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FRONT COVER: The Hammond House — East View — Picture by Mary Andrews. Few if any 18th century farmhouses still standing in Westchester can boast the wealth of original features to be found in the Hammond House. This picturesque 236-year old building was saved from destruction and restored by The Westchester County Historical Society in 1926. It is now open to the public as a museum of early home life in Westchester and contains a great variety of fascinating furnishings and exhibits. James Hammond, colonel of the County's first Revolutionary regiment, was born here.

FRONTISPIECE: Washington Headquarters — North White Plains. Picture by Allison Albee. Unfortunately industry now engulfs this house despite its paramount importance historically. Yards of a stone company, tracks and switching terminal, contrast dismally with what Washington saw when he used it for headquarters in 1776, 1778 and 1781.

Elijah Miller, the owner, became Adjutant in 1775. Wounded in action, he died a year later, aged forty-eight. Two sons died the same year from camp diseases. Operated today as a museum, the Miller house is county-owned.

### About this Date Book

Here is the first issue of the Westchester Date Book. Every effort was made to give you an engagement book both picturesque and informative, accurate in text and useful primarily for daily reference. Limited space prevents illustrating more than a few of the many historic spots in this county, or relating more than one incident in its rich historic background. Should your favorites not appear, we trust that you will study what is shown now and watch for your selection in later issues.

### Now About Westchester

Organized as a political area in 1683, the bounds of Westchester County have been little changed except for that portion aligned to New York City to form Bronx County. Many stories of early settlements as well as the coming and going of the Dutch and English must be saved for other issues. Also featured later will be stories of those stirring times when so much of Westchester was changing from farm to predominately residential character. Our first issue illustrates certain historic places and tells a story that is closely associated with many of these... small part of a great story that was a most important crisis in our County, State and Nation... and, it happened in WESTCHESTER!

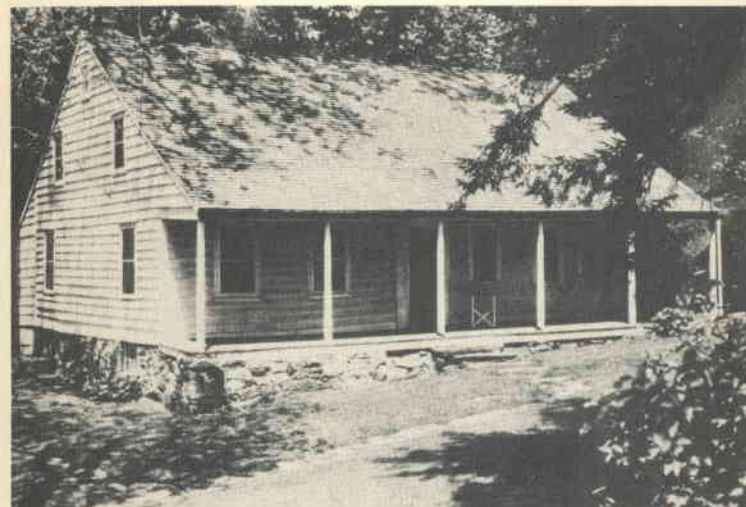
### It Happened in Westchester

Historians have been writing about the "Andre affair" for some 150 years. Many facts on it were unknown until the papers of Sir Henry Clinton were turned over to the Clements Library at Ann Arbor. It is not probable that any of these new disclosures would have changed the fate of Andre — they did increase the guilt of Arnold. Carl Van Doren has written a very comprehensive account of the affair.

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# WESTCHESTER

## DATE BOOK



WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS — NORTH WHITE PLAINS

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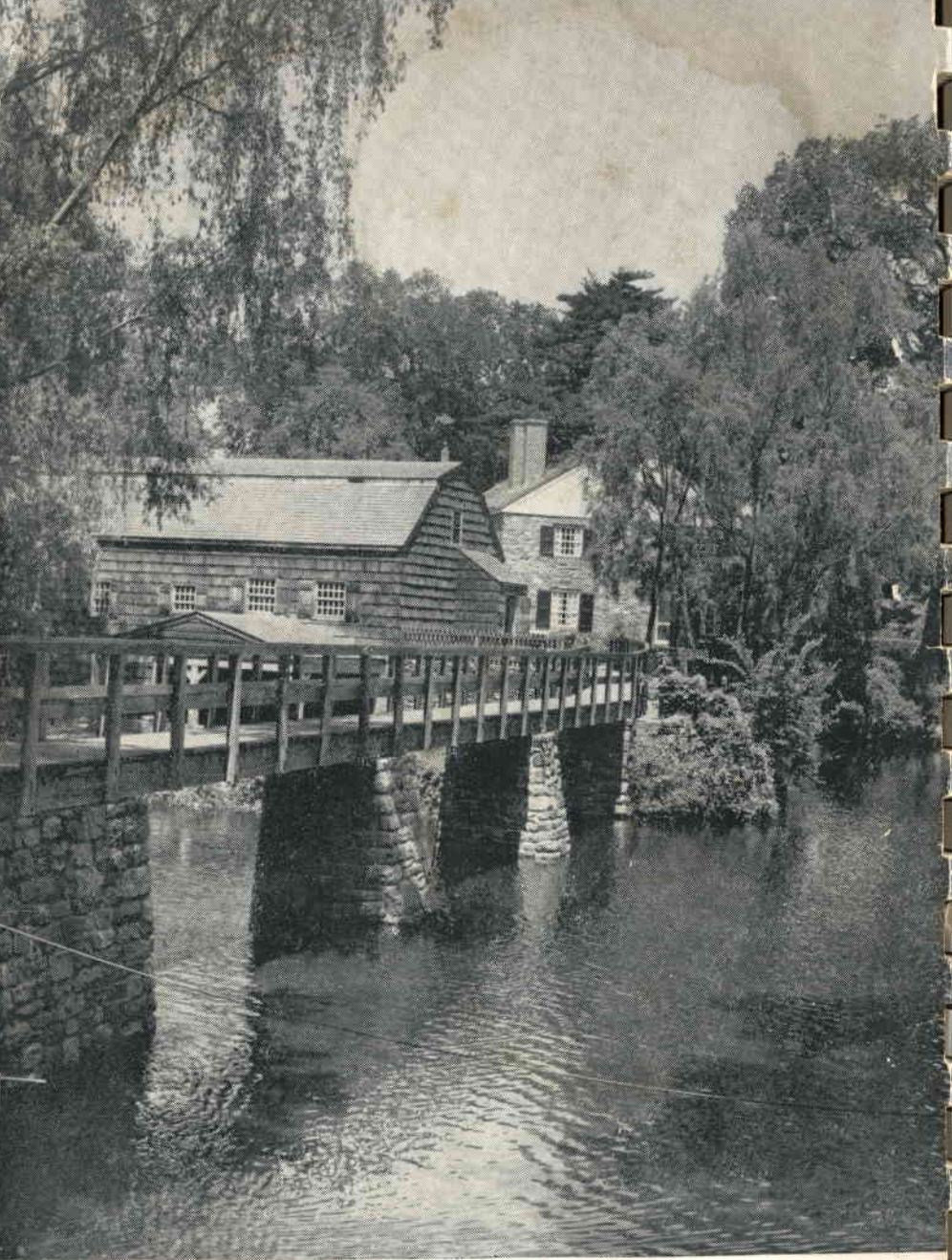
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# DOBBS FERRY LANDMARK

Dramatic events have taken place inside this house (circa 1686). Here from 1785-1810 dwelt Tory Philip Livingston, namesake and nephew of the Signer. Here, according to the memorial erected by Sons of the Revolution, Washington and Rochambeau plotted the Yorktown campaign. And here the triumphant leader and Sir Guy Carleton, British commander, met to plan disbanding both armies.

Artfully restored by Mr. and Mrs. Messmore Kendall, "Washington's Headquarters," is often shown in the cause of history.

MARY ANDREWS

DATES		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Sunday			
2	Monday		4:30 O'Hara? {meeting	
3	Tuesday	with Montrose at W.H.	But returned	
4	Wednesday	Shopping in city		
5	Thursday	luncheon with K. Johnson	Chilton College of Arts	
6	Friday			
7	Saturday			
8	Sunday		5:30-8- Phillips. Stagnant	
9	Monday			
10	Tuesday	10:30 Lunch Montgomery & Lambell		
11	Wednesday		3:30 Phillips	
12	Thursday			
13	Friday			
14	Saturday			
15	Sunday			
16	Monday		Cont	Supper

# DATES

JANUARY

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

17 Tuesday	10. A.M. - May - 66 Bath Road - Seaside 3-2250	Ramie Hopkins Ruggers - Hopkins	Supper at W.H.
18 Wednesday			Mr. Ramsey on T.V.
19 Thursday			
20 Friday			Supper at W.H.
21 Saturday			
22 Sunday		W.H.	Carps.
23 Monday	Mrs. Muncy's hair.		
24 Tuesday	Daring Geddes	Piano man 3-330	
25 Wednesday	Prayer Group -	- Fournace 4	
26 Thursday	Mrs. Osborne etc.		John Ramsey
27 Friday			Olton Monro Hopkins Supper
28 Saturday	"Luton ya lan"		
29 Sunday			
30 Monday			Went to for supper - Park and
31 Tuesday	Ruggers		



SQUARE HOUSE — RYE

IRA MARTIN

President Washington toured the Eastern states in 1789. On October 15, according to his diary, "Thursday . . . After dinner, through frequent light showers, we proceeded to the Tavern of a Mrs. Haviland at Rye; who keeps a very neat and decent Inn."

