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Jacques Pryn, a worthy burgher, one of the members of the town rattlewatch (*Min. of Orph. Court*, II: 96), built this little cottage. He bought the "lot for a house and garden," unimproved, from Sybout Claessen (who had purchased it, August 1, 1657), paying two hundred guilders, cash, and giving back a mortgage of three hundred guilders; a good price, at that time, even for so wide a lot—six rods, six feet, and four inches, on the High-

way. Deed and mortgage were recorded February 19, 1659.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 147; *Mortgages*, 1654-1660, trans. by O'Callaghan, 126. Evidently, the house was newly built when the Plan was drawn.

In the tax-list of 1665, Pryn is rated as "Jacob the Frenchman."—*Rec. N. Am.*, V: 225. He sold the property to the deacons, who transferred it to "Sarah Kiersted," widow of Dr. Hans Kierstede. She was confirmed here in 1668.—*Patents*, II: 162 (Albany). The original ground-brief was to Pieter Collet, earlier than May 15, 1647.—Recitals in *Liber*, GG: 220 (Albany). Collet married Aeltje Jans, from Bremen, widow of Cornelis, from Rotterdam, by license of the last of August, 1643.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 12. He was from Königsberg, in East Prussia.