

This house stood on a wider lot, and was, as the Plan shows, a larger house than those on either side. It was built by Albert Pietersen, the trumpeter. He seems to have failed at keeping tavern here, and sold the property to "Rynhout Rynhoutsen," who owned it until 1664, when he, in turn, sold to Pieter Winster, a master hatter.—*Ibid.*, A: 34; *Mortgages*, 1665–1675, trans. by O'Callaghan, 1–2. (For Pietersen, see Block L, No. 4.)

Captain William Merritt, a prominent politician of his day, who became mayor of New York, serving in 1695–8 (*M. C. C.*, VIII: 150), bought the site in April, 1671. He built here the large dwelling which was known for over a hundred years as Merritt's Great House.[<sup>1</sup>] One of the city wells stood before its door, "off which Derick Teneyck is to take the Care," by decree of the common council.—*M. C. C.*, I: 181. The Popham Building, 78, 80 Broad Street, now covers this ground.