

allegiance to this country. How proud the members of his family were! And how grateful I felt that America was mine by birthright!

Many years later I was invited to a family gathering across the street and my neighbor said,

"I'd like you to meet my brother who is visiting from Florida, Vincent Giacubbe."

And this good-looking Italian, middle-aged man said to me,

"We've already met — you're the lady that helped make this country mine!"

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Indian Island

Two stone markers that say "Indian Island" are in the possession of Leslie Bollman of Congers from a former bridge that crossed the Hackensack River near the present Congers Road causeway over Lake Deforest. In the last issue of *South of the Mountains*, there was a query about the identity of the island.

The land grants map in Cole's history of the county, page 142, shows a 500-acre patent adjoining the Quaspeck, or Pond, Patent west of the Hackensack. It is called Matasink Patent, or Welch's Island, and was purchased in 1694 by William and Apollonia Welch. I realize from the map that the patent area is almost entirely surrounded by streams - tributaries of the Hackensack. There was a lot of swamp land then but various high spots were farmed. Ed Klass of New City told me that it was called Tamarack Swamp.

I then remembered that Rockland historian George H. Budke refers to a lode of Indian artifacts being found on

the Goebel farm quite near the bridge that contained the Indian Island engraved stones. This may be how the name came to be used when the bridge was constructed.

The old sandstone farmhouse stood on Goebel Road near the large boulder that was recently removed, near Route 304. The main stream of the Hackensack still flows by there.

Anyone have any further knowledge or thoughts on this?

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TenEyck Family at Kings Ferry

On Barney Lion [ferryman at Kings Ferry (April-June 1990, "Queries")] I have no information, but my TenEyck family were ferrymen at Kings Ferry. How early has been a guess of mine for years. Some records indicate they started "long before the Revolution" while others state they started in 1784. One source indicates that Major André and Mrs. Arnold had a "culmination" at the TenEyck boathouse at Kings Ferry.

I have pictures of the old TenEyck house, reported to be the birthplace of seven generations of this family. By my calculations, I estimate that the first TenEyck was born there ca. 1740. I have been unable to locate any land record which would indicate the family owned property at Kings Ferry that early.

The John TenEyck house ca. 1850 is located above the old ferry landing. This property now belonging to the Feldmans is rich in antiquity. There is an old cemetery on the property. The only stones I could read at the time I was there were of the Flood family.

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