Breakfasting next day in Stamford, he notes: ". . . at one Webb's, a tolerable good house, but not equal in appearance and reality to Mrs. Haviland's."

The Square House is now the City Hall of Rye.





GENERAL HOWE'S HEADQUARTERS — SCARSDALE

MARY ANDREWS

Generally known as the Griffin-Fish house, this gracious old home was headquarters for Major General Sir William Howe, commander-in-chief of the British forces, after his triumph at Chatterton Hill — usually known as the Battle of White Plains — on October 28, 1776. Nearby are supposed to be graves of several of his officers who fell in that fray. Quite likely it was here that Howe took the fateful decision not to press his advantage over Washington and his demoralized troops, but to take his powerful regiments south in an effort to capture virtually undefended New York and settle down for a winter of gracious living. The British leader never successfully explained his dilatory course nor the three days spent in Scarsdale before attacking the patriots. Tacticians, however, believe this was designed to cut off General Lee, hurrying up with the American artillery, from joining the main body of troops. At any rate Lee successfully reached his objective. The enemy did not leave the high grounds of Scarsdale till the morning of the 28th. Breaking camp in two columns, the right under Clinton, the left under de Heister, they came in sight of American forces at ten that morning. The rest is history and despite the defenders' rout, marked a turning point of the war. A tablet has been set out to indicate the tenancy of Sir William Howe at the house on Mamaroneck Road.

Here it is also believed, Scarsdale held its first town meeting. Available records purport that General Griffin of the Revolutionary army was first owner. Whatever its original ownership there is every evidence of affluence in its three storied spaciousness. Only a few signs of earlier years remain: several Dutch doors and hand-hewn beams in the dining room. Today the property is owned by Mrs. Arthur S. Meyer.

		DATES		
FEBRUARY		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Wednesday		→ 9-0800	
2	Thursday			
3	Friday	11 AM - 4 PM - 11 AM - left room at Scarsdale - Pelham 8-4242 - 919 Pelhamdale -		
4	Saturday			
5	Sunday	Church in A.M.		
6	Monday	NY City - Women's day		
7	Tuesday	Prayer lunch 12:30		
8	Wednesday		20th St. Sec 830 Park Ave Mrs. Dallas Shuman	
9	Thursday		Twig tea -	
10	Friday	9:30 Dr. Willis	10:15 AM for lunch -	
11	Saturday			
12	Sunday			
13	Monday			at first writing speaker. "Supper"
14	Tuesday	Twig tea - Leave for trip 5:30		
15	Wednesday			
16				

17 Friday	<del>11 A.M.</del> <del>On the water.</del> (World War II)		
18 Saturday			
19 Sunday			
20 Monday			
21 Tuesday	Ruggers.		
22 Wednesday			
23 Thursday			
24 Friday			
25 Saturday			
26 Sunday			
27 Monday			
28 Tuesday	Twig		
29 Wednesday			



CROTON BRIDGE — NEAR PEEKSKILL

MARY ANDREWS

Seen from the air, Westchester roads resemble an intricate spiderweb. Traffic is funnelled out of the urban area by an unmatched system of parkways through what were once forests of oak, beech and maple, many of whose descendants still shade prosperous homes. These highways lead generally north, passing the great system of reservoirs and dams which supply county and octopus city to the south.

This bridge over the Croton, just south of Peekskill, is one of seven which motorists see along the Taconic Parkway.





# BARTOW MANSION — PELHAM

MARY ANDREWS

Open to the public, this notable example of Greek *Revival* architecture on the Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park serves as headquarters for the International Garden Club which restored it at a cost of more than \$100,000 in 1914. As the picture shows formal gardens, too, were extensively renewed. How fortunate that the Bartow Mansion with its eagle and cherub decorated parlor suite, its wrought iron balconies and distinguished oval staircase did not meet the fate of the Hunter mansion, the Bowne house and other historic places demolished by the Park department of New York.

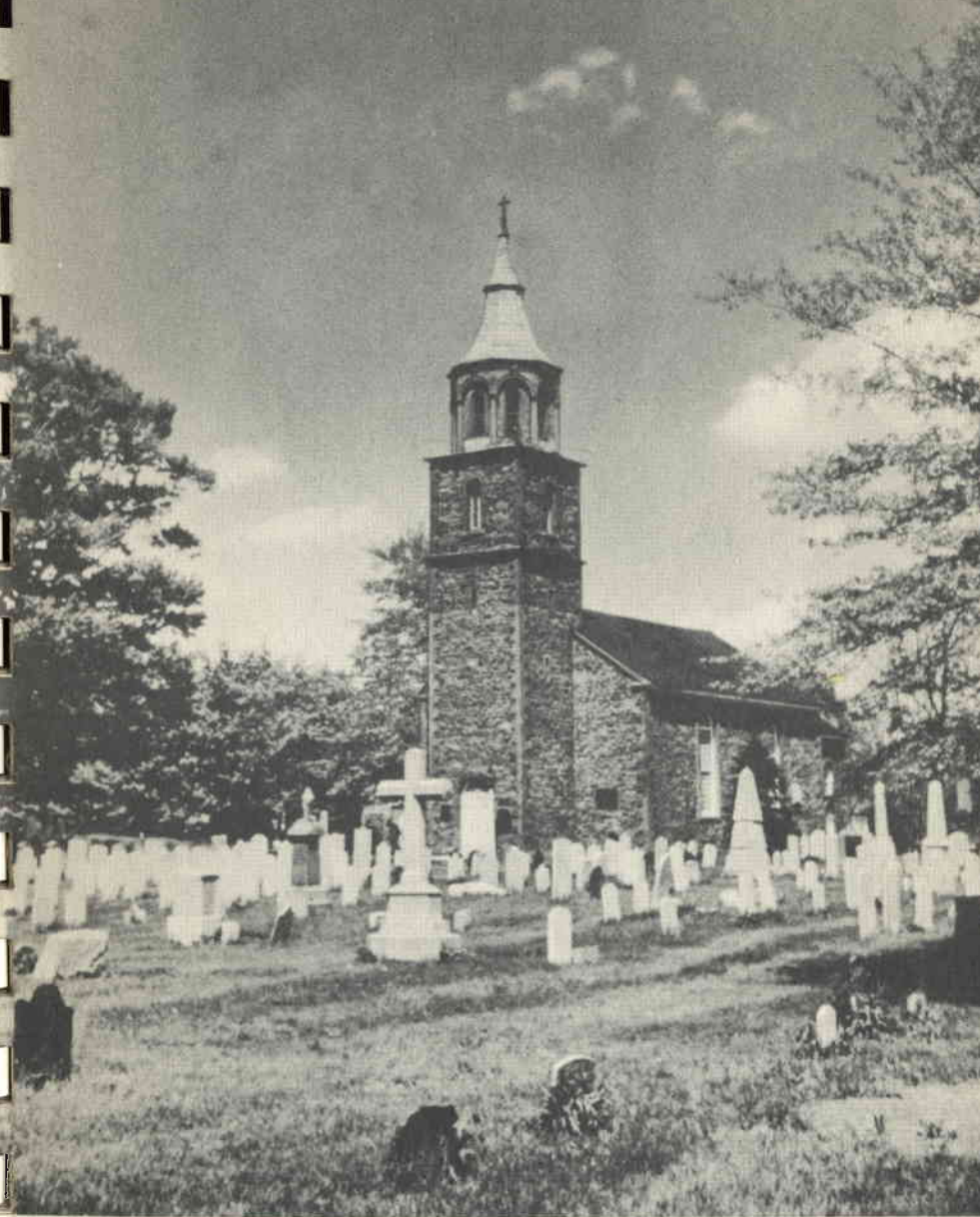
New York City bought these acres in 1888 although the present boundaries of Pelham and New York were not established till 1895. While technically no more in Westchester, the Mansion's history is inextricably concerned with this county.

