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The Dutcher Farm

by Deborah Bey

The quaint little village of Irvington, so closely knit and well preserved, seems to have existed that way for hundreds of years. However, most of the area of what is now called Irvington was comprised of primarily four large tenant farms: the Ecker Farm, the Buckhout Farm, the Harmse Farm and the Dutcher Farm. Consisting of what is now the Matthiessen Park and Main Street areas, the "Dutcher Farm" strongly influenced the development of Irvington.

The first Dutcher to settle in the Irvington area was Barent Dutcher, born in Esopus, New York about 1678. His family had moved from Midwout (Flatbush) on Long Island, to Ulster County about 1675.

According to the *Mackenzie Manuscript*, Barent's father, who had emigrated from the Netherlands, was Jan Willemszen de Dutcher, probably born in Heerde, province of Gelderland about 1635. Early records of the Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow record the name variously as Doyster, Duyscher, Duisser and Duitser. Mr. Robert Indorf, village historian, states that the name "Willemszen" (son of Willem) indicates a patronymic tradition with no hereditary family name for the early "Dutchers." This tradition was also prevalent in the German East Friesian area where the family might have originated. The appendage, "de Dutcher" (the German), he believes, was added after they had settled in the Netherlands.

Caroline Dutcher, a living descendent, proposed that "Barent moved from Ulster County to the Greenburgh area about 1700 as a result of meeting with Frederick Philipse who built houses as far north as Kingston and persuaded Barent into becoming a tenant farmer." In addition to farming his land, Barent was also mentioned as a constable in 1716, a collector of Philipsburg Manor in 1719 and a church deacon and elder in 1706.

The original house was partially destroyed during the American

Revolution and completely destroyed shortly thereafter. It was rebuilt once more and stood south of the brook in Matthiessen Park, evidently on the site of the later Tiffany house.

Barent's first son, Johannes, also resided in Irvington as a second generation tenant farmer. Johannes' son, William was a captain in the militia and married Catherine Conklin in 1762. He was a prominent figure during the Revolutionary War, serving in the secret service.

In order to protect his family, he moved them from the Dutcher Farm up to North Salem. Within a few years, they returned to lower Westchester, however, while Captain Dutcher was serving in the army, there was a raid on his home. The Captain was visiting with his family after having been placed on a secret mission in the Irvington area. In referring to this visit, *Wolfert's Roost* gives the wife's account of the scene when some Tories were approaching the house: "Snatching up his hat and sword, my husband left the house by a door opposite the one they were about to enter well knowing his fate should he fall into their hands." Fortunately Captain Dutcher managed to escape and continued with his contribution to the war efforts. Miss Caroline Dutcher refers to the Captain as "an eager beaver who in 1781 applied for permission to arm a whaling ship to sail the Hudson for military purposes."

At the end of the Revolutionary War, since Frederick Philipse had remained loyal to the king, his lands were confiscated by the State of New York and they were put up for auction. As *Wolfert's Roost* has mentioned, "For his tenants in as yet unborn Irvington — Abraham Ecker, William Dutcher, John Jewell, Jonathan Odell — it was an opportunity to buy at auction, outright ownership of the lands their families had farmed for almost a hundred years — lands that comprised the main portion of the nearly 2,000 acres that now are included within the present village of Irvington." In this deal, in 1785, Captain Dutcher bought 215 ½ acres for 546 pounds 10 s from the Commissioners of Forfeiture.

William Dutcher Jr., sold half of the farm to Justus Dearman in 1812. Dearman farmed the land for some thirty-eight years before selling to Franklin Field who began laying out streets and transforming the farm into the village of "Dearman." At this same time, William Dutcher Jr. had turned to the lumber industry, either because the land had been exhausted agriculturally or for financial reasons.

The last Dutcher born on the old farm was Jacob Dutcher in 1820. In *The Old Home by the River*, written by Reverend Jacob Dutcher, in 1872, in expressing the reverence he had for his home he writes, "The old homestead is a familiar and cherished name to many, the mere mention of which will carry the thoughts belonging to a dear old home and to a pleasant family circle."

Later, the second half of the farm was sold to Mr. Tiffany; the original farm house was torn down and somehow with it most of the memories.

