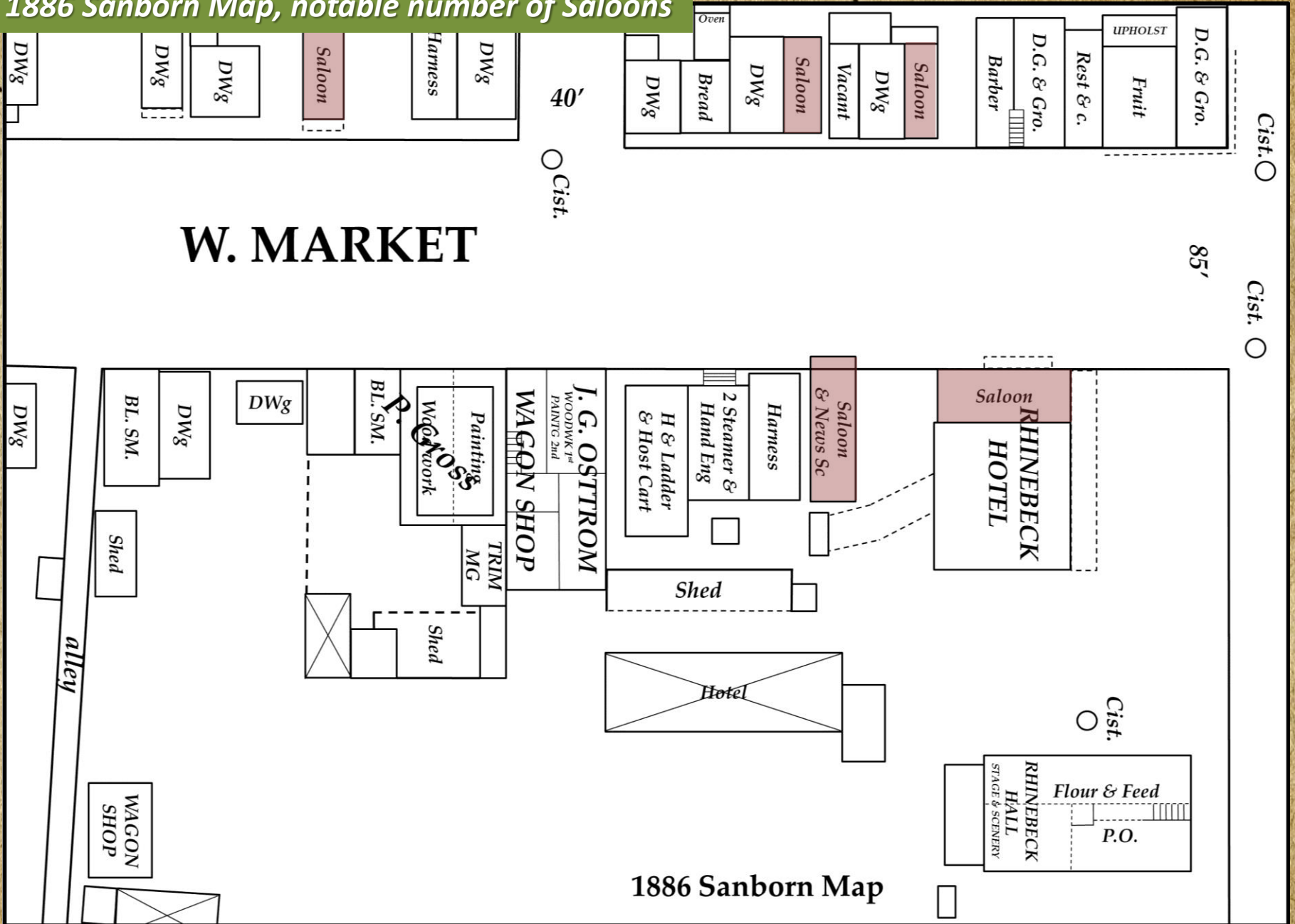
V. D. LAKE, Proprietor.