In 1954 Pelham celebrated the tercentenary of Thomas Pell's manor acquisition with proper pageantry. Pell's nephew, Sir John, married Rachel Pinckney whose father, Philip, was one of the Ten Proprietors who purchased Eastchester from the first lord. Near the present mansion, Sir John built a splendid home where he lavishly entertained and transacted manorial business. Since the Pells were mostly loyal to the Crown, many fled to New York for British protection during the Revolution. It is believed that the manor house, standing empty, was then burned. In due course, John Bartow, a man of wealth and countrywide influence, son of Theophilus Bartow and Bathsheba Pell, daughter of Thomas, the third lord and his Indian princess wife, purchased the land. From 1813 to 1836, the Le Roy family owned it but Robert Bartow, John's grandson, bought it back and built the present mansion. Just when is uncertain, as is the architect, but characteristics place the date between 1836-1842.

On a sheltered cove with a magnificent view of the Sound, at low tide remains of foundation stones of the original private wharf may be seen.

	MARCH	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Thursday			
2	Friday	Yankels - 11 AM Mrs. Stier 12:45 to Presbyterian	at Perfield's Club	from 7 P.M.
3	Saturday	work study to -	Seminars 4 P.M.	
4	Sunday			
5	Monday			
6	Tuesday			
7	Wednesday			8:15 Agnes Sanford
8	Thursday			
9	Friday			from 7 P.M.
10	Saturday	Rehearsal - Eugene Brown + Tom to - Panacea -	4 P.M.	
11	Sunday			
12	Monday			
13	Tuesday			from 7 P.M. J.B. Rhine
14	Wednesday	to -	4 P.M.	
15	Thursday	Leave	for Japan	
16	Friday			

MARCH	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17 Saturday			
18 Sunday			
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ST. PAUL'S EASTCHESTER — MOUNT VERNON

MARY ANDREWS

"The question before you is not the cause of a poor printer nor of New York alone, it is the cause of liberty"—with these words Andrew Hamilton of Philadelphia defended John Peter Zenger whose acquittal on a charge of libel is recognized as establishing freedom of the press, first freedom of the Bill of Rights. In 1952, because of its connection with this incident, the U. S. Department of the Interior recognized St. Paul's as National Shrine of the Bill of Rights.





PHILIPSE MANOR DOORWAY — YONKERS

MARY ANDREWS

Elsewhere in the date book is recounted the story of Philipse Manor. Through this doorway with its handsome fan lights and panelling went in and out the Philipses, their household, their guests.

What tales it could tell, what plots and counterplots for, in the grim times of Revolution, its owners opposed the patriot cause. Legend even has it that George Washington came here to court the third Lord's sister Mary, but met defeat, since she wed Tory Roger Morris and later sought exile with him.

APRIL	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
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WAYSIDE COTTAGE — SCARSDALE

MARY ANDREWS

Lovingly known to generations of Scarsdalian as “Wayside,” this treasured white cottage has been variously classified and has had almost as many “lives” as the proverbial cat. Since it stood smack in the middle of the Neutral Grounds and was a tavern during the Revolution, it bore the brunt of many raids. Tradition says that about the time of the Battle of White Plains, in anticipation of enemy attention, the Varian family, long its owners, hid their cow and family bible in the cellar. Accounts differ as to whether or not bossy escaped British hunger. Colonel Rufus Putnam, chief engineer of Washington’s army, then encamped to the south, made an important scouting trip, bringing back word which enabled the patriots to reach White Plains in time to save valuable caches of ammunition and other supplies. Colonel Putnam reported “riding as far as three or four miles south of White Plains to a tavern and listening to a conversation of Whig farmers.” This, authorities agree, was undoubtedly Wayside. Today the cottage, located at White Plains Road and Wayside Lane, is village owned. James Butler bought the house from the Varians in 1853 and in 1919 his daughter, Miss Emily Butler, deeded it to Scarsdale with the stipulation that it be used for educational and historical purposes.

The Scarsdale Women’s Club carried out these objectives till 1928 when the library took over. When the library vacated, the village faced problems: terms of the deed must be met but extensive renovations were needed. The Junior League of Scarsdale came forward. Funds were raised and the sound old building was restored to Colonial Period (with modern plumbing, however). Under the League’s custodianship, Wayside Cottage provides a convenient meeting place for many local organizations.





BOXWOOD GARDENS — BOLTON PRIORY, PELHAM

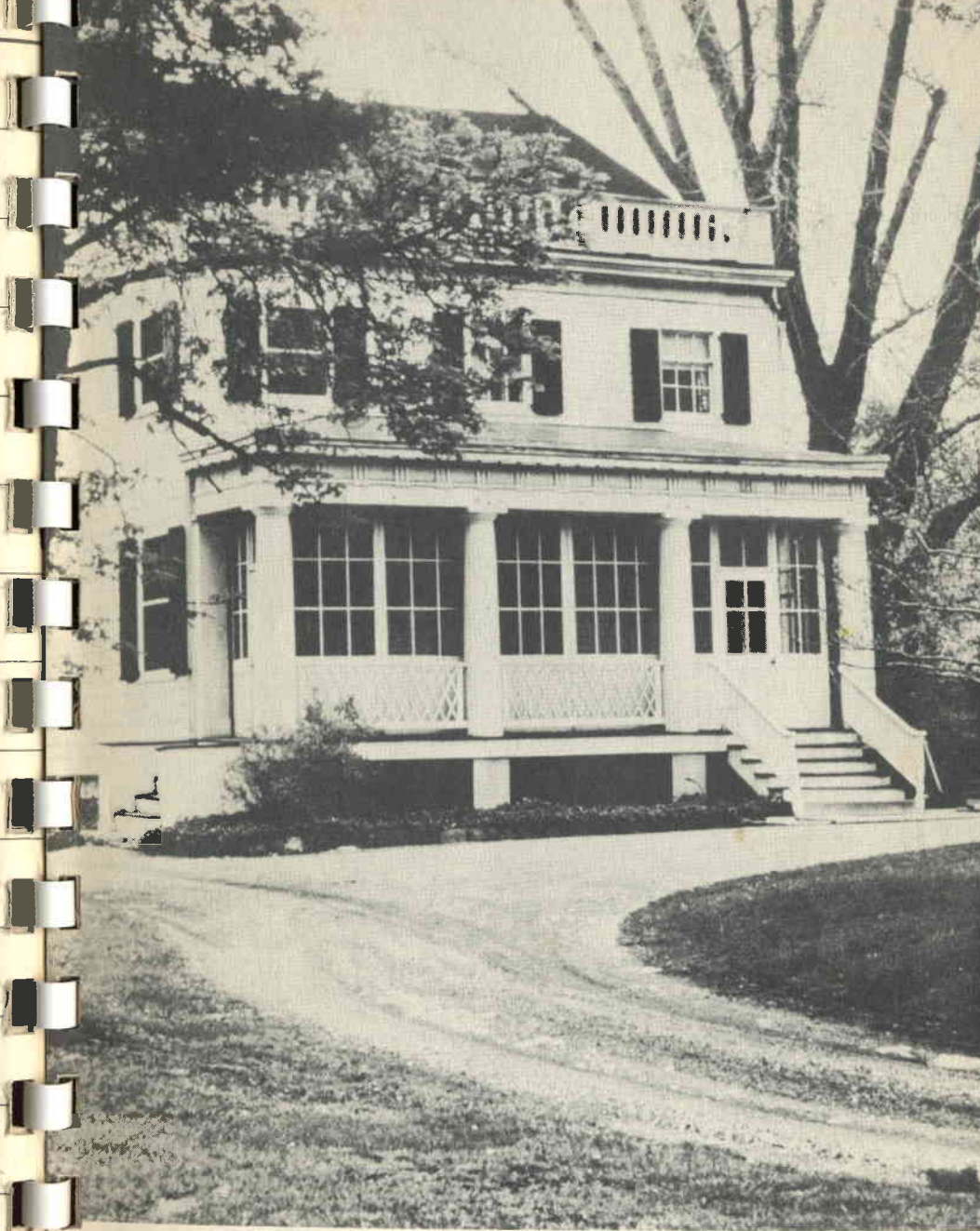
Over these formal boxwood rows presides stately-towered, wisteria-hung Bolton Priory. Washington Irving set the date stones — 1838 — over the portico. The majestic stone house was built in style of an English country mansion by Robert Bolton, one time rector of St. Paul's Eastchester. Here his daughter, Miss Nanetta, conducted the first private school for young girls in the United States, 1841-81. Many a lovely lass in crinoline wandered these garden paths.

