

Abraham Jansen, master carpenter, bought a wide lot here, originally sold to Simon Volckertsen, in 1652, by Adriaen Vincent. Volckertsen's deed was for a house and lot.—*Liber* HH: 3 (Albany). The deed to Jansen, executed December 2, 1658, and recorded February 1, 1661 (*ibid.*, A: 226), mentions no house; he may have built both these small dwellings, which are much alike.

Abraham Jansen was one of the most useful and respected citizens of the New Amsterdam of his day. A capable mechanic, his services were in demand, not only at Manhattan, but at Fort Orange and on Long Island. An entry in the Executive Minutes of the Burgomasters (*Min. of Orph. Court*, II: 132-3), under date of March 24, 1662, gives a curious detail of life in the city about the period of the Plan. Abraham Jansen was one of three carpenters asked by the burgomasters to work a certain period for the city. He declined, being "engaged on other work." Reinier Wisselpenninck was too busy. Adolph Pietersen, being asked "whether he could not work eight to ten days . . . putting up a little house, for the Indians to offer their wares," said, "if the Board would please to wait a few days, he would do it," which was accepted.

Jansen was appointed overseer of streets in May, 1670, by Mayor Steenwyck, because he was a person "who understands the Work."—*Rec. N. Am.*, VI: 235.

The most northerly of these houses (No. 6) became vested in "S<sup>r</sup> Lawrens de Silla," June 24, 1668.—*Liber Deeds*, B: 143; *cf. Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665-

1672 (translated), 127-8. His sister, Warburga, and her second husband, William Bogardus, lived here for many years. Their son, Everardus Bogardus, named for his grandfather, sold it, December 18, 1711.—*Liber Deeds*, XXXII: 165. James Alexander bought it, May 20, 1740.—*Ibid.*, XXXII: 167. The most southerly house, which was, evidently, his own home, Jansen retained until May 11, 1683.—*Ibid.*, XII: 123.

Site: Nos. 73 and 71 Broad Street.