

County, and seated himself on a farm in Rensselaerswyck, in Rensselaer County, having it conveyed to him on March 23, 1795. On it, later in the town of Sandlake, he died in March, 1820, having made his will there on June 7, 1817.¹

As recorded, Cornelius Swartwout, on April 21, 1810, had conveyed to him by Stephen van Rensselaer, "in consideration of the sum of five shillings,"



THE OLD HOMESTEAD OF CORNELIUS SWARTWOUT.

a farm, containing one hundred and twenty-two acres, lying in the town of Brunswick, within the manor of Rensselaerswyck, on the north side of the Hoosick Road, about two miles eastward of the village of Troy, for which, as provided by the deed, he was required to pay "the yearly rent of eighteen bushels of good clean merchantable winter wheat" and "four fat hens," and deliver them "at the new house of the said Stephen van Rensselaer, in the town of Watervliet," in Albany County, and "perform one day's service with carriage and horses."²

Troy, as described in 1806, was then rapidly attaining larger proportions.

¹ The will is filed in the office of the surrogate of Rensselaer County.

² Book of deeds, 5, in the office of the clerk of Rensselaer County, pp. 440-443.