

## TO BUY HISTORIC HOUSE.

Society Seeks Marshall Place,  
Refuge of Hessian Family.

SCHUYLERVILLE, N. Y., Oct. 8 (AP).—The Saratoga Historical Society plans to purchase and preserve the Marshall house, one of the landmarks of the Saratoga battlefield.

Situated on a hill west of the highway, about a mile north of this village, the old building is still used as a dwelling, 154 years after it was built by Peter Lansing of Albany. The frame has not been altered and the arrangement of the rooms has not been changed since the days when it sheltered the Baroness Riedesel and her children during the second battle of Saratoga. It was this incident that gave the residence its paragraph in history.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Oct. 10, 1777, a rude calash containing the young and beautiful wife of the commander of the Hessians with Burgoyne drove up to the house with her three daughters, whom she sought to remove as far as possible from the impending battle.

As the Baroness Riedesel's party halted before the house some soldiers stationed across the river leveled their muskets, believing that the dwelling was the British headquarters and that the arrivals probably were high officers. Hastily pushing her children to the bottom of the conveyance, the young mother barely had time to throw herself down before the bullets of the American sharpshooters whistled overhead, severely wounding a soldier in attendance on the Baroness.

The house soon became the refuge of other ladies of the British army and also of some wounded soldiers. No sooner had they entered than the American batteries stationed on the heights across the river trained their artillery upon the house and opened a fire that speedily drove the occupants to the cellar. Here Mme. Riedesel lay down in a corner, quieting her three children as best she could. She was forced to remain a week in this dark, damp retreat.

In the northeast parlor surgeons were amputating the leg of a wounded British soldier when a solid shot tore away his remaining leg. The man was abandoned to die in a corner. One of the planks shattered by this ball in its passage through the house is still shown to visitors.

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