



CHAPTER II.

THE PARENTAGE, YOUTH AND EARLY WOMANHOOD OF PHEBE (LYON) WARNICA.

PHEBE LYON, the wife of George F. Warnica, was the youngest child of John Lyon* of Thornhill, where she was born, August 16th, 1808, and where she grew up to womanhood. Her mother, Elizabeth Horton, had

*This John Lyon was born in Long Island on June 28th, 1767, his forefathers having originally come from Ireland. Little or nothing has been recorded of his early life in New York State. It is related of him that he had been married to a first wife there and that she and child died. He married Elizabeth Horton of Palmyra as second wife and after the birth of their first child Hannah, they settled in Canada. His father, Thomas Lyon, was one of the Grenadiers of the Revolutionary War, and survived his son by twelve years, dying at a very advanced age, in 1825, at the home of his widowed daughter-in-law near Thornhill. This veteran soldier was troublesome in temper in his last years.