1890's Lake ad



The Rhinebeck Hotel, the oldest hotel in America,
built 1700, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

1886 Sanborn Map, notable number of Saloons



1886 Sanborn Map

1912 Sanborn Map, garages start to replace blacksmith shops



1912 Sanborn Map

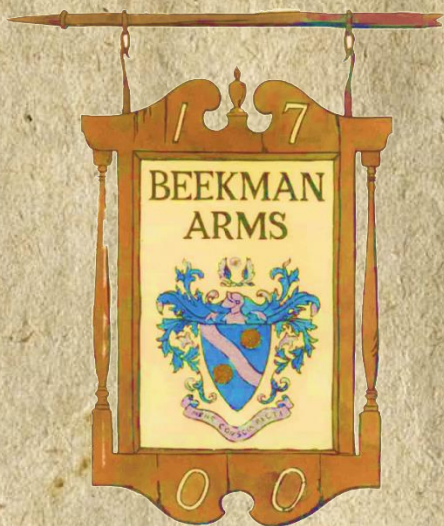


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**The Foster & Dows Era
1914-1939**

RHINEBECK HOTEL IS BEING ENLARGED

Work Began Monday—A Large Addition—Plans Drawn By H. T. Lindeberg—Landlord Foster Will Have Modern Hostelry

That "The Oldest Hotel in America" now has the prospect of being also one of the most inviting, hospitable, and comfortable hotels in the country is due to Mr. Wallace W. Foster.

Foster's ambition and farsighted

The entire hotel is to be remodeled. Harry T. Lindeberg, the architect who designed the building of Holiday Farm, has completed his plans, and it is hoped that the work will be finished by June first.

The design is a typical Colonial house, the front portico extending up two stories, a block tile terrace in front of the building extending the entire length, with a retaining wall; on the north side, a portecochere extending over the sidewalk, developing a north entrance on West Market street. The old part of the house will be restored and kept old. A large wing will be built on the south, making a dining room with a seating capacity of one hundred people; and on the second floor six rooms. There will be a new enlarged kitchen, steam heat from a huge heating plant, rooms with connecting baths, and hot and cold water in all sleeping rooms.

For the present, the Luff building will be used as a modern and commodious laundry for the hotel.

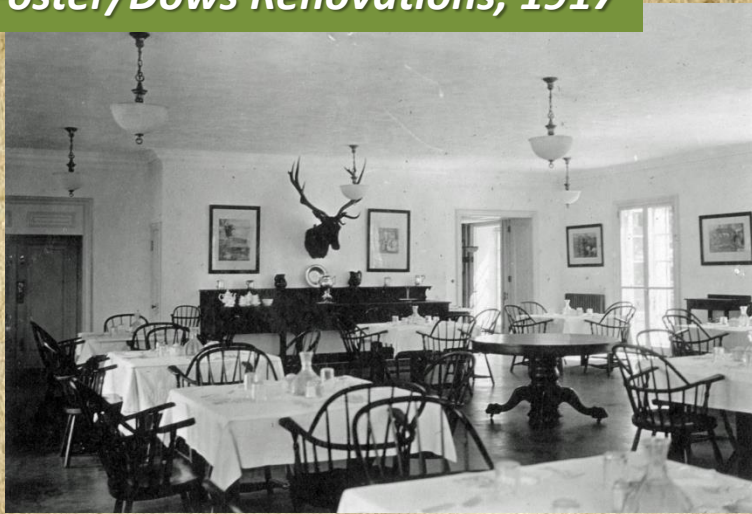
The new "Oldest Hotel in America" will be the culmination of Mr. Foster's career as a hotel manager, and proprietor. Mr. Foster has been in the hotel business since he was fifteen years old, and in that time has been associated with only two proprietors. When he bought the hotel here he saw the possibilities for it, and amid discouraging conditions of house and the servant problem, has nevertheless managed to conduct a good business and make the hotel attractive. His ambition for the new hotel—for it will be practically a new hotel, so great and so many are the changes—is to have an excellent cuisine, inviting diningroom, luxurious bedrooms and baths, and all the comforts for which the travelling public longs, and is willing to pay.

Rhinebeck is fortunate that Mr. Foster chose this hotel in which to work for the realization of his ambition and dream. The entire village sympathizes with his effort, and will be proud of the new hotel which will soon rise on the old site.





Foster/Dows Renovations, 1917



From Foster to Winne, endless postcards playing up oldest hotel



1700  1917

BEEKMAN ARMS
OLDEST HOTEL IN AMERICA
W. W. FOSTER, PROP'R.

