

The house of Jacobus Vis, of Amsterdam, who bought it of Jan Gerritsen, the mason, March, 1659 (*Liber Deeds*, A: 151), and sold it to Cornelis Gerloffsen, in September, 1664.—*Ibid.*, B: 51.

Jacobus Vis, or Visch, came to this country as an agent for Evert Tesselaer, a merchant of Amsterdam. Johannes Withart, in the same employ, either came with him or joined him very shortly afterward. Vis was dismissed by his Dutch employers, in the later part of 1654.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 87, 245. He and Withart then became partners in a general trading business. In 1658, they bought an interest in Pieter Wolphertsen van

Couwenhoven's brewery. This was not a successful venture. Until November, 1665, the brewer vainly tried to get an accounting from his partners.—*Ibid.*, II: 305; IV: 102, 124-5; V: 130, 321.

Vis seems to have been a resourceful man, but not reliable. His partners were always litigating with him, but they invariably rejoined him. However, the latter part of his career was pitiable. He tried to live by the collection of trivial sums due him for beer, etc. He probably returned to Holland—he often threatened to do so. The last mention of him in New York is in August, 1668.—*Ibid.*, VI: 142.

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