

SCOTCH PLAINS

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Recompense Stanbury, another "first citizen," left his home plantation for his wife, Margaret's use, until his children were 21 years old, then the "plantation on which I live, bought of Joseph Searing, of 85 acres," to go to his son Jacob. This is possibly the old Inn on the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street, as Jacob Stanbury owned and occupied the old tavern for many years.

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William Line lived in the valley, back of the First Mountain. Many stories have been told by his descendants, of his friendship for the few Indians that still remained in the neighborhood, during and after the Revolutionary War period. His door was never locked against them, and on cold nights they would spread their blankets on the floor before the fireplace in the old farm-house kitchen. This old house was removed some years ago to make way for a modern home.

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Another old family was that of Jonathan Osborn, "taylor" and inn-keeper. The Osborn homestead was on (present) Front Street. In their old age, Jonathan and Abigail, his wife, deeded their old homestead to their "dutiful" son, David, for one hundred silver dollars and other valuable considerations. Some years later David Osborn owned the house on the south corner of Front Street and Park Ave. In 1853 this old place was purchased by the late John R. Marsh, whose