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK
DUTCHESS COUNTY



BEEKMAN ARMS
RHINEBECK, NEW YORK
OLDEST HOTEL IN AMERICA

OPEN ALL THE YEAR
ESTABLISHED 1700



RE-OPENS MAY 1st, 1930
to remain open all the year under the resident
management of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Cole

R-1. BEEKMAN ARMS, OLDEST HOTEL IN AMERICA, RHINEBECK, N. Y.

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Served
at
all
hours



Light
Steam
Heat

1700  1917

BEEKMAN ARMS
W. W. FOSTER, PROPRIETOR

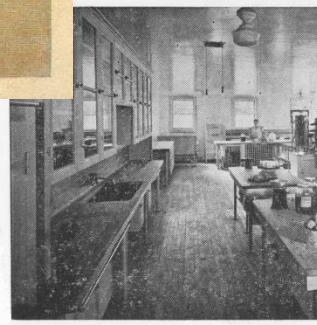
RHINEBECK
NEW YORK

This interesting old building which has been used continuously as an inn for the past 200 years has been completely remodeled and refitted. With its large addition Beekman Arms offers every comfort for the traveler. (See map on other side)



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ARMS OPEN ALL THE YEAR



BEEKMAN ARMS
RHINEBECK, N. Y.

A View of the



Original Fireplace in the Tap Room
of the Oldest Hotel in America

**BEEKMAN
ARMS**
RHINEBECK
NEW YORK

The oldest section
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The Dows Collection, HRH, RG page
Below L. Winne scrapebook

THE BEEKMAN ARMS ORCHESTRA OF RHINEBECK

Carlton J. Traver, Piano, Director
Edward Edson, Trumpet
Earl Ingles, 1st Alto Saxophone
Herbert Decker, 2nd Tenor Saxophone
Wm. B. Heisner, 3rd Alto Saxophone
Elias J. Beach, Bass
Harold Welch, Drums

1934

Beekman Arms
Fictionally
Presented



View in the new living room showing the old oak beams and comfortable chairs by the 18th century fireplace.



The spacious hallways and dining hall in the Beekman Arms. A wonderfully cool place to dine on hot summer days.



A glimpse into a bedroom where everything possible is provided for the comfort of guests.



A view of the beautiful hotel garden maintained for the pleasure of our guests. Here in the shade, tea will be served in the afternoon.



Frank Lued

The active resident manager of the Beekman Arms is Mr. Lued who brings with him a wide experience in serving the public both in the country and city. He remains here direct from a position as Assistant Manager of the Hotel Commodore in New York.

Send for free Road Map and Illustrated Prospectus

If you were a guest here to-day, the waiting list of New York State and all the rest of us here had prepared our minds to see FREE to all the night and wonder the country.

Write to
Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, New York
Name
Address

Beekman Arms

and the men behind it



BEEKMAN ARMS, the Dutch Hotel in America, opened on May 5th for the 1934 season. Since the Arms' plans last October the ownership has been transferred to a group of progressive local business men who propose to make the charming old history a "Dutchess County Hotel for Dutchess County People."

Headed by the list of the new owners is Tracy Dows of Rhinebeck and associated with him are the men whose names are shown opposite. An active and interested member of the Dutchess County Historical Society it is the hope of Mr. Dows to preserve and enhance the interest of the old inn as an outstanding historical monument in Dutchess County while at the same time Mr. Dows wants to make the Beekman Arms the center of interest and upholding a gathering place for Dutchess County people.

To successfully transform the property into an important one George D. Campbell and his associates to take over the entire management of the hotel to the hotel that in this way a greater service could be rendered to the public by men who were in sympathy with the purpose stated. The new hotel the Hotel Campbell was planned before and is the feature of the Gazette they need no introduction.

Since March for Mr. Campbell and Mr. Weaver. No investment, but had a large number of members at Rhinebeck including, returning and remodeling to make the Beekman Arms conform to the standards of the best hotels. Every room is equipped with running water and telephone and the most comfortable of furniture and beds. The dining hall and outdoor has been redecorated. The hotel has been redecorated. The hotel's central portion has been put into condition. It is a surprise to see a hotel in such a condition.

As you can not come to the opening, plan to give your friends a surprise by bringing them here for a dining dinner we have in Rhinebeck, some pleasant evening in a great hotel. Here you will find the same Campbell estate. The same moderate price, the same courteous attention in detail, all with surroundings that are most delightful.

