In 1720 a party of emigrants left London City in the north part of Ireland to come to America. Among the number were James Wilden and Elizabeth his wife. On their passage the ship and all on board were taken prisoners by pirates, and while in the hands of the pirates a baby girl was born to Mrs. Wilden. The sight of the little innocent helpless baby touched the hearts of the pirates and especially the captain, for it called to mind his wife and children in their distant home.
home, and he told the mother if she would permit him to name the child Mary for his wife, he would librate the emigrants and permit them to continue their voyage. She consented, and he gave Mrs. Wilson valuable presents, one of which was a rich brocade pillow, which was to be used for her wedding dress.

The company reached Bristol safely but the father died soon after landing and Mrs. Wilson and her child came to Londonderry, N. H.

The mother afterward married James Clark, great-grandparent of Horace Greeley.

A day of general thanksgiving was observed for many years by the people of Londonderry.
in memory of their deliverance from the penalties.

The land occupied by the Scotch Irish people of Londonderry, N.H. was granted to them by William of Orange, as a reward for their service to him during the memorable siege of Londonderry, Ireland, and James Wilson was one of the grantees. The Scotch Irish were a noble class of people of high Christian principles and integrity.

Ocean Born Mary as she was called married Thomas Wallace of Londonderry, N.H., Dec. 18, 1742, and wore the rich green and white brocade silk dress. A grand daughter of Ocean Born Mary was also married in it. It was all
To know to pieces and distributed among his descend and heir.

There were four sons born to Thomas and Mary Wallace: Thomas, Robert, William, and James. The three younger sons married sisters, daughters of Robert and Mary Moore of London, both and came to Knickerbocker to live. They were all noble men and filled important positions of trust.

In 1780 Robert the second son built the Ocean House, now known as the picture. It was one of the noble mansions of the day. The walls of one of its principal rooms was covered by hand-copied paintings, which are still preserved.
The last years of her life she possessed great strength of character and the noble traits of the Scotch Irish people. She was born July 28, 1720 and died Feb. 13, 1814 and lies buried in the cemetery near the Town House in this village (Henniker).

There are many of her descendants in Henniker and other towns of New Hampshire.

Miss Lizzie Gore, who taught school so many years, is a descendant. She is a native of Benning, N.H.