

## SCOTCH PLAINS

Trenton, N. J. Attached to the license is a letter from Re-compense Stanbury, addressed to the Secretary of Governor Franklin, giving permission for "my daughter Phebe" to marry Jedidiah "Swem." The license states that both were of Elizabethtown. The bondsman for the groom was Abraham Clarke.

Jedidiah Swan was a good neighbor and a good citizen. He served his community in many ways; in matters concerning church and school; as a Justice of the Peace; in administering the estates of deceased friends; and in other ways proving himself worthy of the confidence of his towns-people. When trouble was brewing between Old England and her colonies, he was chosen by the Committee of Correspondence, in New Jersey to serve on a committee in this county, of Essex, to aid in the work. As Captain Swan, he was commissioned to organize a company from his district. A pass, issued to Capt. Swan, and copied by Mr. Frank Whitehead of Rahway, is of interest. "Permit Capt. Jedidiah Swan to Pass the Ferry's to the Jerseys to Recover his Health being in a Very Weak & Low Condition & return.

Philip V. Courtlandt, Coll."

(This signature is said to have been verified at Rutgers University).

A brief note on the back of the above reads as follows:

"Mount Washington 10th Sept. 1776. To all whom it concerns. I return to the Camp to the White Plains and join my Regt."

After the war he spent the rest of a long and useful life, as a busy man of affairs among his townspeople. Though he owned "a corner house and lot on the Scotch Plains," (Ref.