

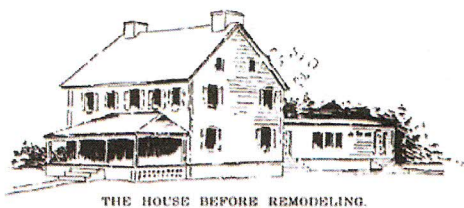
# Chateau Hathorn

33 Hathorn Rd. Warwick, NY



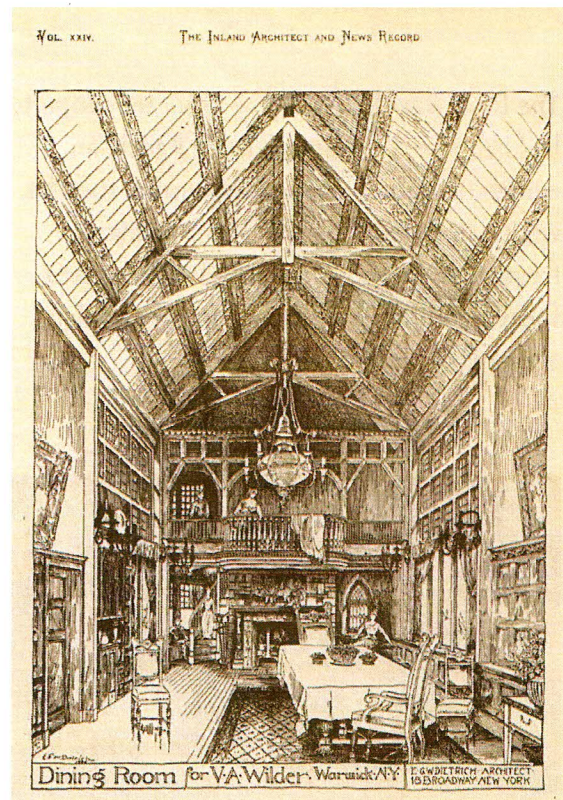
## Victor Audubon Wilder's Arts and Crafts Mansion

The story of the Chateau Hathorn begins with a farmhouse and a colonial era love story ~ When Benjamin Burt migrated here from Ridgefield, CT around 1748, he married local girl Anna Blain, and the couple settled on land adjacent to her parents' farm along the Kings Highway. After a long life together the loving couple died within one hour of each other in 1796, and were laid in the same grave on their farm. Their simple home would have been a familiar sight to the many Revolutionary War soldiers and militia, standing on a major route the Continental Army used and next to the home of the local militia commander, Gen. John Hathorn. Benjamin Burt's son Belden inherited the farm and married Sarah Hathorn, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hathorn. The home stayed in the Burt family for generations.



THE HOUSE BEFORE REMODELING.

A Civil War veteran's vision ~ In 1891 the property was purchased by Col. Victor Audubon Wilder. He had served in the Civil War in a Massachusetts regiment and afterwards became a very successful businessman. He hired the noted Arts & Crafts architect E. G. W. Dietrich to transform the existing small farmhouse – contained within the present day structure – into the elaborate and graceful mansion of today.



In later years the Wilders suffered financial reversals and sold the estate to James M. Fuller around 1900. Mr. Fuller was the son in law of another wealthy Warwick family, Mr. & Mrs. Solomon W. Johnson.

