

The house and garden of Jochem Beeckman, a shoemaker. The north fence was about twenty feet north of the present line of Beaver Street. The cottage stood on the lower part of the garden, and, before the Consolidated Exchange absorbed the buildings, the wall between Nos. 61 and 65 Broad Street defined the south line of Beeckman's land.

This settler was in New Amsterdam at least as early as 1638, for shortly after the New Year of 1639 he unfortunately stabbed one Jacob Juriaensen, in a scuffle. Juriaensen died, after a long illness. In May, when "lying abed wounded," he "declared that in case he died of his wounds, he forgave Jochem Beeckman."—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 5, 7.

Some years later, in a quarrel with a soldier, Beeckman again drew his shoemaker's knife, but this time, happily, no harm was done.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 410.

The house was probably built in 1652. In February, 1686, Jochem Beeckman mortgaged the property for 992 guilders—a curious survival of the shoemaker's Hollandish feelings: English money simply did not exist for him.