



Map Indicating Location of Dwellings for List of the Sufferers
at the Burning of Kingston by the British, October 16, 1777.
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It has been generally supposed that the Lefferts property escaped destruction by reason of the rank Toryism of the owner. But if the memorandum previously referred to, and contained in the Appendix, is correct, his barn and two barracks were burned. On account of a hole in the paper it cannot be seen what report it made as to the house. There is also a tradition in regard to the Lefferts place, that the soldiers, after firing the barn and barracks, were determined also to burn the house, and while Mrs. Lefferts was parleying with them to prevent it, the return call sounded and the soldiers left, leaving the house untouched. In reference to the Van Steenberg house there are various accounts given. One is, that Mrs. Hammersly, a prominent Tory lady, lived there, and the house was spared on her account. That does not appear very probable, judging from the conduct of the red-coats on other occasions. Another is, that they set fire to the house, but the recall was sounded before the fire had progressed much, and was quickly extinguished by the slaves, who were concealed in the woods in the immediate neighborhood. Another account given is that, it being a hotel, one of the slaves who remained behind rolled out a barrel of rum, knocked in the head, and treated the soldiers to their hearts' content until the recall sounded, when they left, leaving the house untouched.

As to the brewery, the account of its escape is also accredited to beer-barrels being rolled out by a slave and the contents freely distributed among the soldiers, as before stated.

The following is a list of the sufferers at the burning of Kingston, October 16th, 1777:

Cornelius Beekman.....	65	John Beekman.....	75
Evert Bogardus.....	83	Gertrey Bogardus.....	6
Nicholas Bogardus.....	1	Petrus Bogardus.....	60
Abraham Brinckerhoff....	63	Isaac Burhans.....	
Petrus Burhans.....			
David Cox.....	24	Coenraedt Crook.....	87
Abraham De Lametter....	48	David De Lametter.....	105
Johannis B. De Witt.....	43	Rev. George J. L. Doll...	53
Egbert Dumont.....	36	John Dumont.....	38
Peter Dumont.....	81		
Abraham Elmendorf.....	93	Ariantje Elmendorf.....	
Benjamin Elmendorf.....	94	Coenraedt Elmendorf.....	85
Coenraedt J. Elmendorf...		Cornelius Elmendorf.....	11
Jan Elmendorf.....		Mary Elmendorf.....	52, 62, 102
Dr. Jacobus Elmendorf...	39	Abraham Eltinge.....	16
William Elsworth.....	14	Elizabeth Eltinge.....	41
William Eltinge.....	9		

Abraham Freer.....	101	Anthony Freer.....	12
Johannis Freer.....	55	Solomon Freer.....	
Joseph Gasherie.....	8		
James Hamilton.....	89	Abraham Hasbrouck.....	67
Abraham Hasbrouck, Jr..		Elias Hasbrouck.....	51
Abraham Hermance.....	88	Jacob Hermance.....	90
Anthony Hoffman.....	5	Philip Houghteling.....	69
Teunis Houghteling.....	97	Petrus Hudler.....	112
Cornelius Janse.....	37	Johannis Janse.....	71
Richard Inglis.....		Dr. Thomas Jones.....	82
Catharine Kiersted.....	64	Dr. Luke Kiersted.....	37
William Kirby.....			
Abraham Low.....	40	Benjamin Low.....	56
Cornelia Low.....	25	Jacobus Low.....	58
Jacob Marius Groen.....	79	John McLean.....	77
Abraham Masten.....	19	Benjamin Masten.....	91
Cornelius Masten.....	108	Ezekiel Masten.....	87
Johannis Masten.....	10	Johannis Masten, Jr.....	90
Johannis Persen.....	29	Matthew Persen.....	30
James Roe.....	7	Frantz P. Roggen.....	31
Henry Slegt.....	42	Henry Slegt, Jr.....	21, 23
Johannis Slegt.....	3 & 4	Johannis Slegt, Jr.....	
Petrus Slegt.....		Teunis Slegt.....	
Nathan Smedes.....	2	Johannis Snyder.....	84
Oke Sudam.....	26	Adam Swart.....	100
Benjamin Swart.....		Petrus Swart.....	80
Philip Swart.....		Tobias Swart.....	50
Benjamin Ten Broeck....		Jacob Ten Broeck.....	109
Matthew E. Thompson....	20	Jacob Tremper.....	46
Abraham Turck.....		Jacob Turck.....	66
Christopher Tappen....	15		
Philip Van Buren.....		Tobias Van Buren.....	81
Nicholas Vanderlyn.....	27	Cornelius Van Keuren....	98
Gerrett Van Keuren.....	34	Johannis Van Keuren....	59
Abraham Van Gaasbeek..	18	Abraham Van Gaasbeek, Jr.	
Ann Van Steenbergh....		Lena Van Steenbergh....	
Matthew Van Steenbergh.	92	Tobias Van Steenbergh....	103
Tobias Van Steenbergh, Jr.			
(not burned).....	95	Cornelius Velie.....	21
Dirck Wynkoop.....	72, 68	Johannis Wynkoop.....	17
Cornelius Wynkoop.....	76		
The Academy.....	33	Church.....	54
Two Schoolhouses.....	104, 114	Market.....	110
Mill.....	2	Brewery (not burned)....	3