

occupied by the unique dwelling represented on this page. On May 18, 1721, he purchased with the sum of one hundred and forty-three pounds, three other tracts of land along "Schaahkooks Creek," comprising thirty *morgens*, belonging to Harmanus Wendell and Philip Livingston, merchants of Albany, and adjoining the lands of Johannes Christianse and Johannes Groesbeck, Johannes De Wandelaer, Lewis Viele, and Marten Dellemont.



AN OLD SCHAGHTICOKE HOMESTEAD.

Mrs. Bratt, his sister, had evidently become a near neighbor, for, in the minutes of the meeting of the common council of the city of Albany, on April 18, 1718, the following entry appears:

"The petition of Maria Bratt, widow of Johannes Bratt, deceased, being read, praying for an abatement of the heavy acknowledgment which is on the land in her possession, and also a release for a small spott of ground on the east of Tamhenicks Creek, above the bridge, as may be sufficient for a *hofstede* [or country-seat]." She was granted "the land above the bridge," containing three or four acres, bounded "on the south by Tamhenicks Creek."

At that meeting of the common council, as particularized in the minutes, Johannes De Wandelaer, of Schaahkook, appeared to acquaint the commonalty