TABLET UNVEILED AT GRASSLANDS

Daughters of the American Revolution Entertained by W. F. Cochran at His Country Place.

Two special cars carried the members of the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to Tarrytown, Saturday morning, where they were met by all sorts of conveyances, which transported them to Grasslands, three miles away, the country place owned by William F. Cochran, who entertained the Daughters for the day in a manner unique and hospitable. A few favored men were of the party, including Dr. Ogden Doremus, Donald McLean and Harris Underhill, Historian of the Underhill Society.

Grasslands is the old Avery homestead, of Revolutionary fame, and the original owner, Captain Thaddeus Avery, was the grandfather of Mrs. Ogden Doremus, Second Regent of the New York City Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Captain Avery protected, through persecution, the treasure of the Continental Army; Mrs. Avery shared in the persecution, and then evinced her patriotic care of the soldiers who came to the rescue by baking bread for them in the old Dutch oven.

The approach of the caravan up the driveway leading to the house was the signal for the band stationed on the lawn to play a welcome in the "Red, White and Blue." This band was from the Hollywood Inn of Yonkers.

After an exchange of greetings and welcome the Daughters gathered upon the wide porch, and the silver tablet to be placed over the old Dutch oven was presented to Mr. Cochran by Mrs. Ogden Doremus with a graceful speech, in which she designated it as a red letter day for the star Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "I am so thankful," she added, "that Mr. Cochran had the good taste to preserve the old oven and fireplace, every stone of which appeals to me and tells thrilling tales of war and its horrors." The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

Captain Thaddeus Avery was branded with hot irons in this room, and his wife threatened with death by the Hessians, when they refused to divulge the hiding place of the money of the Continental Army.

Mrs. Avery baked bread in this oven for the Revolutionary soldiers.

This hero and heroine were the grandparents of Mrs. K. Ogden Doremus, second Regent of the New York City Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, which organization affixed this tablet June 8, 1900.

CAPTAIN THADDEUS AVERY.
Born October 30, 1749.
Died November 16, 1836.

ELIZABETH UNDERHILL AVERY.
Born August 4, 1702.
Died May 22, 1841.
"Vicit her dorm quiescit."

Added to this Mrs. Doremus presented the Avery coat-of-arms, dating back to 1314, and the commission of Thaddeus Avery as Lieutenant in 1776, as well as his portrait framed. Mr. Cochran accepted the gifts in a humorous speech, in which he said: "I come to this beautiful spot for rest of mind and body, but you have upset all my proposed comfort. If these chimney bricks can tell such ghostly tales, how am I to escape the "headless horseman" and Hessian with branding iron in my firelight dreams? I didn't know all this when I bought the place. However, I thank you."

The assemblage then formed into line, led off by Mrs. Doremus and Mrs. McLean, Regent, while the band played a martial air, and passed through the old kitchen, where the tablet was placed above the old oven, the first nail being driven by little Katherine Doremus, the "real" great-granddaughter. By this time every one was sufficiently hungry to enjoy the elaborate luncheon, after which a tour of the rambling house was proposed.

During the afternoon a handsome flag, 12 by 24 feet, was presented to Mr. Cochran by Mrs. McLean, on behalf of the Chapter. Mr. Cochran hoisted it on the newly-erected pole, 75 feet high, to "The Star-Spangled Banner," played by the band. The entire assemblage joined in the song. Mrs. McLean's speech of presentation paid a glowing tribute to Prof. and Mrs. Doremus.

At a late hour and regretfully the "Daughters" turned cityward. The flag fluttered a last good-bye to the merry throng, and little Katherine Doremus was heard to ask: "Mamma, are we anybody's ancestors?"