

is now Anthony's Kil, at Mechanville, northerly to Batten Kil, near Schuylerville, and backward from the river about six miles on either side.

It appears that a remnant of the Mohicans quit-claimed to the above grantees, any rights they might have in these lands.

The curious reader will find the original Indian deed in the Albany County Clerk's office, Liber 3 of deeds, page 193, to which are affixed numerous pictures of animals, turtles, birds, &c., representing the Indian signatures.

Consent having been thus had of the Indian owners, a patent for these lands in due form, since known as the Saratoga Patent, was granted by Gov. Thos. Dongan to said grantees and their associates, November 4, 1684. This instrument is recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, in Liber 5 of Patents, page 159.

Thus passed from savage to civilized ownership, the lands whereon a century later should be fought one of the few decisive battles of the world's history.

The name Fort Saratoga, given in 1690, to a fort erected at the confluence of Fish Creek with the Hudson, is said to be the first application by the whites of the old name.

A BIT OF TOPOGRAPHY.

The Appalachian chain of mountains, divides the watershed of the St. Lawrence from the New England and Middle States of our Union. The valley of the Hudson and of Lake Champlain is the only way by which large bodies of warriors or troops could be conveniently transported from one locality to the