Sources: Caroline Dutcher, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.; "The Old Home by the River," Jacob Dutcher, 1872; Robert Indorf, village historian, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.; Lockwood Ms.; Mackenzie Ms., Westchester County Historical Society; "Wolfert's Roost," Portrait of a Village, 1971.

The Kraus Story

by Adele Warnock

On December 31, 1970, George Kraus turned the key in the lock for the last time at the Kraus Market located at 77 Main Street. At this time, the Kraus family terminated some fifty-one years of service to the community. George earned a well-deserved retirement. But what motivated the Kraus family to settle in Irvington? George tells us.

Joseph and Kamilla Kraus, grandparents of George Kraus, were born in Bohemia, a part of the former Austro-Hungarian empire now part of Czechoslovakia. The actual village of their birth is uncertain but reputedly they lived near Prague or perhaps Pilsen. They had a large family of twelve children. Seven were born in Bohemia and five were born in America.

Circumstances did not permit the entire family to emigrate together. Evidently some of the older children came first through the efforts and assistance of relatives already here. George believes that his father arrived in New York City a few years before the blizzard of 1888, since his father remembered the event so well. At last the entire family was settled in America and Joseph Kraus found employment as a house-to-house coffee salesman. All of the children found work at an early age and contributed their share toward the welfare of the entire family.

George's father, Alfred Kraus, started his working career as a piano maker and cabinet finisher. In 1902 he married Helena Foth who had emigrated from Stettin, a city on the Baltic Sea, in Pomerania, Germany. The new family lived for several years on 12th Avenue between 52nd and 53rd Streets, a section of the city known as Hell's Kitchen. Two sons, Alfred and George were born here. Later, they lived in the Bronx, where their third son, Herbert, was born.

Edward Kraus, a brother of George's father, encouraged the elder Alfred to become a butcher, since he had found employment with a meat processing company. Some years later, Alfred Kraus

and his family moved to Washington Heights where Alfred went to work for the Gristede Brothers, eventually becoming head butcher. At one time, the Kraus brothers, with the exception of William, seriously discussed the possibility of forming a family meat business but they never were able to agree on the necessary details to organize such a corporation.

A spirit of independence and personal drive to have a store of his own finally manifested itself in 1910 when Alfred opened up his own butcher shop at 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. Here he had for about eight years a well established and thriving business, but these days had their troubles too. They were the days of militant union organizing and Alfred, who had arrived as a poor immigrant some twenty years previously, had advanced himself with hard work and initiative to rise above the ordinary working man. He had established his own business and was the boss. In the position he was totally unsympathetic toward any union affiliation for those in his employ. The result was that his helpers left his employment so that Alfred had to run the market himself. An eventual decline in business forced him to sell out.

Meanwhile, a wholesale meat salesman from Lowenstein & Son, talked to Alfred about leaving the city and all of the problems associated with the union and anti-German feelings which prevailed during these World War I years. He encouraged him to investigate the possibility of buying the Creighton Meat Market in Irvington, since the proprietor had plans for retirement. He assured him that good business possibilities existed there and that in the quiet pristine village on the Hudson, his family would be very happy.

In 1919, Alfred Kraus bought the flourishing butcher business of Thomas Creighton¹, located at 53 Main Street.² The Kraus family moved directly across the street into 54 Main Street. "It was like a paradise compared to New York," George related. The three boys were overwhelmed by their friendly acceptance into Irvington village life. As youngsters, they walked to nearby customers, picking up written orders and making deliveries after school. Angelo Cushman delivered orders with a horse and wagon and later with a Model T Ford. The wagons and horses were stabled behind the store similar to the arrangement Mr. Robert Abercrombie had whose grocery store was located on the corner of Main and North D Street. Alfred's wife, Lena, kept the books in order and George Lander of Pennybridge was employed as a butcher. Mr. Kraus expected his young sons to contribute their services to the good of the family without compensation.

After World War I, George sought employment in the City

¹ *Daughters: Elizabeth m. Joseph Northrup; Margaret m. James Robertson.*

² *Occupied presently by the Irvington Cleaners.*

where his friends, George (Prince) Behrens, Arthur Friberg and Carl Wistrand had jobs. George went to work for the Mechanics and Metals Bank on Pine Street in Lower Manhattan where he worked for five years in the foreign exchange department deciphering cablegrams. Having free time on Saturdays was a great treat for George but his father Alfred, needed additional help and pressured his son into coming back with him in 1925. He stayed with his father a few years but left once more, finding employment in the money order department of the Western Union Company investigating fraudulent claims. "This was a very interesting job and I liked the work," George said, but the depression forced the company to close the department. Once again, George was back in Irvington, but unemployed.

