

The tavern and grounds of Sergeant Daniel Litschoe, on the Strand, just inside the city wall, covered the site of the Eagle Building, at the south-west corner of Wall and Pearl Streets, and all the land on Wall Street as far west as the Sampson Building, at No. 65. The cutting through of Beaver Street obliterated his entire water front, and the widening of Wall Street demolished the north wall of his garden and reduced its size.

Daniel Litschoe, sergeant in the service of the West India Company, was stationed at Parahyba, Brazil, when, about 1646, he married Anna Claes Croesens, the young widow of Jan Jansen Swaartveger. She had a little son, Hermanus, then three years old. The boy was born in the neighbouring province of Rio Grande do Norte (Natal), at the "Castel," or fort, there. Swaartveger, undoubtedly, was also a soldier.—*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 216–220. For an account of Litschoe, at Parahyba, see *Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 48.

The sergeant must have been transferred to New Amsterdam soon after his marriage, for his only child, Anna, was baptised there, June 6, 1647 (*Baptisms in Dutch Ch., N. Y.*, 22), Martin Cregier standing godfather for her; at that time, Litschoe was still in the Company's employ (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 109), but, in the ensuing March, he is found among the tavern-keepers of the town.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 8.

Litschoe bought his property here from Abraham Verplanck; after building his large house, he rented the smaller one to the north (very probably Adam Roelantsen's old home—see Key to Map of Dutch Grants) to Andries Jochemsen, May 13, 1651 (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 52), and sold it to Tryntje Scheerenburgh, June 22, 1653.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 7–8. For the history of the old house, which stood very close to the city gate, on the lot where the first guard-house was afterwards built, see Chronology, June 22, 1653.

After the wall was built, Litschoe bought two adjoining lots on the Cingel, June, 1656 (*ibid.*, A: 52), finished the improvements on his property, and kept an orderly tavern here until his death, which occurred between December 6, 1661—the date of his will—and April 6, 1662, when his widow was required to file an inventory of his property.—*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 216–20. Mrs. Litschoe was still living here in July, 1677.—*M. C. C.*, I: 50.

Their daughter, Anna, married William Peartree, who was mayor of the city in 1703–07.—*M. C. C.*, VIII: 150. She and her husband released the homestead in 1706.—*Liber Deeds*, XXVI: 178. Her descendant, William Peartree Smith, retained some of the Wall Street lots until 1783.—*Ibid.*, LVI: 178.