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PREFACE.

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Of these sketches, Numbers I. to VI. were prepared at the request of the Editors of the *Catskill Recorder*. The others, with the exception of Number XXVII., were occasioned by a daughter's request for reminiscences of my early years. They appeared in newspapers at different times, and are now brought together in this form chiefly in order that copies may be furnished for a few friends.

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I.-NEWBURGH, CATSKILL.

1795-99-

I accordance with your wishes, I willfurnish you with some Catskill reminiscences, extending as far back as 1796; but they are so interwoven with my own experience before I was fifteen, that I can hardly expect more than that a few friends , may be somewhat interested in these juvenile, and, at the same time, antiquated records. You may wonder how it happens that my journal has so many leaves, and I will explain:

Long ago, my daughter asked for some