MARY ANDREWS

MAY	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1 Tuesday			
2 Wednesday			
3 Thursday			
4 Friday			
5 Saturday			
6 Sunday			
7 Monday			Woman's Acc. 6:30 - Dinner
8 Tuesday	Lunch Mrs. Marchbanks at 10:30		W.H. Supper
9 Wednesday	2	to 4 P.M.	Heancup & P.M.
10 Thursday			
11 Friday		Lunch at Pangloss? 1 P.M.	
12 Saturday	Weymouth in A.S.		
13 Sunday		1 P.M. Oltmans	
14 Monday			Repeat on trip W.H.-
15 Tuesday	Rugger's at Marion Cornstock's		
16 Wednesday		2:30 Mrs. Beale - Garden Tour -	



MAY	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17 Thursday	July 29 Box 9 - 5100. Michael		
18 Friday	(Cookies for W.H.) (Cake for pay Lemon with Helen		
19 Saturday			
20 Sunday		300 Dr. McCracken W.H. Fifth Anniversary	
21 Monday		Sister's Lunch (here)	
22 Tuesday	Burbank Hunt 5-5988 Lynette's group	Tues. lunch?	
23 Wednesday		Lunch (here)	
24 Thursday	Return cloth to friend	Peggy for lunch	
25 Friday			
26 Saturday			
27 Sunday		Bayes for supper	
28 Monday	Lunch Sunday with Elton		
29 Tuesday	Ruggs at Cornstocks Janney - 2-3		
30 Wednesday	Keyman Home		
31 Thursday			

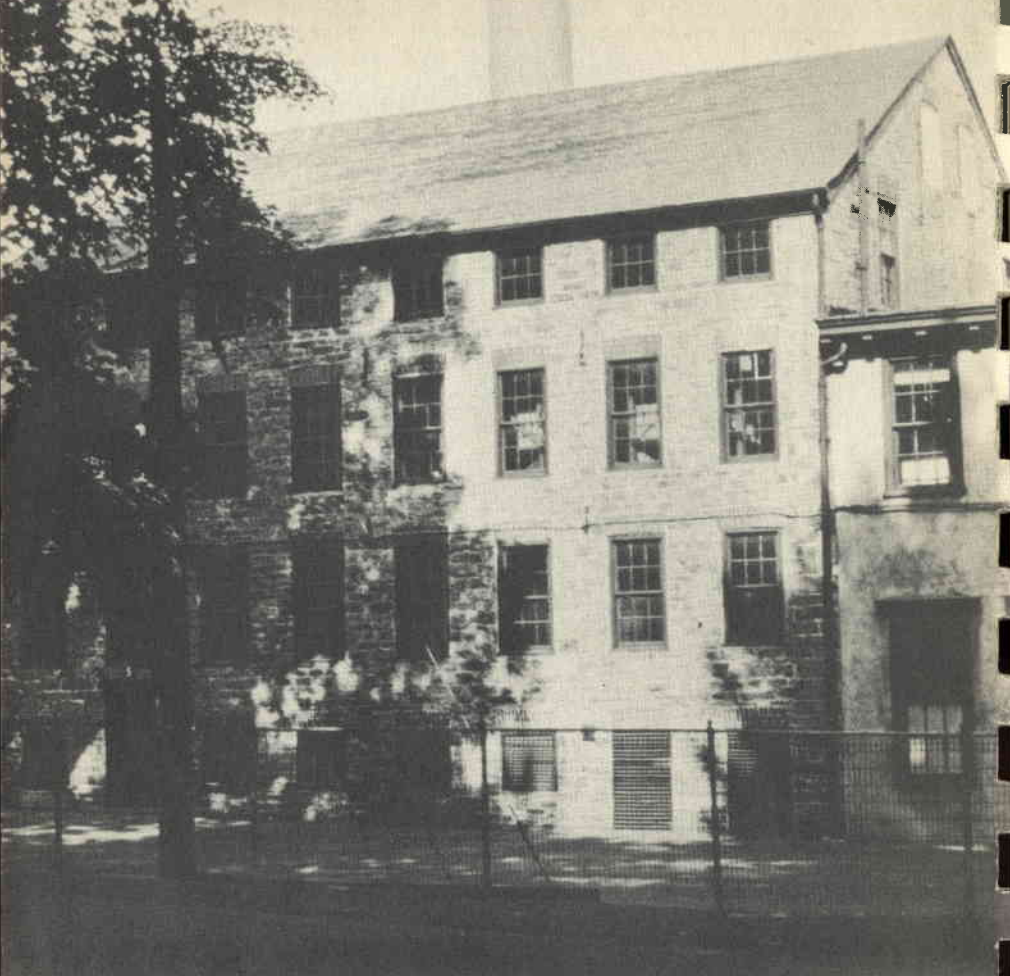


MASTERTON HOMESTEAD — BRONXVILLE

MARY ANDREWS

When Alexander Masterton built this gracious homestead in 1835, he intended only to use it while filling important government contracts at his Tuckahoe marble quarries. However, it has been the family seat ever since; Masterton descendants contributed a major share in village development. Scottish W. R. Hamilton painted the fabulous family pictures in the "portrait room." Miss Amie S. Dusenberry — granddaughter of Mr. Masterton — now lives here.





# OLDEST INDUSTRIAL BUILDING — YONKERS

MARY ANDREWS

As long ago as 1728 a bridge spanned the Bronx River at a point where later developed a small community known as Tuckaho Hills, having taken its name from the historic hills to the west. From old records it is ascertained that landowners voted rights for a mill, at the same time agreeing to permit the erection of a dam to back river water on adjoining lands to create a lake for needed power. The mill site selected was near the strategic old Valentine Bridge on the main crossroad from the Hudson to the Sound. In his *History of Westchester County*, Bolton mentions a small settlement on the west bank of the Bronx which earlier included only "a small India Rubber Manufactory, a postoffice and a few houses." To introduce the story of the venerable industrial building, oldest standing in Yonkers, it is necessary to go back beyond 1853 when the rubber plant began operation. First it housed one of the earliest cotton mills in America. The Hodgman rubber processing plant was succeeded by Burroughs Wellcome and Company, internationally known manufacturers of medicine and specialists in medical and pharmaceutical research. Although there is still a dam across the river here, no water power has been utilized for years. The sturdy stone structure of three stories and loft, built, according to available records, somewhere between 1800 and 1810, is as substantial today as when erected more than 140 years ago. Details make an interesting study. Walls were staunchly constructed as they had to be to support floors holding heavy machinery and a roof three stories above the ground. Windows are small and well placed for light. Arches over them, of red brick, make a pleasing contrast to gray stone walls. The brick is odd in size, eight inches by four by two, or the same dimensions as the brick in Philipse Manor Hall, suggesting that they too arrived as ballast in sailing vessels from overseas.

	JUNE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Friday			
2	Saturday			
3	Sunday		Sevens - 5 to 8	
4	Monday	} Go for Bill	Garden Party	
5	Tuesday			
6	Wednesday		Coe arrives Car	
7	Thursday			
8	Friday			
9	Saturday			
10	Sunday			
11	Monday	Bill comes		
12	Tuesday	Bill leaves -		
13	Wednesday	Singer festival -		
14	Thursday			
15	Friday			
16	Saturday			6:30 from Carpenter



JUNE	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17 Sunday			
18 Monday			
19 Tuesday			7 o'clock - Gauisferapp
20 Wednesday			
21 Thursday			
22 Friday			
23 Saturday			
24 Sunday			
25 Monday	Slip covers		
26 Tuesday			
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28 Thursday			
29 Friday			
30 Saturday		Altman	

