

representatives of the family, descendants of JAN GERRETSE, arrayed on either side in New York, and descendants of both JAN GERRETSE and LAMBERT JANSE aligned on the American side in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The DORLAND patriots were not numerous in New Jersey ; but in Pennsylvania a remarkably large proportion of young DORLANDS of the Philadelphia County connection enlisted and fought in the patriot ranks. Five grandsons of LAMBERT JANSE, there settled within a limited area, had in the aggregate some twelve or fifteen sons then living, of whom nine took arms. They were Presbyterians, and their community lay near the center of a thrilling theater of action, overrun successively by battalions of British and Continentals, and in close communication with the camps of both antagonists. Tidings of the stirring victories at Trenton and Princeton reached them from the east ; Brandywine, Germantown, Whitmarsh, and Valley Forge were distant but a few miles to the west and southwest ; the muster of American troops progressed within earshot at Newtown, on the north ; and fifteen miles south lay Philadelphia, whose occupation by the British served to exasperate the children of Penn and to stimulate still further the patriot zeal. In such an environment the youth of that region necessarily took one side or the other ; and though the allegiance of other families was doubtful or divided, the DORLANDS without exception rallied under the banner of American freedom.

As to the New York DORLANDS and intermarried relatives, a large contingent attested their loyalty to the crown, and a fragment of them bore arms in the British ranks. Some of them were Quakers, allied to families of English blood, and