During this period, George's father, Alfred, was looking toward retirement. He sold the Irving Market to a man from Peekskill with the understanding that he would take it back in one year if the new owner decided not to keep it. This he did and then resold it to a man from Tarrytown. Meanwhile, his brother Otto, had given up his business in Baltimore in 1928 and was working for Alfred. He continued on as butcher with the new owners. Concerned over the poor quality of meat products the new owner was selling, Otto conferred with his nephew, George, about forming a partnership and starting a new market of high quality meats. It so happened at this time that Eugene Cavagnaro was anxious to close his fruit and vegetable store at 77 Main Street and here is where Otto and George decided to relocate the new Kraus Market. The other market down the street soon went out of business.

This was in 1932, Herbert Hoover was President of the United States and the worst year of the depression. George recalls that he and his uncle were able to fully equip the new store for less than \$1,000. with fixtures reclaimed from stores that were foreclosed. The Kraus Market's first anniversary sale in 1933 featured the following items:

Roasting Chickens	19¢ per lb.
Rib Roast, first cut	19¢ per lb.
Leg of Lamb	19¢ per lb.
Loin of Pork, center cut	7½¢ per lb.

The years from 1932 until America's entry into the Second World War were lean years. After Pearl Harbor more money came into circulation as women too, went into defense work. Price control and rationing with all the accompanying problems of the war years came and went. In 1952, Otto Kraus passed away and in the years that followed, George wanted to give up the store, but his butcher, William McHugh, kept encouraging him to continue. Finally, in 1970, George decided that due to his health and decline in business

which neighboring supermarkets had absorbed, he decided to sell. The store was sold to James Dinan, Chairman of the Irvington Centennial. Bill McHugh was employed at the Kraus Market for over twenty-five years.

George recalled many interesting happenings, including how the shades were drawn by the merchants on Main Street when a funeral procession passed up the hill. The Kraus family served three generations of many Irvington families. Names, such as Edison, Frederick P. King, Gordon Harris, Dupont Irving, Whitehouse, Biddle, Hunter and Henry Black were on the books. The business also depended heavily upon the "village" families too. It is nice to see George, former treasurer of the Irvington Centennial Committee and now as treasurer of the Irvington Historical Society, enjoying his retirement in the village which welcomed his family so warmly many years ago. After fifty-nine years in Irvington, he enjoys meeting his friends down in Matthiessen Park, especially in the late afternoon as he watches the sun set and the Hudson River Day Line return to New York.

George hopes that Irvington residents realize what a wonderful village this was in days gone by, how wonderful it still is today and hopefully will always be in the future.

Kraus Genealogy

by Robert Indorf

- I Joseph A. K r a u s, * (? near Prague or Pilsen) in Bohemia 19 Sept. 1847 † New York, N.Y. . . . 1917, bur. Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y., house-to-house coffee salesman in New York City;
m. . . in Bohemia . . . Kamilla P o p p e r, * in Bohemia . . . May 1854 † Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. . . . July 1929, bur. Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.
12 children, 1-7 born in Bohemia, 8-12 born in New York City (chronology of birth not completely verified):
1. Bernard, * . . .
 2. Louis, * . . .
 3. Julius, * . . .
 4. Alfred Aaron, * . . . 1878, see II.
 5. Hermine, * . . .
 6. Edward, * . . .
 7. Anna, * . . .

8. Otto, * circa 1893, † . . . 1952, worked as a butcher in Baltimore until 1928, then for his brother, Alfred and successors in the Irving Market in Irvington; 1932 ff, partner with George Kraus in the Kraus Market; m. . . . Elsie Z i n s e r, * . . . , res. in Yonkers, N.Y.
9. Josephine, * . . .
10. Richard, * . . .
11. Elsie, * . . .
12. William, * . . .

