

# HAMBURG HISTORY

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## Early Doctors of Hamburg

### **Dr. Elias L'Hommedieu**

In 1816, Dr. L'Hommedieu began his practice in Hamburg. He started practicing in an Inn belonging to James Horton. Then in 1821 he purchased Dr. Samuel Fowler's farm on Rt. 94, (Vernon Ave.), and continued his practice from home. Dr. L'Hommedieu became very active in the Hamburg community. He became a member of the North Church in 1831, and an elder of that church in 1836. He served as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas starting in 1832 and again in 1837, for which he served for 10 years. In 1840, he was elected Trustee of an association which promoted education in Hamburg. Following in the footsteps of Dr. Fowler, he became interested in minerals and started an Iron business with Joseph Edsall. Edsall and L'Hommedieu Iron Works operated for many years in Hamburg. Dr. L'Hommedieu eventually left Hamburg and went into the wholesale grocer business. He died in 1853 at his home in West Bloomfield, NJ.

### **Dr. Jesse Arnell**

Came to Hamburg from Goshen, NY. Married Sarah Lawrence in 1813. Dr. Arnell and his wife both died in 1814.

### **Dr. Joseph Beemer**

Born in Beemerville in 1820, he studied medicine under Dr. Alexander Linn. After completing medical training in 1842, he began his practice in Hamburg. In 1850, Dr. Beemer moved his practice to Wykertown, and died in Beemerville in 1851.

### **Dr. Theodore Linn**

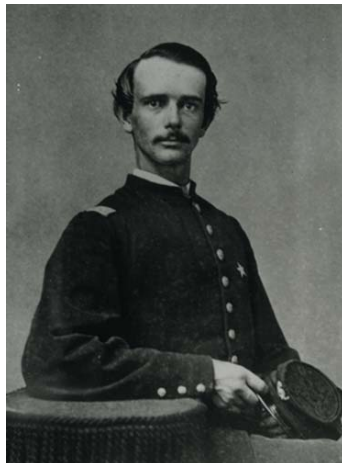
The son of Robert Linn, Dr. Linn was born in Hamburg in 1830. He practice medicine under Dr. Beemer in 1847, and continued his work under Dr. Alexander Linn. Dr. Linn died at the young age of 22, and is buried at the Baptist Church with his family. Other members of the Linn family to practice medicine in Hamburg were Dr. William Linn and Dr. Alexander Linn between 1849 & 1856. Sussex Hospital would later be named in honor of Dr. Alexander Linn.

### **Dr. David Linn Edsall**

Born in Hamburg in 1869, he was the son of Senator Richard E. Edsall, and grew up in the Edsall home which stood where Wachovia Bank now stands in the center of Hamburg. Highly educated, he held positions at St. Louis University, Harvard Medical School, (where he later became Dean). He graduated from Princeton University, and received his medical degree from Penn. He also studied abroad in London and Vienna. Dr. Edsall died in Boston in 1945.

### **Dr. Joseph Couse**

Dr. Couse was a Captain in the Civil War. He later graduated from Columbia University. He practiced medicine on Vernon Ave. and was partners with Dr. William Linn. Dr. Couse later built a beautiful home on the present site of the Fire House & Municipal Building. Dr. Couse died in 1900 from a carriage accident while returning from a house call. While living in Hamburg, Dr. Couse also served on the Board of Education.



*Dr. Joseph Couse in his Civil War uniform*