



Marker #9

The day Captain "Wouter" Vrooman returned home from the war, there was great rejoicing of the neighbors in farmhouses in Guilderland. For two long years, Captain Walter J. Vrooman had been held prisoner in a foreign dungeon.

Vrooman's wife, Jacomyntje, and their children, the Dominie from Schenectady who had married them, members of his command, and his grizzled old veteran friend and neighbor, Colonel Abraham Wemple, all gathered to give the returning soldier a warm welcome.

After successfully holding the Fort at Johns Town, Captain Vrooman and his detachment were overpowered and captured by a large band of Tories and Indians on October 23, 1780 in a place called Canaghshioraga. An Indian warrior claimed Vrooman as his prisoner and marched him north, where he was incarcerated in a prison near the rapids of the St. Lawrence River above Montreal. Captain Vrooman was released at the end of the Revolutionary War.

The blue and gold historic marker that previously stood on NYS Route 158 south is missing. We hereby note this Revolutionary soldier's place in Guilderland's history.