- II A l f r e d A a r o n K r a u s, *(? near Prague or Pilsen) in Bohemia . . . 1878, † . . . 1953, em. to USA circa 1886, piano maker and cabinet finisher in New York City before learning the butcher trade, later butcher shop proprietor in New York and Irvington;
- m. New York, N.Y. . . . 1902 H e l e n a Augusta Christina F o t h, * Stettin, Pomerania, Germany 2 Sept. 1885, † North Tarrytown, N.Y. 20 April 1960. Sons, 1-2 born New York, N.Y., 3 born Bronx, N.Y.:
1. Alfred, * 13 Nov. 1903, † New York, N.Y. 22 Aug. 1973; m. Irvington, N.Y. . . . 1934 Sybil F a r r o, * . . . , res. in New York City.
- no children.
 2. George, * 21 July 1905, see IIIa.
 3. Herbert, * 21 April 1910, see IIIb.

- IIIa George K r a u s, * New York, N.Y. 21 July 1905, worked for his father in the Irving Market before finding employment with the Mechanics and Metals Bank in New York deciphering cablegrams, later investigator of fraudulent claims with Western Union before going into partnership with his uncle Otto in 1932 to open the Kraus Market at 77 Main St., Irvington; proprietor until 1970; m. Bronx, N.Y. . . . 1935 Jessie F i s c h e l, * . . . from the Woodlawn section of the Bronx, insurance agent in Irvington.
- 15 North Dutcher Street, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10533
Children, * Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.:
1. Marie Carol, * 12 July 1936;
m. Harrison, N.Y. . . . James T. C e c e r e, * . . . , from Silver Lake section of Harrison, N.Y., tile setter.
- 3 children: James Jr., Carol Anne, Thomas.
25 North Ferris St., Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10533

2. Kenneth Alan, * 4 Aug. 1940, meteorologist with the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago, Illinois; m. Harrison, N.Y. . . Vera V r a d e n b u r g h, * . . . - 2 children: Marisa, Kami.
Buffalo Grove, Illinois
- IIIb Herbert K r a u s, * Bronx, N.Y. 21 April 1910, † Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. 31 Oct. 1974, security guard with Phillips Laboratories;
m. Irvington, N.Y. . . . 1933 Elma P o i k o n e n,
* Harrison, Maine . . .
384 West Clinton Ave., Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10533
Sons:
1. George Carlton, * . . . , geologist;
m. . . . Rolande R i o u x, * . . .
- 5 children.
Garland, Texas
 2. Herbert Paul, * . . . , Assistant District Attorney with the State of New Mexico in Albuquerque;
m. . . . Cheryl O s t l a n d, * . . .
- 1 child.
Alberquerque, New Mexico

Source: George Kraus, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.

The Huston Family, Residents of Abbottsford Since 1863

by Adele Warnock

John Huston was an Irish immigrant. He arrived in this country in the early 1860's, a widower with two young sons. Not long after his arrival, he became acquainted with the daughter of a New York City coffee merchant by the name of Bridget Dean. The Dean family was well established in America, had prospered and eventually settled in New Rochelle, New York.

On May 4, 1863, John Huston came to Irvington and made a \$5.00 deposit on the property which ran south from the present end of East Clinton Avenue (34) to the property of Hamilton Gardens. The total price was \$2,500 and the receipt for this payment is still in the possession of John's granddaughter, Mary Huston. Christopher Fitzsimmons was the former owner and it is said that Colonel James Hamilton, owner of the huge Nevis estate, had built the house for Mr. Fitzsimmons who he employed as a coachman.

John Huston and his wife came to Abbotsford¹ with James, John Jr. and their infant son, Charles. The father worked for the railroad. Since he reputedly could neither read or write, he kept a cane with various notches and markings which enabled him to keep track of the jobs done by the men who worked under him. John's wife Bridget, traveled all the way to Brooklyn to do her "big shopping." There she would stay overnight and return by boat. John and his dog would walk to the foot of West Clinton Avenue with a lantern to meet her.

The two sons from his first marriage, James and John Jr., both married girls from Ossining and settled in that village. James was a guard for many years at Sing Sing Prison. His brother John, was employed by the Brandeis Pharmaceutical Company.