Beekman Arms---Rhinebeck Grand Opening, Thursday, May 5th

THE BEEKMAN ARMS will open the 1934 season with a dinner-dance and reception. The function will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 5th, and will be attended by people from every section of the county. Tickets are 25 cents and include all charges. The number of tables is strictly limited and reservations should be made early. Phone Rhinebeck 500 or Dutchess County 5480. Dinner will be served a \$3.00 per person.

The Beekman Arms Operates Under HOTEL CAMPBELL Management



Harry C. Barber

A long skilled attorney who is known through the county and who is known in many of the Beekman Arms a County Bank.



Jay L. Weaver

Mr. Weaver now assumes general management of the Beekman Arms as well as continuing the active management of the Hotel Campbell where he has built up a reputation for his estate.



George D. Campbell

To citizens of Dutchess County and especially of Dutchess County George D. Campbell wants to introduce something new. He has the corporation operating the Hotel Campbell and he, with the associates, will now operate the Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck.



John H. Stone

City, Judge, Mr. Stone is greatly interested in the success of the Hotel Campbell and the Beekman Arms.



John J. Doherty

Another of the associates of the Campbell management who is well known in the field of a large financial concern.

The Ownership



Tracy Dows
President of Beekman Arms,
Inc., general
Vice-President
Dutchess County



F. G. Greenwald
Vice-President of the Beekman
Arms and head of a firm
Dutchess County



Jacob H. Stone
Treasurer of the Corporation,
Editor of Rhinebeck Gazette



Peter H. Trow
Vice known Dutchess
County



Paul G. Greenwald
President New York
attorney

Lewis Winne, Hotel manager extraordinaire, later part owner (1930-1949)



THE OLDEST HOTEL IN AMERICA
RHINEBECK, N. Y.
BECKMAN ARMS
RESTAURANT
"TRULY, THE RENDEZVOUS OF FRIENDS"
ROOMS TAP ROOM



Beekman Arms Sale To Local Syndicate Progressing Rapidly

Manager

Fourteen Rhinebeck and Red Hook Men Organize To Purchase the Famous Oldest Hotel In America

A syndicate of Rhinebeck and Red Hook men has been formed to purchase the Beekman Arms, the oldest hotel in America, located in this village, from the Dows family interests. Details of the transaction are now in progress, but the property has not yet actually changed hands.

It is understood that the group of fourteen prominent citizens will pay a substantial price for the hotel, buildings, land and fixtures. Lewis F. Winne, proprietor, is one of the group and will remain as manager after the formation of a new corporation.

The syndicate numbers among its members Benson R. Frost, Henry Schaad, Pierre E. Cooking, Alvah G. Frost, Mr. Winne, Dr. H. S. Bulkeley, Olin Dows, Clarence Rhynders, Jacob H. Strong, Henry Billings and Ralph Pitcher, all of Rhinebeck; Dr. Merrick C. Phillips, Oakley T. Cookingham and Stanton Tremper of Red Hook.

Lewis F. Winne, popular proprietor of the Beekman Arms, who will retain the post of manager of the hostelry as one of the fourteen buyers.

Beekman Arms
Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Dear Folks:

Party days are here again and these cool autumn evenings find many of our patrons at the popular and dance parties at the popular of the community, Beekman Arms.

Many reservations are already being made and we suggest that if you are planning to entertain your friends in the near future, it is now time to secure the desired reservation by bringing a representative to your home to assist you in your program without any obligation whatever.

No charge is made for the use of the lobby, parlors or ball room in connection with such parties and every facility in the hotel is placed at the disposal of the guests.

We invite you to consider the many advantages of dining at Beekman Arms.

Respectfully,
L. F. Winne

Beekman Arms
Rhinebeck, New York

December 16, 1932.

