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#### HISTORY OF THE WATAPPEN FALLS

Pattant (sic) grant under James the 2nd in the year 1685 by Thomas Dongan, Governor 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 and Stephanis Van Courtlandt. (S. Van Courtlandt was the father of Elizabeth Skinner). There was a division and a partition with the children and grandchildren November 1, 1733.

William Skinner and Elizabeth his wife deeded to Adolphus Brower October 9th, 1741, Lot No. 4, containing 755 acres of land on the south side of the great Wappingers ---- 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 all the creeks, meadows, watercourses, marshes, etc. etc. Nicholas Brower, eldest son of Adolphus, possessed this lot of land, whether by heirship or otherwise not ascertained.

On September 10th, 1702 the van Courtlandt family, 21 in number, deeded to Nicholas Brower a lot of land on the west side of Wappingers Creek containing ----- acres. (this lot was also conveyed by Peter Lawson) bound -- with the Wappinger's Creek including every part thereof and also about 2 or 3 acres of land on the same west side of the creek, in the area of a farm occupied by Isaac Lawson and Soletto Ackerman, running north from the Kings Bridge across the neck of land till the said north line comes to the creek, whence down the creek as it runs to the beginning, including the stream of water in its courses, ponds, falls, etc. This last mentioned 2 or 3 acres with the Watappen Falls was bought also from Isaac Lawson (deed not to be found) and reserved by him in the sale of his farm to W. Ackerman as per the records.

On the 6th of January, 1763 Catherine Brett quit claimed to Nicholas Brower all her right and title to and in the great Wappingers Creek or River and all the parts thereto belonging. Beginning at the norteast corner of the land belonging to Isaac Lawson, thence running down said creek, its courses and turn as the creek-----