

NOS. 12-A, 12-B, AND 12-C

Three houses belonging, in 1660, to Andries Jochemsen. All the evidence indicates that Claes Hendricksen, master carpenter, built them before he went to Albany, in 1654 or 1655.—*Powers of Attorney*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 141. He and Jochemsen mortgaged "their house and lot situate within this city on the East river," jointly, March 16, 1656 (*Mortgages, 1654-60*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 27-8), to the estate of Cornelis Volckertsen, showing that at that date the builder retained an interest in the property, though his deed to Jochemsen was dated earlier. The "great house," as the most southerly one was called, had been Hendricksen's own residence (Jochemsen's, in 1660). The next adjoining one

he rented to Claes Claesen Smith, in 1655. This tenant allowed the orchard and garden to be destroyed by goats. He claimed:

that being a Soldier in the Company's Service, he has been to the South, and that the goats meanwhile broke into the garden; the injury having thus occurred he could not prevent it and therefore is not bound to make good the same. On the other hand, Claes [the carpenter], the lessee, promised him the cellar of the great house . . . and he never had the use of it.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 405-6.

The third house was occupied, in 1654, by Madame Agatha vander Donck. One of Hendricksen's last acts before leaving New Amsterdam was to try to collect some rent she owed him. Her distinguished son, Adriaen, became her security for the amount.—*Powers of Attorney*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 170-1. This gentlewoman had the Beeckmans for neighbours when she lived here. Andries Jochemsen, who seems to have been a sail-maker by trade—he made sails for the little vessel, the "New Love" (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 245-6, 248)—decided to open a tavern in the great house, and secured his license in 1657.—*Ibid.*, VII: 155.

The anchorage ground for larger vessels was fixed in this vicinity, by ordinance (*Laws & Ord.*, *N. Neth.*, 71, 237, 312; see also Chronology, July 4, 1647, August 11, 1656; June 12, 1657), and the recitals in *Patents*, IV: 37 (Albany) designate this spot as "the waterside where the shippis ride at anchor."

Naturally, most of the inn-keeper's patrons were sailors, as his dealings prove. In one instance, one of his patrons, a confiding skipper, went security for his cook, pilot, sail-maker, and gunner. The court ordered Willem Bordingh, the skipper, to pay 141 guilders, 19 stivers, for himself, the cook, the pilot, and the sail-maker; but the gunner had to pay his own reckoning, of 80 guilders, "as the skipper was not responsible for the same."—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 396. On another occasion, John Lawrence, Jr., Jochemsen's next-door neighbour, accidentally shot him, wounding him but slightly. The boy said "he fired a gun on the arrival of a bark and had previously looked out and seen no one."—*Ibid.*, III: 342. Jochemsen was ordered by the court, in January, 1667, to pay 381 florins, still due on a mortgage on his property, "within one month after the first sloops shall have left Albany." [1]—*Rec. N. Am.*, VI: 53.

These houses occupied the site of Nos. 125, 127, 129, and 131 Pearl Street.