

Saratoga.

"One of the few immortal names that were not born to die."

THIS is not to be confounded with the modern watering place, which takes its name from the old locality, several miles removed from its medicinal waters, charming pleasure resorts and gay society.

The old Indian hunters' paradise lay along the Hudson river, for a distance of twenty or thirty miles northerly from what is now Mechanicville, with wooded slopes on either side, extending back from the rich bottom lands along the stream. To these famous hunting and fishing grounds from the earliest days, came the Indian sportsmen, for the pleasures and profits of the chase. It was variously known as Sar-ach-to-goe, Och-ser-a-tou-gue, Och-sech-ra-ge and otherwise, to its ancient proprietors. The earliest white visitors found it in possession of the Maquaes, or Mohawks, the fiercest of the famous Iroquois, or six nations, who had driven out the Mahlanders, or Mohicans, its former owners.

Toward the northern part of this territory, Fish Creek, the outlet of the present Lake Saratoga, joined the Hudson.

July 26, 1683, certain Mohawk Sachems deeded to Cornelius Van Dyk, Jan Jansen Bleeker, Peter Philippsen Schuyler and Johannes Wendell, the flower of the old hunting grounds, which may be roughly described as extending along the Hudson from what