From the second marriage, besides Charles there were five children: Bernard, Winifred, Rose, Sarah and Mary. Bernard was a bachelor and had a carpentry business. For forty-eight years his brother Charles worked for him. Charles married Anna Morris of North Ferris Street, Winifred married Andrew Mallon, Rose married Edward Lynch², Sarah married John O'Neill and Mary married John Phalen of Yonkers.

Charles liked to go to auctions. He was very much interested in old ledgers with good paper. One such acquisition, a leather bound book which although used, had a good many unused pages. He bought this ledger and carefully recorded his business transactions. At one time he did work on the Octagon House when it was owned by the elderly Clarke sisters.

In 1917, the per diem rate for a carpenter was \$5.25 — duly recorded. By 1920 the rate was up to \$9.50 per day. Full pages of accounts for the Wendels, F.P. King, the Gregorys, Hills, Albert Stern, Dr. Kyle and the Ortons are recorded in Charles Huston's ledger. It is still in the possession of his daughter Mary.

Charles used to tell how he remembered as a little boy, he watched the lame mules and horses in the Wendel fields opposite his house while he stood on the front steps. He said that it would take several days to bring the injured animals up from New York.

In the Huston home there is a certificate which Charles Huston received in the Irvington School, located on the former property of Dr. W.R.Roane, for "Regular and punctual attendance, correct deportment and diligence in study" signed by Frances A. Lafferty, principal and the president of the school board, Mr. Worthington, also affixed his signature.

¹ See also Vol. 1/Mar. 1977, p. 6-11: *Community of Abbotsford Born of Need for Skilled Laborers on Large Estates in Irvington*, by Robert Frese; *Abbotsford Properties Can Be Traced Back to Harmse Farm*, by Robert Indorf.

² Parents of the first Mrs. A. Irving Cumming.

Charles Huston's first ballot was cast for Grover Cleveland. He and his wife Anna Morris Huston had four children. Mary still lives in the Huston home, which still has the original kitchen located in what we would call the basement today. Anna, married Charles Stottlar of Shrub Oak, New York; her brother, Bernard, at the time of his passing, was a member of the Rye motorcycle police force. He once caught a speeder who turned out to be Rudy Vallee, the singer, who had to pay the \$15.00 fine. Margaret married James Payne of Mamaroneck, New York. Their mother Anna Morris Huston was also an excellent seamstress and sewed for many of the wealthy families in Irvington and the Ardsely Park area. She earned a certificate for sewing at S.T. Taylor of New York which later became the firm of Lord and Taylor. John Huston lived to the ripe old age of ninety-one and his son, Charles died in 1949 at the age of eighty-seven.

This information was furnished by my cousin, Mary Huston, who takes great pride in residing in the Huston home. It is a record for a family having occupied the same house for one hundred and fifteen years and she represents the third generation to have lived there. I extend to her my appreciation and thanks.

Source: Mary Huston, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York

Irvington, East Irvington and Abbottsford Residents Recorded in the Earliest Register of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church in Hastings

by Robert Indorf

*(Continued from Vol. 2/March 1978/No. 1, p. 54-57;
see also corrections, p. 72)*

The information is a composite of baptismal, marriage and death records transcribed from the German.

- C o n r a d, Peter, * Gaugrehweiler, Rheinbayern . . . , res. 9 Oct. 1862 in Irvington;
m. . . . Margaretha G e m i n d, * Oberwiesen, Rheinbayern. . .
Daughters:
1. Catharine, * Dobbs Ferry 7 May 1861, bapt. 1 Aug. 1869.
 2. Louise, * Irvington 9 Oct. 1862, bapt. 1 Aug. 1869.
 3. Margaretha, * Irvington 6 Dec. 1865, bapt. 1 Aug. 1869.
Wit.: Philip C o n r a d and Peter G e i s s of Irvington.
 4. Anna, * Irvington 10 Feb. 1870, bapt. 11 Sept. 1870. Wit.:
Albertine Franziska Joh. H e r m s, nee B r u n i e r and
parents of the child.

5. Rosina, * Irvington 15 Jan. 1872, bapt. 22 Sept. 1872. Wit.:
Philipp C o n r a d and parents of the child.

E u l e r, Johann, *Christfeld, Amt Kirchheim-Bolanden,
Rheinpfalz (Palatinate) . . . , res. in Irvington 4 Aug. 1868;
m. . . . Barbara K o l b, * Mirschfeld, Rheinpfalz . . .