Dear Folks:

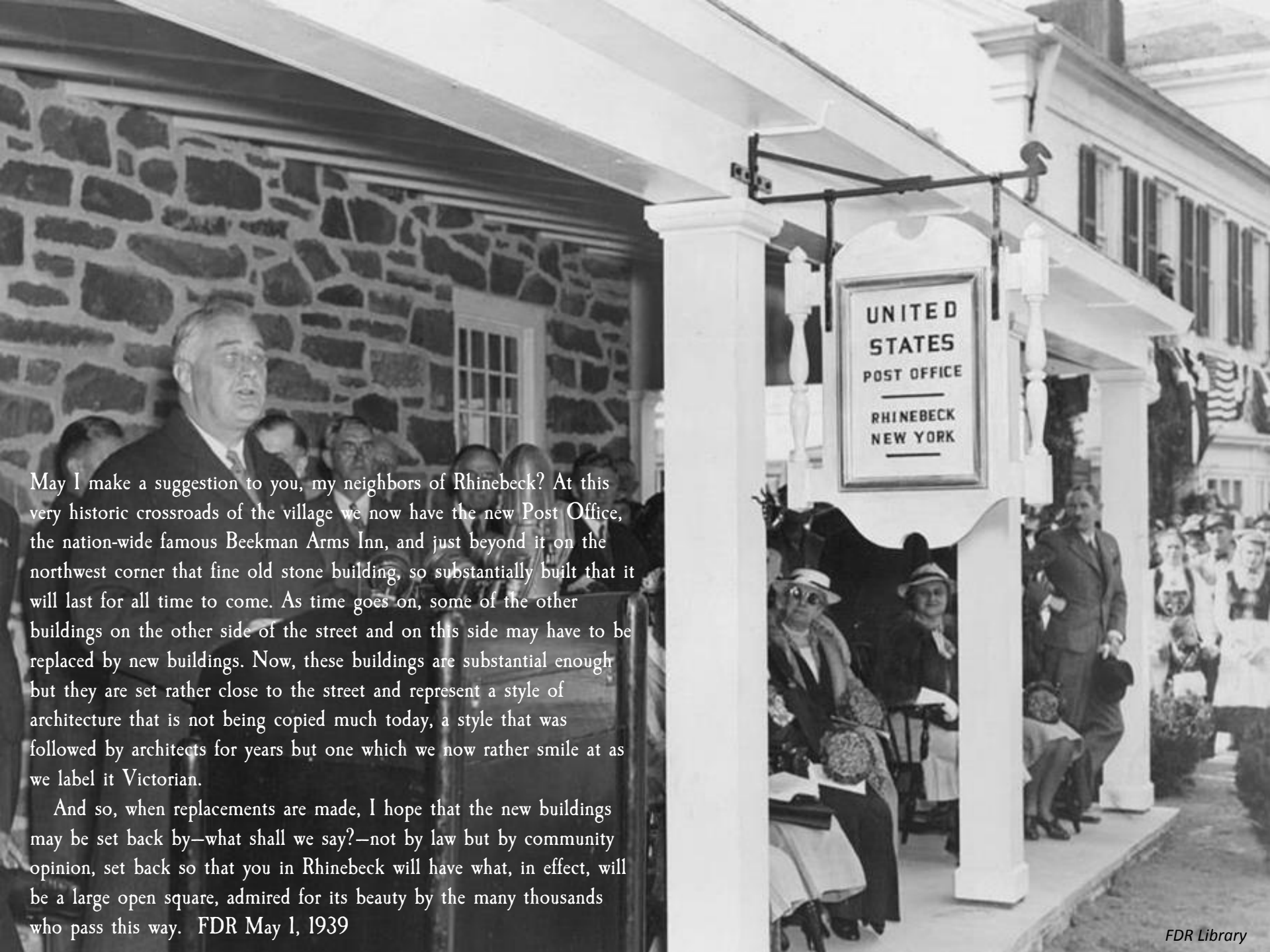
It may be departing a bit from the usual fare of most hotels to see a pig's knuckles and new tripe and onions, corned beef and cabbage, and other similar dishes, but we find that our patrons appreciate a change from the ordinary roasts which go to make up the average, ever-

More especially are these dishes when prepared in their proper season with suitable equipment the best results. Many of the most popular recipes are not the result of trained chefs, but are the result of the bination of foods by the housewife in kitchen, led by their desire to keep in the spirits of the members of the family.

It is not unreasonable that we so often make a request of your favorite dishes. We would greatly appreciate your sending them to us.

