

This building is shown on the Plan as a double house, which it was recited to be in 1687, when Isaac de Forest, who then owned it all, mortgaged "the westerly one-half part of a Double House, as now divided by partition walls."—*Liber Deeds*, XVIII: 19.

The easterly house was built before September, 1652; the westerly house after March, 1655; yet there is evidence in the deeds that the buildings were under one roof, which the Plan confirms.

The ground-brief was issued to Surgeon Harmen Myndertsen van der Bogaert, March 16, 1647 (*Liber GG*: 190, Albany), while he was commissary at Fort Orange.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 38. He had not improved it at the time of his death, in the early winter of 1647-8, and in February, 1648, "the Director and Council offered for sale to the highest bidder, the lot heretofore the property of Harman Myndersen van de Bogaert."

Adriaen Keyser purchased the property, was confirmed in it, July 8, 1649, and turned it over the same day to Evert Pels, of Fort Orange (Albany), who, apparently, represented Myndertsen's widow.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, III: 39. She married Jean Labatie, a Frenchman, of Rensselaerswyck.—*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 813.

They built the house on the easterly half of the lot, which they conveyed to Jan Gillissen Verbrugge, September 22, 1652.—*Liber HH*: 2 (Albany). Verbrugge sold it to Isaac de Forest, October 15, 1653.—*Ibid.*, 50. In January, 1655, De Forest complains that there is next to his house "a waste and unoccupied lot, whence his cellar is filled with water," and asks that the owner "be ordered to build thereon." The court so ordered.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 278.

Poulus Schrick, acting for Jan Labatie (*ibid.*, I: 119), sold the westerly half of the original lot to Gillis Verbrugge and Company, March 10, 1655.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 29. The deed was curiously worded. The property, as therein described, "begins from the eaves of Isaac de Foreest's house, where he can conveniently break off his eaves." Evidently, the "brick house" which the Ver Brugges built here, and which was "newly built" in April, 1657, conformed in architecture to the house which they had already sold to De Forest, and which, undoubtedly, also was built of brick.

The firm of Gillis Verbrugge and Company, of Amsterdam, was one of the oldest and wealthiest trading with New Netherland. However, business reverses overtook them; they became bankrupt in 1662 (*Rec. N. Am.*, IV: 215; *Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 242), and their property was confiscated at the surrender. The house here shown was granted by James, Duke of York, to former Governor Richard Nicolls, July 5, 1669. Nicolls conveyed it to Captain Thomas Delavall the following day; Delavall conveyed it to his son, John, November 24, 1680. These original deeds, with their rare autographs and seals, are owned by the N. Y. Historical Society. The Delavall deeds are recorded in Albany, *Liber Deeds*, V: 315, 316.

John Delavall conveyed the westerly house to Isaac de Forest, Junior, June 25, 1683, just fifty years after his father's purchase of the easterly house.—Recitals in *Liber Deeds*, XVIII: 19.