

This grant, made to Domine Megapolensis, April 24, 1650, was the land which had been in the early occupation of Claes Sybrantsen de Veringh. Sybrantsen appears to have been a mariner; in 1638, he was a partner of Skipper Jan Schepmoes. He died after June 19, 1642, and before June 22, 1643, when this property is recited as belonging to his widow (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 3; *Liber GG*: 67, Albany), who married Brant Peelen, from Nykerck, an early Albany settler, July 3, 1643.—*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 806; *Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 23.

Sybrantsen's home was the last dwelling at the end of the Steegie. The fence lines, so clearly defined on the Plan of 1660, are equally distinguishable on the tax map of 1915. The west line of No. 8 South William Street is identical with the west fence of the garden. The line which separates No. 8 South William Street and the rear wing of the present Delmonico Building from Nos. 48 and 50 Beaver Street is coincident with the north fence of the old garden.

In 1660, this house belonged to Domine Megapolensis, but very shortly thereafter the old building was torn down, Jan Hendricks van Bommel bought the most westerly third of the plot, Engelbert Steenhuysen the remainder. The deeds for both parcels were delivered, March 10, 1663.—Recitals in *Patents II*: 170 (Albany); *Liber Deeds*, B: 4; *cf. Deeds & Conveyances* (etc.), 1659-1664, trans. by O'Callaghan, 294-5.

On October 10, 1662, Pieter Jansen van Werckendam, who had bought from Steenhuysen, sold his house and lot in the Slyck Steegh, "being the net and just half of the lot formerly purchased by said Englebert from D^o Joannes Megapolensis," to Hendrick Hendrix van Doesburgh.—*Register of Solomon Lachaire*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 416-7. Steenhuysen also sold his own house, in 1665, to Van Doesburgh (*Liber Deeds*, B: 72; *cf. Mortgages*, 1665-1675, trans. by O'Callaghan, 53), who was assessed here, in 1677, as Henry Vandusbury.—*M. C. C.*, I: 58.

"Jan Hendrick van Bommel, en zyn h. v. Annetje Abrahams," were still living here in 1686.—Selyns's List, in *N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1841, p. 397.

Engelbert Steenhuysen was living in Bergen in 1662, when the community "resolved to employ him not only as precentor, but also—this was expressly stipulated—to keep school." Steenhuysen, being the owner of "a house and lot and of a double bouwery" in Bergen, became very haughty. He refused to pay taxes or maintain a soldier, asserting that "a schoolmaster should be exempt from all village taxes and burden; as it is customary, . . . everywhere in Christendom." So he resigned; the magistrates appealed to the director and council; and Steenhuysen was directed to "duly serve the rest of his term according to contract."—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIII: 318-9; reprinted in *Eccles Rec.*, I: 539.

In 1790, the Custom House, at No. 5 Mill Street, occupied Van Doesburgh's plot.