Respectfully,
L. F. Winne





May I make a suggestion to you, my neighbors of Rhinebeck? At this very historic crossroads of the village we now have the new Post Office, the nation-wide famous Beekman Arms Inn, and just beyond it on the northwest corner that fine old stone building, so substantially built that it will last for all time to come. As time goes on, some of the other buildings on the other side of the street and on this side may have to be replaced by new buildings. Now, these buildings are substantial enough but they are set rather close to the street and represent a style of architecture that is not being copied much today, a style that was followed by architects for years but one which we now rather smile at as we label it Victorian.

And so, when replacements are made, I hope that the new buildings may be set back by—what shall we say?—not by law but by community opinion, set back so that you in Rhinebeck will have what, in effect, will be a large open square, admired for its beauty by the many thousands who pass this way. FDR May 1, 1939



This is America's Oldest Hotel
— EST. YEAR 1700 —
The BEECHMAN ARMS
RHINEBECK, N.Y.
VISITORS WELCOME
DELIGHTFUL ACCOMMODATIONS
DINING ROOM - COCKTAIL LOUNGE
ROYAL AUTO CLUB OF CANADA **AAA** DUNCAN HINES

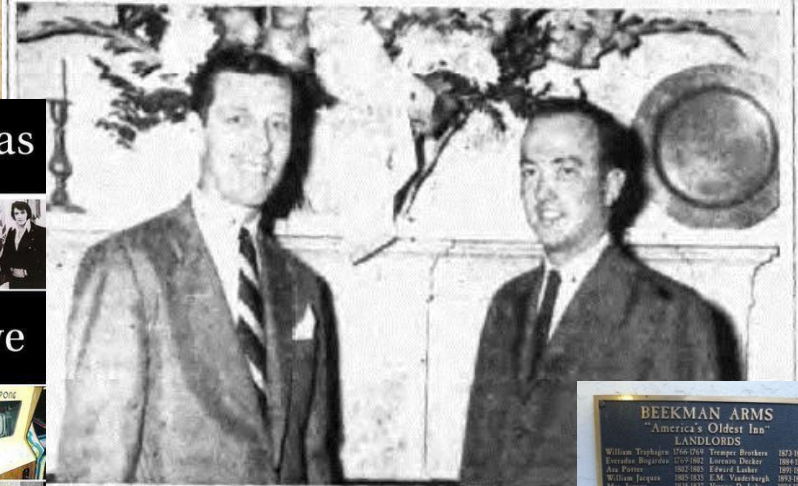


BA (likely 40's or 50's)

Charles LaForge, longest tenured Innkeeper – 44 years

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, AUGUST 14, 1958

Beekman Arms Managers



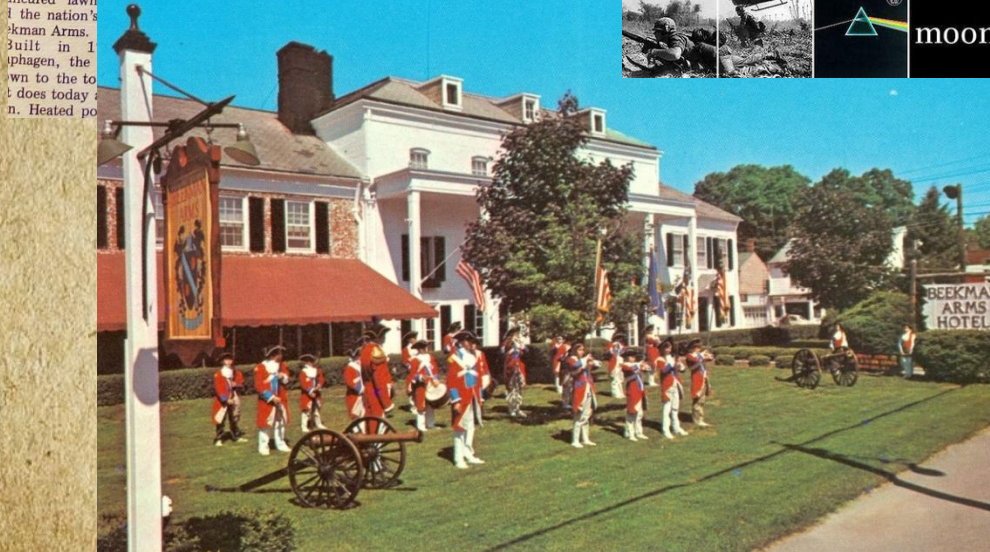
CHARLES LaFORGE

by Ann Dauberman



Rhinebeck, New York, nestled in the Mid-Hudson valley midway between New Paltz and Poughkeepsie, is home to the nation's oldest hotel, the Beekman Arms. Built in 1784, the hotel has been owned and operated by the same family ever since. Heated pool, tennis courts, and a golf course are just a few of the amenities. The hotel is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. It is a beautiful example of historic architecture and hospitality.

early days and often replaced with George. For the wholesome friendship. The summers, Chuck was the



Pictured above in front of one of the fireplaces, the oldest hotel in America, are the new managers, Charles A. LaForge and George Fahey.

