

a time was associated with Ward Carpenter in that business. The first map representing the cartographic features of the village was made by Mr. Swartwout. He was one of the patriotic young men of Tarrytown who projected the erection of a monument to mark and embellish as an historic site the ground on which Major John André was captured. A public meeting was held in the village on May 6, 1853, to give expression to their suggestions and to take such action as might be deemed expedient to further the project. Amos R. Clark, president of the association, presided, assisted by N. Holmes Odell, as vice-president; Steuben P. Swartwout being elected secretary. As a consequence of this meeting, an attractive marble monument was erected a few feet from the brook where the British adjutant-general had watered the horse on which he was hastening toward New York city, and where he was captured. The following inscription was lettered upon the east side of the square block of marble :

“ On this spot,
the 23d day of September, 1780, the spy,
Major John André,
adjutant-general of the British army, was captured by
John Paulding, David Williams, and Isaac van Wart,
all natives of this county.
History has told the rest.

The people of Westchester County have erected this monument, as well to commemorate a great event, as to testify their high estimation of that integrity and patriotism which, rejecting every temptation, rescued the United States from most imminent peril, by baffling the arts of a spy and the plots of a traitor.

Dedicated October 7, 1853.”

Steuben Philip Swartwout is honored as the designer of this important memorial. Having in view the perpetuation of suitable mementos relating to the capture of Major André, the members of the association declared their purpose in the following declaration :

“ Know all men, that we, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, of full age, and a majority of whom reside in and are citizens of the state of New York, do hereby form ourselves into a society for the purpose of taking proper care of the monument heretofore erected to commemorate the capture of Major André, and also to collect and preserve the early relics and memorials of our country, but especially of Tarrytown and its vicinity; that this association shall be known by the name of the ‘ Monument Association of the Capture of André; ’ that the trustees of this association shall be nine in number, and that such trustees for the first year are the undersigned :

“ Tarrytown, August 14th, 1879.

“ Jacob B. Odell, Amos R. Clark, Steuben P. Swartwout,
Wm. T. Lockwood, Samuel Requa, N. Holmes Odell,
James W. Scribner, Henry E. Paulding, J. S. Millard.”

“ I hereby consent and approve of the filing of the within certificate of incorporation.

“ Dated Nov. 24th, 1879.

“ J. O. Dykman,

“ Judge of the Supreme Court.”

The ceremonies of the unveiling of an enlarged and improved monument on the one hundredth anniversary of the capture of Major André, on September 23, 1880, attracted there a vast concourse of people. The presence of a detachment of the United States army in Tarrytown, and a number of United States naval vessels in the river opposite the village, also made the occasion memorable. The Hon. Samuel J. Tilden delivered the opening address, which was followed by an eloquent oration by the Honorable Chauncey M. Depew.

Steuben P. Swartwout was postmaster of Tarrytown, from July 4, 1853, to May 29, 1854, during the presidency of Franklin Pierce. Having determined to change his place of residence, Mr. Swartwout resigned his postmastership and moved to New York city, whence he