Children:

1. Jacob, * Irvington 4 Aug. 1868, bapt. 8 May 1870.
2. Emilie, *Irvington 16 Feb. 1870, bapt. 2 June 1872. Wit.:
Friederike E u l e r.

G e i s s, Heinrich, * Wolferborn, Kurhessen (1839), res. in East
Irvington at time of marriage;
m. . . . Marie B o b b (see also Vol. 2/March 1978/No. 1, p. 55)

Daughter:

Anna Maria, * Irvington 18 April 1872, bapt. 2 June 1872. Wit.:
Peter G e i s s and Anna B o b b, substituted by Marie
B o b b nee L e i e r and parents of the child.

J a e g e r, August, * Uttershausen, Hesse (1841) . . . , res. 14 Aug.
1870 in Irvington;

m. Hastings-on-Hudson 3 Sept. 1871 Christine B u r k h a r d t,
* Oberramstadt, Hesse (1852) . . . Wit.: Julius E c k h a r d t of
Irvington and Heinrich L u d w i g of New York.

Daughter:

Emilie Mathilde, * Irvington 14 June 1872, bapt. 29 Dec. 1872.
Wit.: Emilie L u d w i g, nee G r i e s e r and parents of the
child.

K e u e r l e b e r, Carl Friedrich, * Meimsheim, near Lauffen in
Württemberg (1835) . . . , widower, m. I . . . N.N.; res. in Irvington;

m. II Hastings-on-Hudson 8 Oct. 1871 Marie Anna
S c h r e c k, * Königheim, near Tauberbischofsheim, Baden
(1874) res. in Irvington, . . . Wit.: Joh. D i n k e l, Jacob F.
S c h a e f e r, Gottlieb K u r z and Jacob S c h r e c k, all
of Irvington.

S c h ä f e r, Wilhelm, * Cleeborn, Württemberg (1845) . . . , res.
21 April 1870 in Irvington;

m. Hastings-on-Hudson 7 Jan. 1870 Josepha/Josephine F r e i,
* Hochmössingen, near Oberndorf, Württemberg (1849) . . .
Wit.: Johann D ü n k e l and Friedrich K e u e r l e b e r of
Irvington, Maria R o t h, nee F r e i of Hastings-on-
Hudson.

Daughters:

1. Josephine Friederike, * Irvington 21 April 1870, bapt. 17 July

1870. Wit.: Christine D ü n k e l, Gottliebin S c h ä f e r
and Friedrich K e u e r l e b e r, all of Irvington.
2. Wilhelmine Gottliebin, * Irvington 5 Sept. 1871, bapt. 14 Jan.
1872. Wit.: Jacob S c h ä f e r, Gottliebin K n o t e l, nee
S c h a e f e r and Marie K e u e r l e b e r, nee
S c h r e c k.

Source: Church register, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

Corrections and additions to first installment,
Vol 2/March 1978/No. 1, p. 54 ff:

p. 54 under 1.: Delete “*Entrank*” and substitute “*Ertrank*”
(= drowned);
under 2.: substitute *Anna Maria N o t t e r* nee *S c h ü t z*
instead of *Maria N o t t e r*, nee *S c h ü t z*.

p. 55: *G e i s s*, Heinrich, delete * (1893) and substitute
* (1839).

p.56, under *H e r m s*, 4., Wit.: Delete *Ottilie D ü n k e l*
(Dinkel), nee *B r o t z k y* and substitute *Ottilie*
B r o t z k y nee *D ü n k e l*.

p. 56, under *M a n s e r*, Wit.: Delete *Christian G e i g e r*
and substitute *Christina G e i g e r*.

The Beltzhoover-Halsey Castle. The editor of this publication wishes to apologise for not clarifying properly the fate of this structure in the March, 1978 issue, p. 52. The “Editor’s Note” implies that the Church of the Immaculate Conception was responsible for stripping the castle. *This was not the case.* The edifice was stripped of interior furnishings by the owner’s son, Sheffield Halsey before the castle and property were turned over to the church. Demolition of the structure was authorized by the church which began on 10 May 1978. The Tarrytown Daily News stated that there were plans to salvage the sundial and use it on the church grounds. EdRI

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