

Two of New Amsterdam's humble citizens, Pieter, from Naarden, a carman, and Claes Tijssen, a cooper, bought home plots here in October, 1653, from Willem Beeckman, who had succeeded to Douman's grant.—*Liber* HH: 60, 61 (Albany). They were small lots, less than twenty feet wide on the Gracht, by 46 feet deep, with a four foot alley-way between. Van Naarden built a substantial home on the corner of the Marckvelt Steegh, as the Plan shows: his widow, Aschee Jans, was confirmed there by Governor Nicolls in 1668 (*Patents*, II: 170, Albany), and still lived there in 1686, according to Selyns's List. Claes Tijssen

also built on his lot on the south, but when David Wessels bought the property, in March, 1658 (*Liber Deeds, A: 125*), to add to a plot he already owned in the rear (*ibid.*, *A: 44*), he demolished the cooper's little house, and built a wall along the Gracht.