

the farmers at Schaghticoke and in its vicinity. In the drawing of conveyances, contracts, and wills, he was regarded as highly trustworthy and painstaking.

For a number of years he was, as a militiaman, a member of the second squadron of the third division of Rensselaer County cavalry, commanded by Captain Knickerbacker, and on March 16, 1804, was appointed second lieutenant of the troop.

At the house of her brother, Felix Lester, on the west side of Third Street, between Congress and State streets, Troy, he met Amelia, the daughter of



MRS. DAVID KETELHUYN.

Mordecai Lester,¹ to whom he was united in marriage, in Troy, on January 20, 1812, by the Rev. Jonas Coe, D.D. Although living at Tomhannock, in Rensselaer County, their first daughter was born in Troy, on November 17, 1813, at the residence of Felix Lester, on the west side of Third Street, opposite the

¹ Mordecai Lester was living in 1746, in Crom Elbo Precinct, Dutchess County. On September 20, 1772, appointed a justice of the peace, and, in 1775, refused to sign the pledge of general association. Accused as being a bearer of intelligence to the commander of the British forces, he was obliged to conceal himself in a house at Fishkill, whence, in August, 1775, he fled to an English man-of-war in New York harbor, which sailed to Nova Scotia. He settled in New Brunswick, bought a ship and became a trader to India, carrying there fish and returning with silks, china, and other oriental products. He was thrown from a carriage and killed. He married Amelia Flagler, of Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County. Children: Mordecai, born in Nova Scotia, July 27, 1770; married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Ann