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CHAPTER XIII JOHN BROWN'S TRACT IN the preparation of much of the following chapter I have been greatly assisted by Hon. Amasa M. Eaton of Providence, and Mr. Lewis Herreshoff of Bristol, R. I. Both of these gentlemen are great-grandsons of John Brown, and Mr. Herreshoff is a grandson of Charles Frederick Herreshoff, who, as will appear, played a conspicuous part in the history of John Brown's Tract. Mr. Eaton died soon after becoming interested in my work, but Mr. Herreshoff kindly continued the task of supplying me with such family data and traditions as would make this record as complete and accurate as possible. For his untiring labors in my behalf I owe him a large debt of gratitude. He also loaned me, with the author's consent, a valuable paper 1 on Brown's Tract, written by Mr. Charles E. Snyder, of Herkimer, N. Y. This gentleman, who is a lawyer, had occasion to delve into the records of the tract at the time Dr. Webb was buying land within its borders for his vast Nehasane Preserve, and he became historically, as well as legally, interested in his researches. The result was the interesting paper mentioned above. John Brown's Tract contains 210,000 acres, and lies east of Watson's West Triangle and the Brantingham Tract. A straight narrow strip of it, containing 40,000 acres, is in Lewis County; a triangular peak, containing 3,000 acres, runs into Hamilton County; the remaining 167,000 acres are in Herkimer County, and the tract, according to Mr. Synder, comprises one sixth of the total area of that county. There are two John Browns whose names are closely associated with the Adirondacks, and whose identity of name has i Read before the Herkimer County Historical Society, Dec. 8, 1806, and subsequently published in Vol. I of the transactions of ...

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