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History
of the Matappen
Falls

Patent grant under James the 2^d in the year 1685 by
 Thomas Dongan Gov^r of the Colony of New York for 16 Miles
 square, beginning at the Foot of the Highlands, running
 North, along the Hudson River, the East side, to Francis
 Rumbout, Jacobus Kipp & Stephanus van courtland
 (S. W. Courtlandt was the Father of Elizabeth Skinner). There

was a division and Partition with the children and grand
 children November 1st 1733

William Skinner and his wife ^{Elizabeth} Deeded to Adolphus
 Brower Oct. 9th 1741 Lot No. 4 Containing 755 Acres of
 Land on the South side of the great Wappingers Kill or
 River with Kill or River and every part thereof and the
 ground and soil under the same, including the little

Falls north of this Lot as well as the great Falls, with
 with all the creeks, meadows, water courses, Marshes &
 &c. &c. Nicholas Brower, eldest son of Adolphus,
 possessed this lot of land, whether by heirship or
 otherwise, not ascertained

On Sept. 16th 1762 The Van courtlandt Family 21
 in number Deeded to Nicholas Brower a lot of land

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Land on the west side of Wappingus Creek containing
... acres (this lot was also conveyed by Peter Lawson)
bounds th with the Wappingus creek including every part
thereof and also about 2 or 3 acres of land on the same
west side of the creek (in the rear of a Farm occupied by
Isaac Lawson and sold to Ackerman) running North
from the Kings Bridge across the neck of land till the
said north line comes ~~comes~~ to the Creek, thence
down the Creek as it runs to the beginning ^{Including} the Creek
and stream of Water in its courses, Ponds Falls &c.
This last mentioned 2 or 3 acres with the Matappon falls
was bought also from Isaac Lawson (deed not to be found)
and reserved by him in the sale of his Farm to Mr.
Ackerman as per the Records.

On the 6th January 1763 Catharine Brett Quit claims
to Nicholas Brower all her right & Title &c. &c. to and in
the great Wappingus Creek or River and all the parts
thereof belonging, Beginning at the Northeast corner
of the land belonging to Isaac Lawson, thence running
down said Creek its courses and turning as the Creek