

Nos. 10, 10-A, 10-B, AND 10-C

Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt's extensive properties included his brewery (10), his residence (10-A), and the land through to the Marckvelt Steegh. The most westerly house

on the Lane (10-B) had belonged to Jan Cornelissen, from Hoorn, the easterly one (10-C) to Claes Paulussen.[¹]

The brewery is first mentioned in 1656, when Paulus vander Beeck, farmer of excise, wanted to inspect it, which, however, he declares, "the Hon^{ble} Van Cortland would not permit me nor other brewers to do; being Burgomaster, he forbade me the same, which causes me much damage, because I should have caught all the other brewers."—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 234. The "Hon^{ble} Oloff" was fined 125 florins (\$50), and 8 florins additional for this evasion; Vander Beeck declaring positively that Van Cortlandt had smuggled.—*Ibid.*, 244-5, 253.

The Plan shows that the brewery buildings were extensive, occupying three sides of a quadrangle, and there can be no doubt that the picture is a faithful one. For example, the act of partition between Van Cortlandt's heirs, June 27, 1684, contains this clause:

And whereas the well having belonged to the brewery has now happened to fall in the lot of said Jacobus, therefore the same shall be bound to allow and permit to the Brewery a free access and unmolested use of the said well till the month of September of the next year, 1685, and no longer.—*Original Book of N. Y. Deeds*, in *N. Y. Hist. Society Collections*, 1913, p. 84.

The well is shown directly in the rear of the dwelling-house which Jacobus van Cortlandt sold, in 1693, to Anthony Lepinar, or Lisenard.—*Liber Deeds*, XXI: 5. This was the site of the present building No. 15 Stone Street. The passage-way between this house and the brewery, shown on the Plan, still exists, of its original width of 8 feet. The brewery covered the present numbers 11-13 Stone Street.

Oloff Stevensen was from Wyk-by-Dùerstede, a village some thirteen miles south-east of Utrecht. He came to New Amsterdam as a soldier of the Company in "den Harinck," the ship which brought Director Kieft, arriving March 28, 1638. He was a correspondent of Kiliaen van Rensselaer's; the latter wrote to the director: "I should consider it a favor if he were advanced a little."—*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 433, 655-6; Van Tienhoven's *Answer*, in Jameson's *Nar. N. Neth.*, 375; Mrs. Pierre E. Van Cortlandt, in Scharf's *Hist. Westchester Co.*, II: 423-36.

Kieft appointed him keeper of the public stores (*Cal. Hist. MSS.*, *Dutch*, 24) and commissary (*ibid.*, 43, 77), an office he held for a number of years.

Stevensen was one of the Eight Men in 1645, one of the Nine Men 1649-52 (Jameson's *Nar. N. Neth.*, 430); was appointed schepen January 28, 1654 (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 157); elected burgomaster, February 1, 1655 (*ibid.*, I: 281), an office which he held almost continuously until 1665 (*ibid.*, II: 325; III: 23, 155; IV: 197; V: 29, 185; VII: 111); city treasurer, 1657 (*ibid.*, VII: 141), and again in 1664 (*ibid.*, V: 108, 139); alderman, 1665-6, and again in 1670 (*ibid.*, V: 250; [²] VI: 261); and deputy mayor in 1667.—*Ibid.*, VI: 66, 67.

He married Anneken Loockermans, a sister of Govert Loockermans, February 26, 1642.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 11. He died in 1683, and his wife in May, 1684. Domine Selyns wrote her epitaph, which is to be found in Murphy's *Anthology of New Netherland*.