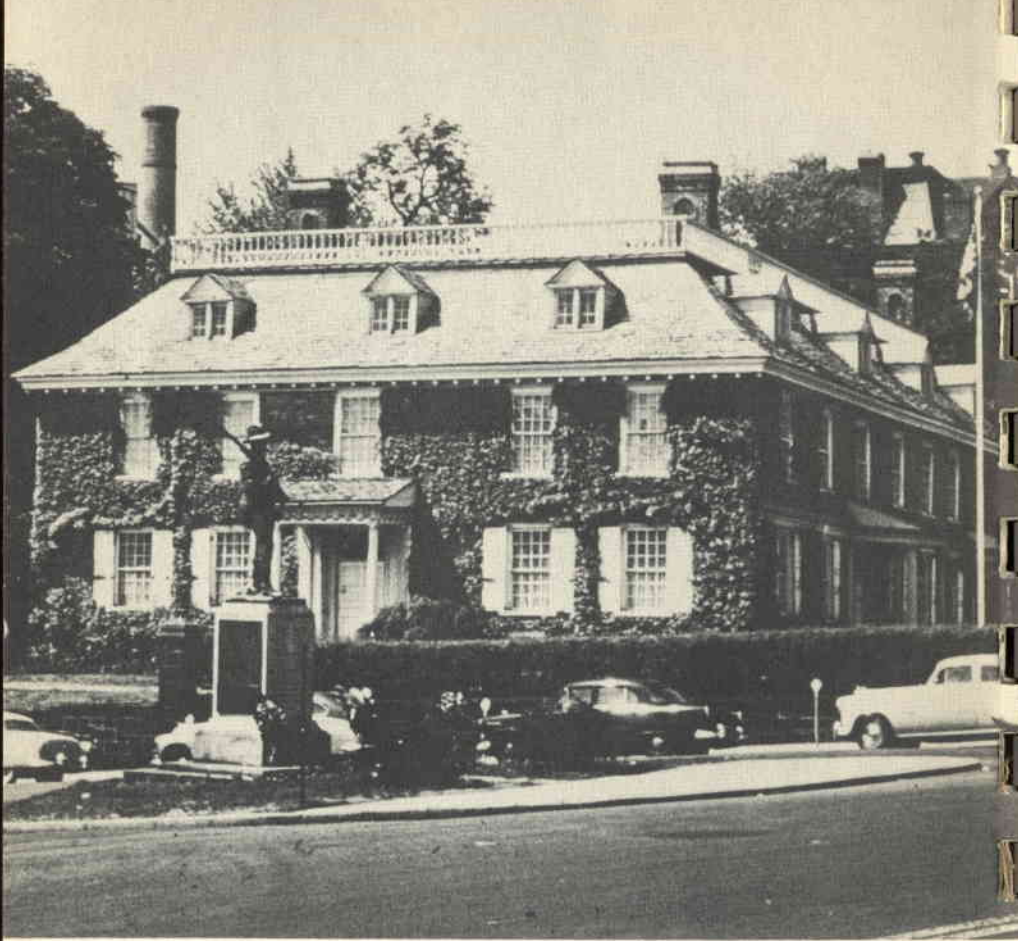


SUNNYSIDE — IRVINGTON

MARY ANDREWS

This doll's house in the dell by the Hudson is first of the Westchester Rockefeller restorations. Thousands visit it each year to pay tribute to Washington Irving who brought the county fame both as author and diplomat. Here at Sunnyside the genius from whose imagination sprang the immortal "Rip," wrote the culminating book of his career, his "Life of George Washington." When six, instigated by his Scotch nurse, the general for whom Irving was named, blessed the child.





PHILIPSE MANOR HALL — YONKERS

ALLISON ALBEE

Frederick Philipse, first lord of the Manor of Philipsborough, builder of this Manor Hall and of Philipse Castle on his upper plantation, founded a family which stayed firmly loyal to the crown of Britain and thereby lost its American holdings.

Born in Friesland in 1626, Frederick reached New Netherlands while still in his teens, becoming carpenter to the Dutch East India Company; he often was employed by Director General Peter Stuyvesant.

Philipse made two most advantageous marriages and perfectly adjusted himself to the vicissitudes of early Manhattan which changed hands so often from Dutch to English and back again. An astute trader, he became a pillar of royal administration and eventually amassed a vast fortune. More than 50,000 acres appertained to his manor for which he paid the Duke of York annual quit rent of one bushel of winter wheat.

For four generations fealty to the British Lion continued and the lands along the Hudson and stretching in part to the Sound remained Philipse till, by the passage of an act of attainder in 1779, fifty-eight Loyalists were proscribed and their estates confiscated. The third Lord, also Frederick, spent the remainder of his life in comfortable English exile.

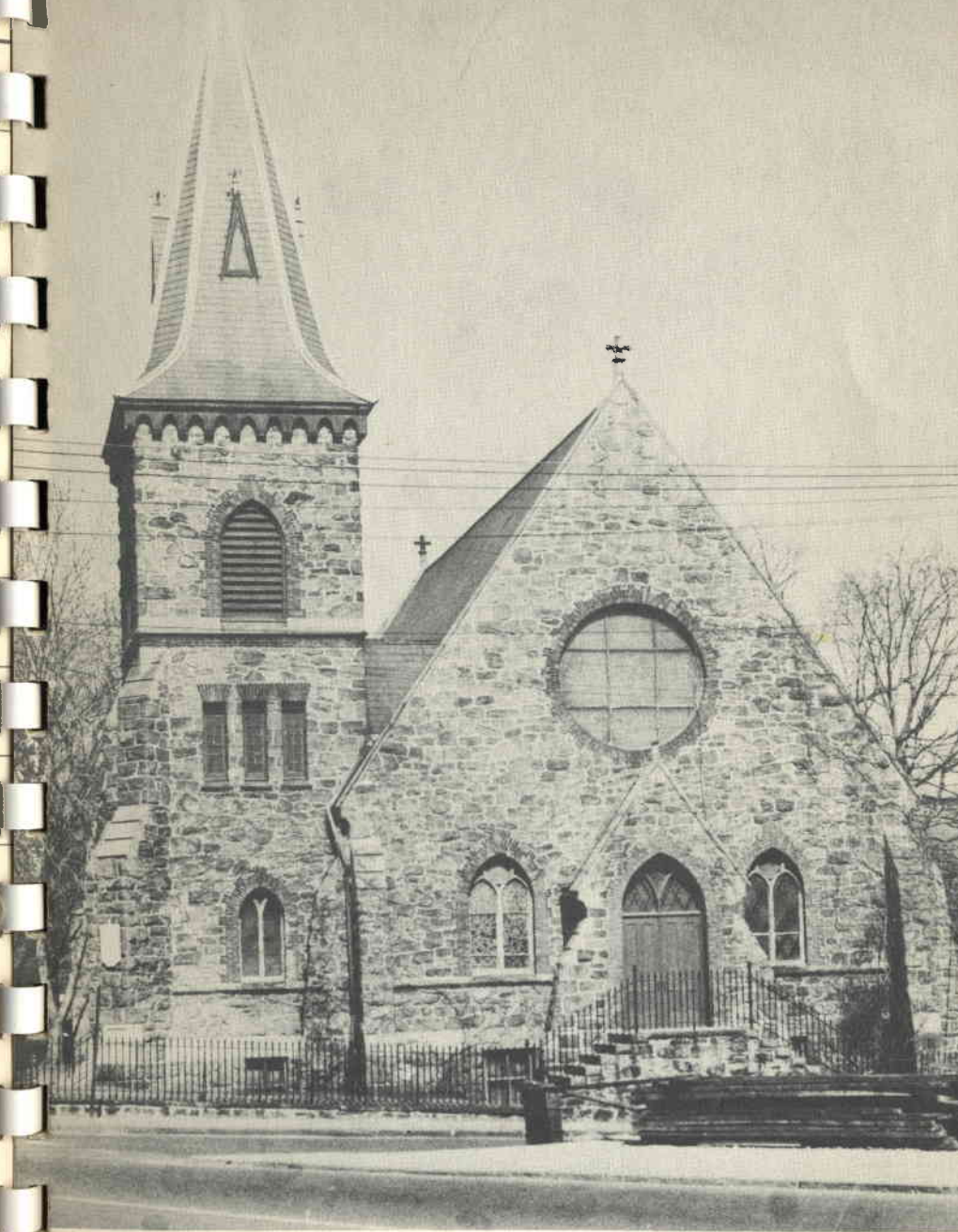
The Manor Hall he abandoned stands still, solid and reserved in the traffic-beset center of industrial Yonkers. The Nepperhan on which it once fronted and whose power turned its prosperous mills, flows under Warburton Avenue, well concealed. On its hilltop above Dock Street, the Hall reminds visitors of royal manorial life before the advent of democracy.

Fashioned of native stone and brick, dormer-windowed, slate-roofed, it houses a notable collection of 18th century elegance, including a famed group of portraits assembled by Alexander Smith Cochran. Fittingly enough, these include a likeness of George the Third.

	JULY	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Sunday			
2	Monday			
3	Tuesday			
4	Wednesday	Carpenters - Yoder -	Breakfast	
		Allinson Smyth -	premie.	
5	Thursday	Ship. Co. -		
		12:15 at hamico		
6	Friday	Jenney sails -		
7	Saturday			
8	Sunday			
9	Monday	Work Week		
		at Ethel Pauls + Ruggers.		
10	Tuesday			
11	Wednesday			
12	Thursday		1 Pm -	
			Francia Beale's	
13	Friday	Leave for Ga. ?		
14	Saturday			
15	Sunday			
16	Monday			



JULY	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17 Tuesday			
18 Wednesday			
19 Thursday			
20 Friday			
21 Saturday			
22 Sunday	Return from La?		
23 Monday			
24 Tuesday			yodels
25 Wednesday			
26 Thursday		(Nashings - Natalie)	
27 Friday		4:30 Dr. Ballwinkle	
28 Saturday			
29 Sunday			
30 Monday	Bill	arrives	
31 Tuesday		Moments hush	Pierre yodels



IN THE PATH OF PROGRESS — ST. LUKE'S — NEW ROCHELLE

ALLISON ALBEE

Because it stood square in the course of the THRUWAY, Saint Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been demolished. The fine stone structure recently graced the corner of Union and Division Streets, New Rochelle, where it succeeded the original little white chapel in 1900. A new Saint Luke's is rising on Eastchester Road on land originally farmed by Pierre Parcot, one of the Huguenot refugees whose blood, sweat and toil established New Rochelle.





