

soon after, leaving eight children, three sons and five daughters. I will describe these sons and daughters and their families, as I remember them.

PETER MESIER.—He was called by his brothers and sisters “the Alderman”—a position of some significance in those days,—he having been alderman of the First Ward, in the years 1807 to 1814 successively, and again in 1819. He gave dignity to the office, being a gentleman of the old school and a classical scholar. He had a portly figure, wore powdered hair with a queue tied up with black ribbon; shorts and shoe buckles also contributed to his attire. Uncle Peter was one of a committee—with Colonel Nicholas Fish and General Jacob Morton—to introduce Commodore Hull to the Common Council, previous to a banquet given to Commodores Hull, Decatur, and Jones, December 26, 1812. On this occasion De Witt Clinton, the Mayor of the city, addressed Commodore Hull, the guest of the occasion, presenting him a diploma and a gold box, with the freedom of the city. Also on another occasion he served on a committee with Augustus Lawrence and Elisha King (Mrs. Lamb’s “History of New York”) to arrange a banquet to Captain Lawrence, May 4, 1813. The