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Strang's Tavern, Rye, New York 1704 - ...

Daniel Strang (L'Estrange), a Huguenot, was born in Orleans, France c. 1661; died in Rye, New York, his will proved 11 February 1706/07. Daniel was buried in the churchyard of the Episcopal Church in Rye. He married in France the widow Charlotte Hubert LeMastre, a daughter of Francis and Levina (-) Hubert. Charlotte was born 1668 and died at Rye in 1722/23, her will proved 31 January 1723/4.

The story of the escape from France of Daniel and Charlotte Strang (Streing, L'Estrange) is a Huguenot classic. Daniel was forced to flee the country; arrived alone and safely in London where he obtained a Lieutancy in the Royal Guard of James II. Disguising herself as a poor woman Charlotte attempted to escape from Paris with their infant son, but the baby was taken from her by the guard who allowed Charlotte to pass. Two hours later the crying child was handed to Charlotte's sister who claimed him. This son visited them when he was 21, but returned to France.

Reunited in London, Daniel and Charlotte a few years later migrated to the Huguenot settlement in New Rochelle, New York. Later they moved to Rye where another settlement was established and there they started Strang's Tavern in 1704. Meanwhile Daniel was made Justice of the Peace. The vestry of the church of Rye held their meetings in the tavern and it was used by the Justices for trials. After Daniel's death, Charlotte continued to operate the tavern for several years.

It is probable that the tavern was part of the property disposed of after Charlotte's death, for in her will she stated that all her estate was to be sold. It is interesting to note that Oliver Besly of New Rochelle, another tavern keeper, witnessed the will of Daniel and was made one of the executors of Charlotte's will.

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