## PRIZED GENERATION

MARY ANDREWS

Little do these lasses feeding ducks on the shimmering Bronx River Parkway pond at Scarsdale realize what these ripples and the dam in the background represent. To them ducks are important, not history, but that will become so since village schools teach all about Sam Crawford whose grist and saw mill stood here; last remnants of this bit of colonial economy vanished with the Parkway. Crawford was Scarsdale's first son to give his life for liberty. He was killed in a skirmish with the British. The spot is marked on the Post Road.

AUGUST		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Wednesday	Margarite 10:40 <u>hrs</u> Ruggers		
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5	Sunday			
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HYATT DESK — SCARSDALE

MARY ANDREWS

Though this desk qualifies as photogenic for beauty alone — with its satin patina, original brasses, and simply carved and fluted interior, it was not pictured for that reason. Lying on it, under glass, is a will, dated 1759; herein Elisha Hyatt of the White Plains left it to his son and namesake. Ever since the desk has gone “to the son who has a son.” Today it adorns the eighteenth century home at 937 Post Road of Caleb Hyatt whose grandfather, also Caleb, bought the property in 1836.





# ST. JOHN'S — COLONIAL HEIGHTS, TUCKAHOE

MARY ANDREWS

John Bowne, who gave the land for this church, submitted on December 24, 1798 an accounting of building costs which totalled 203 pounds, 4 shillings, 11 pence. "But," as their obedient servant concluded, "the best part of it all is that as we stand here today in this new house of God we have paid all these monies and there is no debt left to plague us." The original square, with frame of hewn timber, had no cellar and was only started in September of that same year. Yet it still stands anchored on its commanding height among the Turkey Hoe hills. Nearby was once located the first school of the English manor. Bowne's reckoning of what went into St. John's included among the customary shingles, nails, glue and putty, three gallons of rum. The list of laborers who hammered the nails and doubtless drank the rum during cold snaps, includes names which have resounded through Westchester since Indian days — Sherwood, Odell, Fowler, Williams.

Actually the Parish was founded nine years earlier by Rev. Elias Cooper, rector of old St. John's Church in Getty Square, Yonkers' first place of worship. Mr. Cooper made regular trips to his mission on horseback, wearing the small clothes of that period with the three-cornered Continental hat. He held services in neighborhood homes. In 1855 the church became an independent organization. The congregation celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1948. Because of increased communicants, St. John's has since expanded with an ample parish house, meanwhile cherishing the beautifully restored original building with its tidy cluster of graves. Outside the front door, though no longer functional, is a carriage stop of white Tuckahoe marble.

SEPTEMBER	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1 Saturday			
2 Sunday			
3 Monday			
4 Tuesday		Olsen	
5 Wednesday			
6 Thursday			
7 Friday			
8 Saturday			
9 Sunday			
10 Monday			
11 Tuesday	10:30 AM Synn Lung		
12 Wednesday			
13 Thursday			
14 Friday	Penfield's		MS 62 - 6 Ind
15 Saturday			
16 Sunday		Mary O. Kawia	



SEPTEMBER	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
17 Monday			N.Y. Dinner
18 Tuesday			2:15 Gen. meeting Harris Com. report
19 Wednesday	Bedford. Gyps Retreat Presbyterial. 10 - - to 3 P.M.		
20 Thursday			
21 Friday		(counselor training) W.H.	
22 Saturday			
23 Sunday	Mary O - arrives.		
24 Monday	W.H. 10:30 thru 2:30 Presbyterial Retreat Weymon		
25 Tuesday		away	
26 Wednesday		to Oct 2	
27 Thursday			
28 Friday		Research Seminar W.H.	
29 Saturday			
30 Sunday			



SPY CAPTURED HERE — TARRYTOWN

MARY ANDREWS

Washington's words are graven here and sum up the service of Andre's captors: "Their conduct merits our warmest esteem. They have prevented in all probability our suffering one of the severest strokes that could have been meditated against us."

A tablet on the fence notes its placement there, by the Westchester County Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, in memory of Mrs. Mary Taylor who gave the ground for the monument. Fittingly enough, the tablet was installed in 1930 on the 150th anniversary of this deed.





"BROOKSIDE"—NEW ROCHELLE

POMEROY  
COURTESY — GLOVER JOHNSON, ESQ.

This spacious home of Huguenot origin stands out like a rare jewel in a changing county where split level and ranch houses are displacing the traditional. Fortunately in historic New Rochelle such treasures of the past are still cherished.

None has been more meticulously restored than "Brookside" on Wilmot Road whose owners, Mr. and Mrs. Glover Johnson, have furnished it with choice heirlooms. Many came down from Thomas Lewis of Marblehead who operated a merchant fleet and from his son, Commodore Jacob Lewis, U.S.N.

OCTOBER		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Monday	important luncheon Hotel New Yorker - 1 to 3.30 34 & Eighth		
2	Tuesday	Flourish (Weyman returns)		
3	Wednesday			
4	Thursday			
5	Friday	as planned (canceled)		
6	Saturday			
7	Sunday			
8	Monday	Healing - 2:00 2.24 Feminine		
9	Tuesday	Tuesing 12:30 Fellowship - 12:30 B. Ferry		
10	Wednesday			
11	Thursday	Sewing?		
12	Friday			
13	Saturday			
14	Sunday			
15	Monday	Cubbing 1 P.M. up Back Mrs. Avery 12/46		
16	Tuesday			



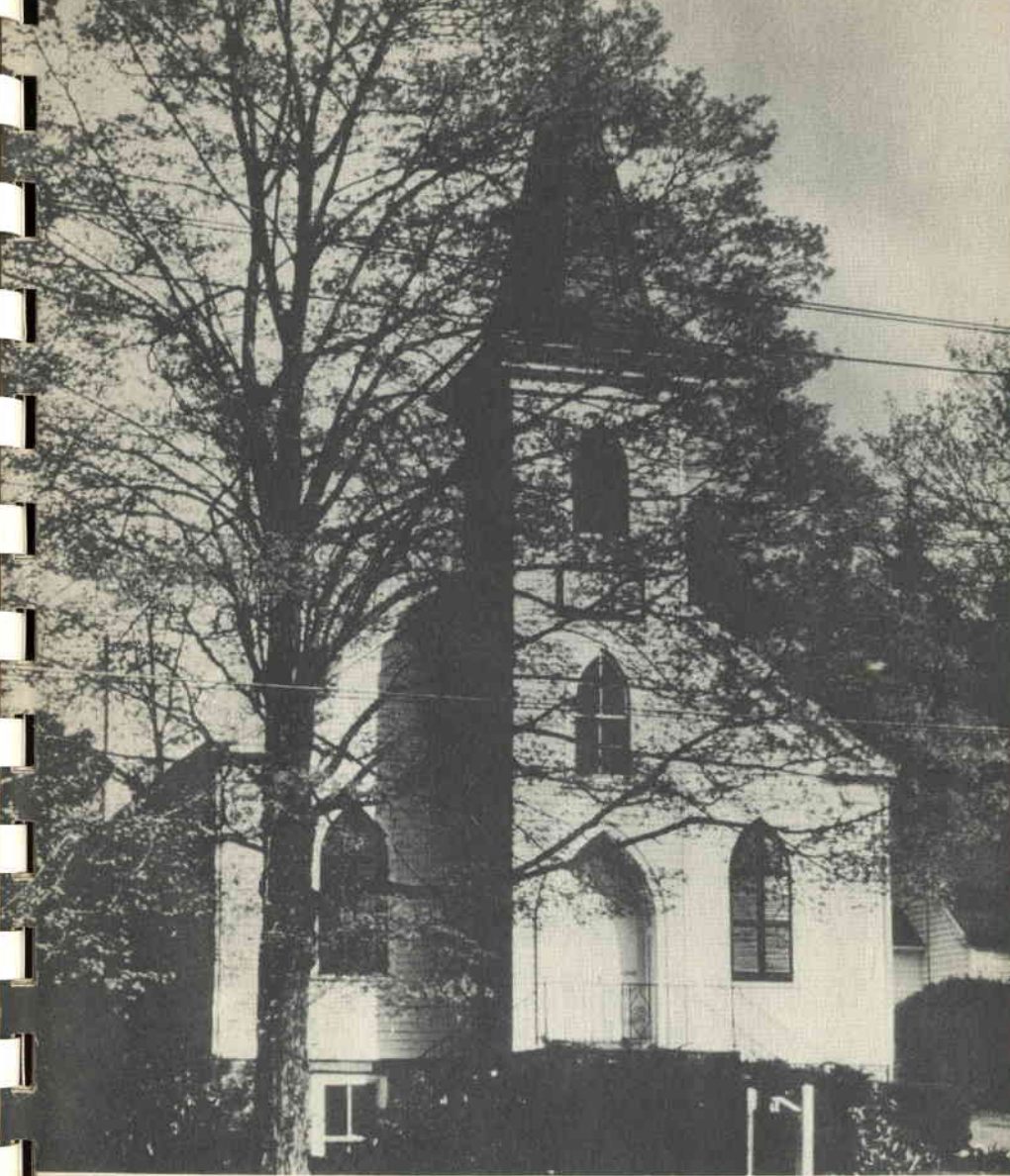
OCTOBER

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

17 Wednesday			
18 Thursday			
19 Friday	11 A.M. Spiritual life Dissent at "Iskenaya"		
20 Saturday		Communion W.H.	
21 Sunday			
22 Monday		Yonkers - 10 A.M. District one.	
23 Tuesday		Twing.	Public meeting W.H. Ash
24 Wednesday		Eastchester District & Presbytery	
25 Thursday			
26 Friday			
27 Saturday		Presbytery W.H.	
28 Sunday			
29 Monday	11 A.M. Womans. Communion Assn.		
30 Tuesday		Twing.	
31 Wednesday			

