

keeping, in a house on York street, near King street. Shortly after, this house and its contents were destroyed by fire; the stuffed panther and a few other things, which were rescued, were left in my charge, and which I kept in my father's brewery, on Bay street, until it was destroyed by fire in 1843 (?). The panther was a fine large one, and was shot in the Township of Scarboro.

From 1822 to 1827 my father kept a house of entertainment for farmers—but kept no liquor. The Doans and Wilsons, of Whitchurch, the Reesors and others, of Markham and Scarboro, would meet there in the evenings, and they often talked of their adventures with wolves, with bears and with other animals. They frequently referred to the depredations of a catamount or panther which had been prowling through these townships, but more especially the Township of Uxbridge, which at that time, about sixty-five years ago, was almost an entire wilderness. If I remember aright, one of these men had an encounter with the catamount, and had killed him. I do not now remember which of the men it was. I was about ten or twelve years of age at this time, full of boyish curiosity, and would sit up until midnight, when permitted, listening to these tales of backwoods adventures. These farmers would naturally call the Panther Catamount, as some of them and their fathers came from Pennsylvania, where the popular name of the beast is "Catamount," as it is also in the Catskill and Alleghany Mountain region.

I remember reading, some years since, an account of one killed on the Alleghany Mountains which weighed 240 lbs.—half the weight of an African lion; this must have been a large and powerful animal.

I have always been of the opinion that the Catamount, spoken of by these farmers as having been killed by one of them, was the specimen which for some time was in my keeping; probably killed some time before 1820, sold to Mr. Wood and mounted by him.

While writing about the Panther I will give some further information, from personal recollections, and from what I have gathered from several sources.