

Two Albany Merchants



I'm Philip Van Rensselaer, a Hudson River merchant and sloop owner. I live in a large mansion called Cherry Hill just outside the city of Albany. I also have a store in Albany and a warehouse where my wife, Maria (pronounced "Mariah") and I have 13 children.

I have always lived in the Albany area. My Dutch ancestors were settlers of the Upper Albany. My cousin is Stephen Van Rensselaer, the patroon. I am not as well-known but I am a well-known businessman. I lived from 1747-1798.

Draw a yellow line to show my life span on the time line on page 4b

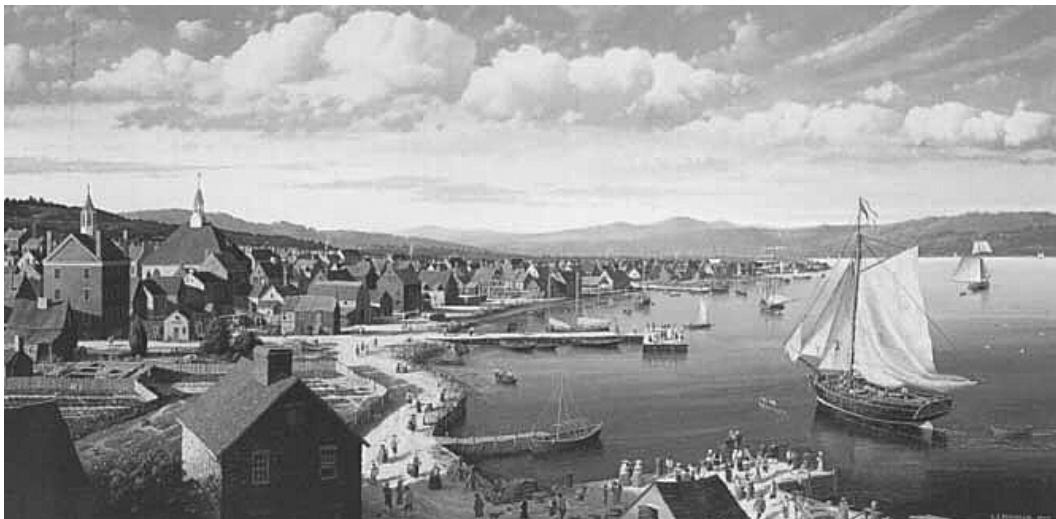
I'm Stewart Dean. During the Revolutionary War, I moved from Maryland to Albany. I lived in a house near the river and built many docks for my sloops and warehouses for my goods.

I trade on the Hudson River and sailed my sloop, the *Experiment*, to China. I was the second American merchant to successfully complete this trading voyage. I went to China several times.



Draw a green line to show my life span on the time line on page 4b

"Return of the Experiment"



Here is a picture of what the Port of Albany might have looked like in 1787. The large sloop is the *Experiment*, which belonged to Stewart Dean. Philip Van Rensselaer's sloop looked like that too.

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