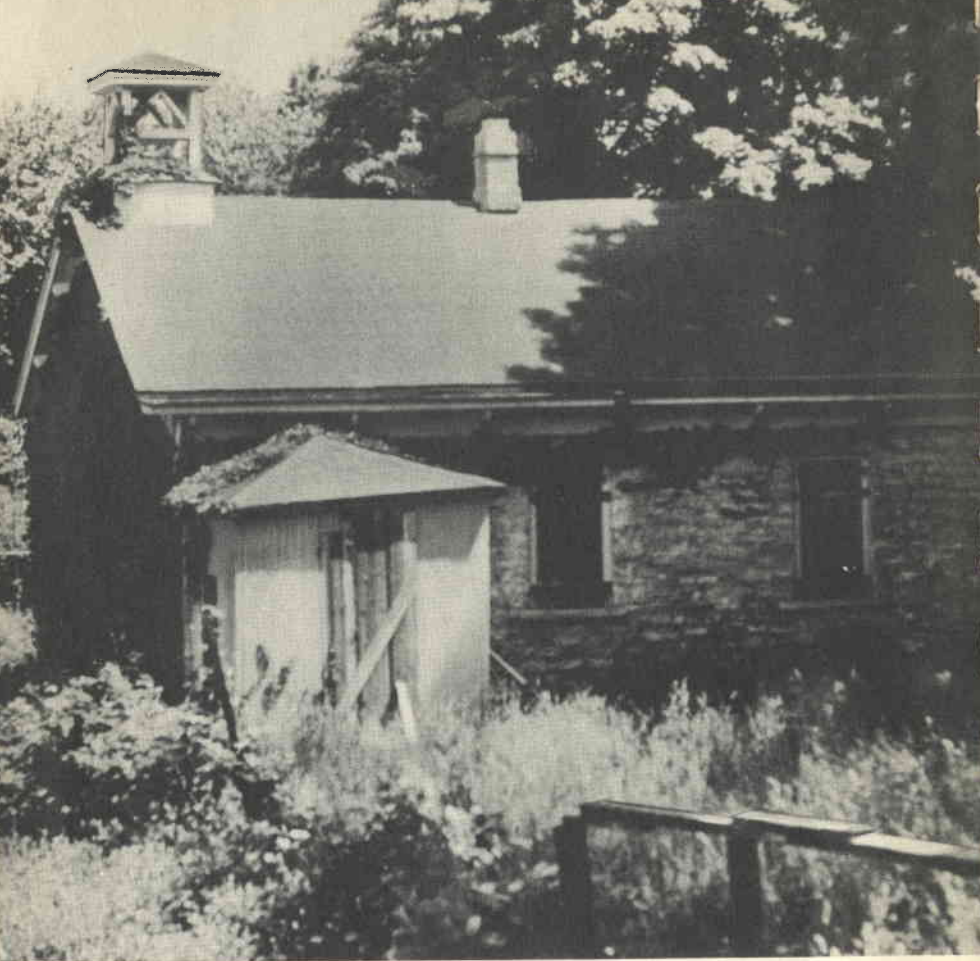


GREENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH — SCARSDALE

MARY ANDREWS

For nearly a century this was a struggling country church. Now it is the spiritual center of one of Scarsdale's finest residential areas. Recent growth has been so rapid that construction is soon to start on a beautiful new and considerably larger building. Dedicated as a Dutch Reformed church in 1842, the original part of the present quaint edifice cost \$212.25. Before the Greenville Church's organization, families in the section held Sunday services in the taproom of a tavern. Blankets concealed the bar!





MARBLE SCHOOLHOUSE — EASTCHESTER

MARY ANDREWS

In the best tradition of American education, the Bronxville Public School system originated in a small frame building. Started in 1797, this occupied the northeast corner of White Plains Post Road and California Road. Marble from Tuckahoe quarries was used for its successor put up in 1835 when the first was razed. Still known as "the marble schoolhouse," it too fronted the Post Road — on the west side — administering, till 1869, the three R's to children from Tuckahoe, Bronxville, northern Mount Vernon and as far east as the New Rochelle line. Scholars furnished their own books and supplies and paid rate bills of from three to four dollars a year; thus this was called a "rate school."

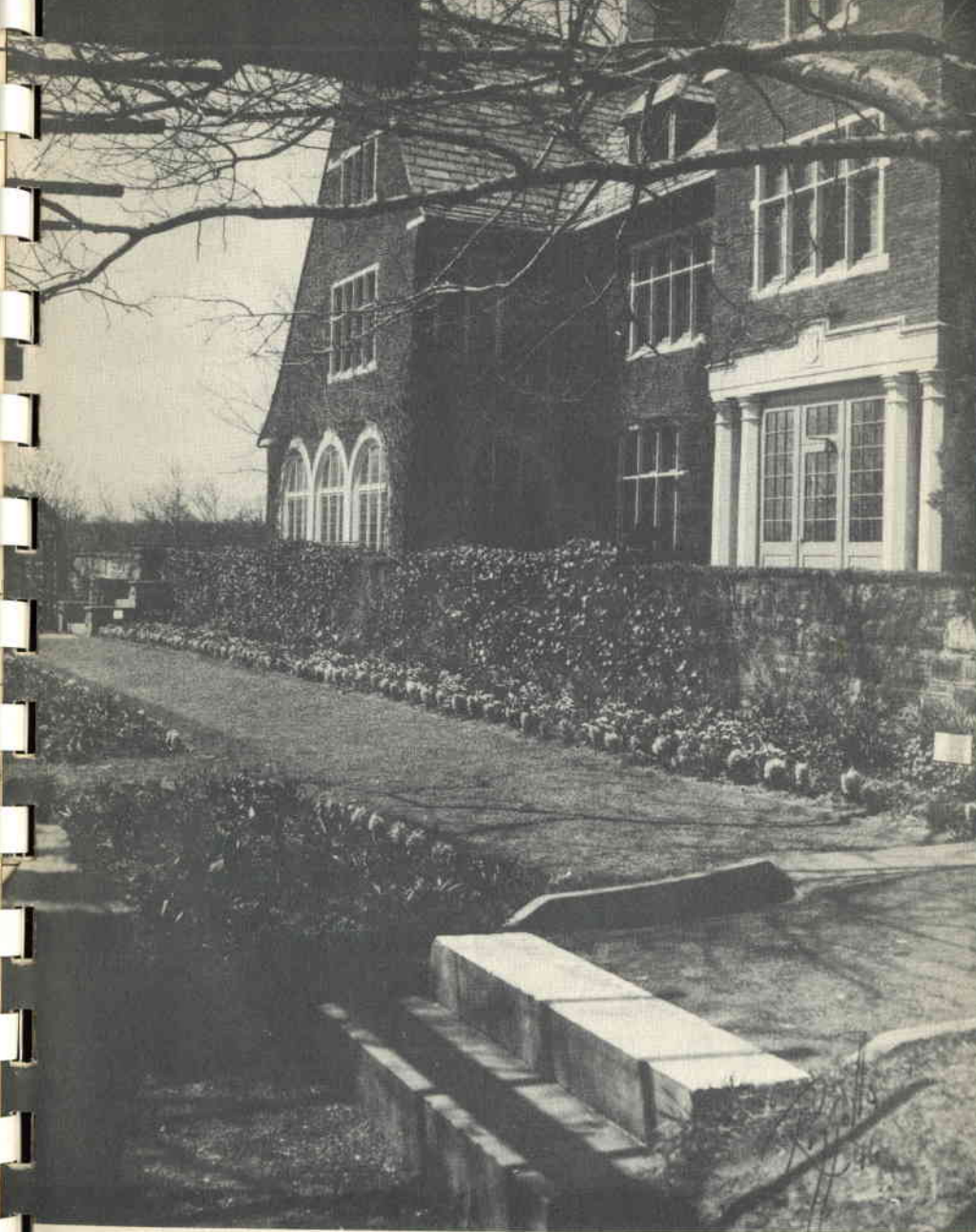
A new district was devised, embracing Bronxville and Tuckahoe, parts of the Town of Eastchester and the Chester Hill section of Mount Vernon. Designated School District 2, the Board bought a plot of land on California Road in Union Corners; there, block by block, the marble building was transplanted to its present site in 1869.