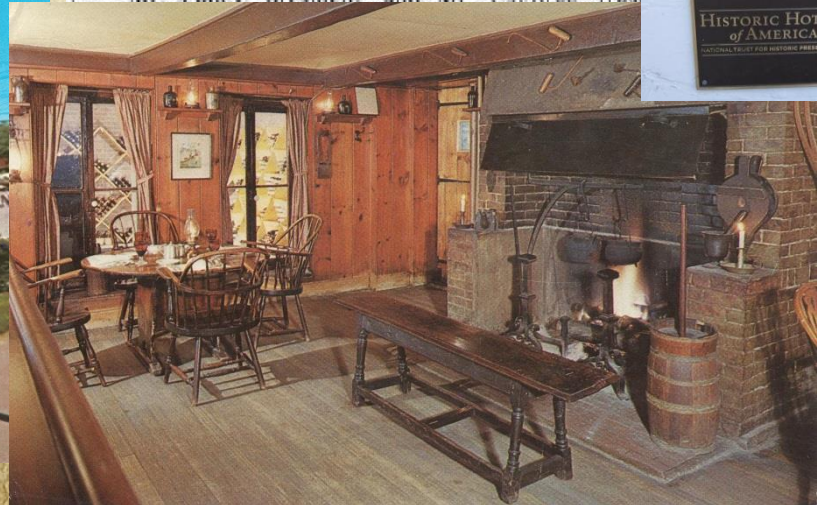
The hotel was officially opened under the management of the Wyandott Inn, Inc. on Monday after closing for repairs and repairs. During this week the outside of the hotel was repainted and a new coat of white paint is being applied. Mr. Fahey, president and Mr. LaForge, treasurer.

BEEKMAN ARMS
"America's Oldest Inn"
LANDLORDS

William Trefegien	1766-1769	Temper Bookers	1873-1884
Kenneth Bogardus	1771-1802	Everett Decker	1884-1891
Anna Foster	1802-1803	Edward Lanier	1891-1892
William Jaynes	1803-1813	E.M. Vandenburgh	1892-1894
Marion	1813-1815	Wm. D. Lathrop	1894-1896
Joseph H. Trauger	1817-1840	Hulicka Willis	1896-1907
Robert H. Seymour	1840-1857	Arthur Smith	1907-1914
C.V. Day	1853-1855	William W. Foster	1914-1916
Frederick Soperell	1858-1862	Richard Adams, Inc.	1916-1918
Edward Peltz	1871-1874	Levin P. Waite	1918-1919
Henry Grinnell	1874-1880	Kenneth L. Gould	1919-1921
Samuel Coddling	1880-1881	Howard Hall	1921-1923
Tom N. McElroy	1881-1882	William Horne	1923-1924
Clifford Hoffman	1884-1893	Charles LaForge, Jr.	1924-1968

CHARLES LA FORGE JR., LANDLORD SINCE 1924
RETIRED IN 1962 AND SOLD THE INN TO
GEORGE BANTA, MR. LA FORGE'S NEPHEW
AS LANDLORD IS THE LONGEST OF ALL
ENKEEPEERS SINCE IT'S BEGINNING IN 1766.

**HISTORIC HOTELS
of AMERICA**
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Added greenhouse 1982, large kitchen, leased out rest. last 10 yrs

Current Owners, George & Phebe Banta, since 2002



Sinterklaas Starlight Parade

Montgomery Row website



Leave you with this idea:

Rhinebeck Community Project



Re-build the old Beekman Mill

-Fund-raise/grant write to raise \$2m & services

-Will donate all book proceeds to the cause!

Grounds Close at
5:30 p.m.
No parking
No driving
No walking