

troduced to the gentlemen attending, Colonel Henry A. Livingston addressed him. \* \* \* \*

"In the feeling reply which the general gave to this address, he mentioned the astonishing change which the village had undergone since his former acquaintance with it. He tendered his thanks for the attention he had received, and expressed the great satisfaction which he felt at the reception he had everywhere met with since his arrival in our country. \* \* \* \*

"A procession was then formed to the Poughkeepsie Hotel, where the general sat down with a numerous company to an excellent breakfast prepared by Captain Myer. The general was seated at the head of the table, and Major [*sic*] Swartwout, a soldier of the Revolution, now 95 [*sic*] years of age, was seated at the opposite end.

"The ladies of the village had decorated the room in a most tasteful and elegant manner, which is correctly described by the editor of the *New York Commercial Advertiser*: 'At the head of the table hung the well-known and venerated portrait of Washington, and at the opposite end, the grand banner of St. Tammany. On each side of the hall, at suitable distances, were suspended banners, with the arms, name, and motto of each state in the Union. Over the centre of the table hung a canopy formed of festoons of flowers and evergreens of various kinds belted by a ribbon, on which was inscribed the names of the thirteen original states. Over the folding-doors were the well-known words of Welcome La Fayette, made with great accuracy, wholly of pink-colored blossoms of china-aster, and on one of the walls were inscribed the names of Washington and La Fayette, wrought in laurel-leaves, and encircled in garlands of flowers. Directly in front of the general's seat, stood a representation of the temple of Fame.'

"As the general could not prolong his stay in the village without disappointing great numbers of people who would be waiting at the several places along the river in anxious expectation of his arrival, the procession was formed immediately after breakfast, and proceeded to the landing. \* \* \* \*

"The boat having received the general and his suite put off into the stream, while thousands of people were repeating their cheers, accompanied by a national salute from the artillery on the bluffs."

The honor of having been seated at the end of the breakfast table opposite the Marquis de Lafayette was eminently due General Swartwout both by reason of his great age and his distinguished civil and military services, but a more distinct evidence of the high appreciation in which he was held by the people of Dutchess County is that his name was the only one mentioned, besides that of the illustrious guest, of the persons seated at the table, in the published account of the incidents of the memorable day.