Fifteen years later the door closed finally behind the youngsters of Union Corners School as they raced out for their summer vacation to resume studies that fall in the new brick edifice on the Post Road, now an apartment house. Meanwhile from 1878 till 1885 the Reformed Church of Bronxville conducted Sunday afternoon services in the marble school and sometimes the women's sewing society also met there. No longer essential for purposes of education or faith, trustees sold the property to the Klopfer farms. Some two years ago, it was bequeathed to the Town of Eastchester, whose historian, Mr. Bertrand G. Burnett, annually escorts seventh graders through it. Their guide is well qualified for he himself learned his sums there, entering in 1880 when his maternal grandfather, Robert M. Masterton, was Board president.

NOVEMBER	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1 Thursday			
2 Friday			
3 Saturday			
4 Sunday			
5 Monday			
6 Tuesday		Twig	
7 Wednesday			
8 Thursday	Twig: 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.		
9 Friday	11 A.M. - 1 P.M. Public Meeting H. M. Magerau E. S. Magerau		
10 Saturday		at W. W.	
11 Sunday			
12 Monday			
13 Tuesday	Twig 3:30 - 5:00	Tea at Jon Harris for Reg.	
14 Wednesday	Grand Ball room 12:30		
15 Thursday			
16 Friday			



17 Saturday			
18 Sunday			
19 Monday		Circle 11:30	
20 Tuesday	Tenig		
21 Wednesday			
22 Thursday	Thanksgiving		
23 Friday			
24 Saturday		Katherine Johnson etc ?	
25 Sunday			
26 Monday			
27 Tuesday	1 P.M. Lunch Francis Beale		
28 Wednesday			
29 Thursday		Rechenen for P. G. group	
30 Friday		Review for couples to Dec 2	



SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE — BRONXVILLE

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Founded in 1928 as a liberal and progressive college for women by William Van Duser Lawrence in memory of his wife Sarah (Bates) Lawrence. Westlands, the Lawrence home, is now used as the administration building and the college campus embraces the Lawrence estate. An enrollment of 375 from all over the United States has a very large proportion of foreign students. Emphasis is placed on the performing arts — music, dance and drama, and a new Student Art Center with a large auditorium has lately been erected that houses studios for these studies.



UNCOMMON SCENE — BRIARCLIFF MANOR

MARY ANDREWS

Few Westchester travellers in foreign lands, confronted with this picture, would identify it as taken in their rapidly industrializing county. Probably they would attribute it to New England despite the contemporary fencing. Truth to tell, farms hereabouts are few and far between nowadays though common enough half a century ago. No, acres are seldom worked for profits around here anymore! This farm is in Briarcliff Manor.

DECEMBER	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1 Saturday			
2 Sunday			
3 Monday			(W H)
4 Tuesday		Elsie Carning 1 P.m. Shenandoah	
5 Wednesday			
6 Thursday			
7 Friday		3 diet - Populke - Spiritual Life	
8 Saturday		Gilraip - 2:30 P.m. McCanns 4 P.m.	Framing W H
9 Sunday			
10 Monday			Womans Acc - W H
11 Tuesday			
12 Wednesday			
13 Thursday			
14 Friday			
15 Saturday			
16 Sunday			



DECEMBER	Morning	DATES	Afternoon	Evening
17 Monday				
18 Tuesday				
19 Wednesday				
20 Thursday	11 Prayer groups		Col arrived	
21 Friday				W.H. supper
22 Saturday				
23 Sunday				
24 Monday				
25 Tuesday				
26 Wednesday			Relief for College students L. Son + Tom	
27 Thursday				
28 Friday	4:30 Miss Brann K-23 - 2nd Blind floor brook		Carpenters (at home) Harrison's Bayes Ladon's	7-12-
29 Saturday				
30 Sunday			Sea at W.N.	
31 Monday			Supper at Dean Edwards	7:30

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*It Happened in Westchester*

ensive account of this entire story in his SECRET HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Here we consider only a small portion of the story that took place in *Westchester*.

Benedict Arnold, whose courage in battle was proven at Quebec, Saratoga and lesser engagements, by subterfuge gained command of West Point, key control of the Hudson River. Long before he gained command, Arnold planned to sell vital information to the British. His secret correspondence with Clinton is ample proof of his disloyalty. At Arnold's request, Major John Andre was chosen as contact to arrange the details of the treason. A meeting took place on the west bank of the Hudson on the night of September 21, 1780 at a spot about opposite Ossining. Plans that were discussed this night were completed the next day and Andre was then ready to return to the British lines. He had come in the ship *Vulture* that had been forced to retire down the river when attacked by a shore battery. About sunset of the 22nd, Andre, accompanied by Tory Joshua Smith and his servant, the entire party being supplied with horses, crossed the Hudson and landed at Verplanck's Point in *Westchester*.

Major John Andre was a man of exceptional talent and ability who had served Clinton in many confidential missions. Leaving Arnold after the treason plans were complete, Andre took with him papers prepared by Arnold that were relative to the fortifications and military stores and supplies at West Point. Arnold's general plan was to offer only ineffectual resistance to an attack by Clinton. Besides these papers that he carried, Andre also changed from his military dress and these two facts weighed heavily against him when he was captured — at Tarrytown, in *Westchester*.

Andre and his escorts rode towards Peekskill and turned east on the Crompond Road. Before going far — it was then very dark — they were stopped by a party of guards of the Westchester militia and warned of the danger of going farther that night. Andre showed a pass that was made out to "John Anderson — to pass him through the lines to White Plains or beyond." The party stayed that night at the house of Andreas Miller. Very early next morning they again set out but were soon halted by other militiamen . . . In each instance the pass seemed to satisfy the guards and they were allowed to proceed. A stop was made for breakfast at the home of the Underhills' in Yorktown. Here Smith and his servant left Andre to ride on alone to White Plains or wherever he could find the British lines.

Andre rode on past the Underhills' to Pine's Bridge and crossed the Croton River. A turn to the right brought him to Underhills' Corners and the home of the Quaker named Stevenson Thorne where he asked directions. He was shown the way along Kipp Street — Hardscrabble Road and southward towards the Old Bedford Road and to Mekeel's Corners. At this point Andre took a left turn and came upon Hammonds' sawmill and house. A rough map that Arnold had given him showed this to be the best route. If he had gone along this road there is little doubt but that he would have soon found safety, but, David Hammond, a young lad, warned him that there were scouts along that road and Andre retraced his steps to Mekeel's Corners to follow the Old Bedford Road towards Tarrytown.

Near the juncture of Old Bedford Road and Albany Post Road — today a busy highway in the city limits of Tarrytown — Andre came upon three other guards more careful than those that he had met before. Suspicious of his answers to their questions, and not satisfied with the pass that he carried, they decided to search Andre and took him off the road for this purpose. Those damaging papers were found in his stockings. To their everlasting credit, these three scouts were not taken in either by the pass, Andre's story, or his offer of bribes. The names of these were — John Paulding, Isaac Van Wart and David Williams. Andre was taken to the nearest outpost of the Westchester militia and turned over to the proper officers. His identity was soon known and there was an immediate hue and cry for Arnold who had escaped to the British lines. Andre was tried as a spy — found guilty and hanged within the week.

Today this journey of Andre is over roads that are modernized, straightened and many new corners and names exist. Historians, it always seemed, would prefer a happier ending for Andre and a sadder one for Arnold (who lived to collect his money and lead British troops against his countrymen). Arnold was by no means the only traitor to the American cause . . . his was perhaps the boldest scheme. Others lived out their lives unsuspected — but their importance is dimmed by the Arnold treason which came to its end . . . in *Westchester*.

BACK COVER: Philipse Castle — North Tarrytown. Picture by Mary Andrews.

Here, in Sleepy Hollow country, flourishes a restoration second to none. Backed by Rockefeller funds, Philipse Castle shows two aspects of the Westchester scene: early *Colonial*, as seen in the stone section begun by the First Lord of the Manor soon after he secured the mill site in 1683, and early *Republic*, typified by Gerard Beekman's wooden addition, circa 1754. No pains were spared; from minuscule pipkin to massive Dutch dower chest, collections are in glossy condition.