

tember, that year, for the transportation of supplies to the two places. During the fall months the movement of infantry and artillery through Troy was frequent. On Thursday, the third of September, two regiments of infantry and an artillery company, on their way to Plattsburg, encamped near the village. The river in front of Troy was a convenient harbor for the anchorage of vessels freighted with army-supplies. Bateaux were often seen on it passing northward. As chronicled by the Troy newspapers, there were incidents which gave frequent rise to public censure and pertinent questions regarding military mismanagement. "We are informed," a Troy journal remarks, "that many of the bateaux which have passed this town, manned by soldiers only, were in a leaky condition, and that a large quantity of bread, powder, and other articles on board were spoiled by being wet." As also noted by the Troy newspapers, the drafted militia of Rensselaer and Columbia counties, in the second week in September, 1812, went into camp about a mile from the village.

On the reception in Troy, on Tuesday, February 21, 1815, of the news of the ratification of peace between the United States of America and Great Britain, it was arranged that the inhabitants should give expression to their joy on the following day. "The bells were rung, and at eleven o'clock, a numerous procession was formed," which marched to the Presbyterian meeting-house, where suitable religious exercises were conducted by the ministers of the different churches. In the evening the dwellings and stores were illuminated. From sundown until nine o'clock, "the roar of cannon was almost incessant, and at intervals in the evening the beauty of the whole scene was much heightened by the appearance of rockets let off from the United States Arsenal," at Gibbonsville (now Watervliet).

Henry Swartwout was then mourning the death of his second wife, who had died on January 21st, that year. The severance of the tender ties of affection which had strongly attached his youngest children to their gentle step-mother, filled their hearts with sad longings for her daily cheer and sweet sympathy. Having for four years entrusted his children to the care of different house-keepers, he, on June 19, 1819, wedded Sarah Mann Allen, a widow. He died on September 23, 1841, and his wife survived him until March 19, 1873, when she died aged eighty-eight years.

When the first directory of Troy was published in 1829, the population of the city was 10,840. "The increase during the last five or six years," remarks the writer of the brief historical sketch prefacing the small duodecimo, "exceeds by more than a half that of any equal time preceding. For this it is indebted to the opening of the Grand Canal [the Erie], whose beneficent waters reached the Hudson in 1824. Troy has reaped some share of the boundless benefits diffused by that great undertaking, as it has opened her markets, in some