

Jan Cornelissen, from Vlensburgh, built this house. On July 15, 1661, he appeared before the magistrates, and requested that, "as he is to sail for the Fatherland, his places as porter of the Weighhouse and in the Rattlewatch may be kept vacant until his return. The Burgomasters promise, that the place of porter shall be kept vacant, provided he returns by the first ship ready to sail."—*Min. of Orph. Court*, II: 96. The same day, he deeded this house to Willem Jansen van Borckelo, who, having had an option on it, had already found a purchaser in Annetje Dircks, widow of Ensign Dirck Smit. Notary Pelgrum Clock drew the contract, May 24, 1661; the price agreed upon was 640 guilders—about \$256.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 154, 233, 234. The deed was recorded on the 18th of July. Three days later, for non-payment of the purchase price, Van Borckelo brought suit against Annetje Dircks, who requested "an annulment of the sale, inasmuch as it [the house] was not arranged or divided into four parts when the sale occurred." The "Burgomasters and Schepens having heard parties decree and adjudge, that the sale of the house and lot in question shall stand." However, they sharply rebuked Pelgrum Clock, because the bill of sale contained many irregularities. After reciting the circumstances in the case, they continued:

whereas further many mistakes have often occurred in other papers, drawn up by you, which may lead to great mischief, . . . you are hereby ordered and charged . . . not to draw up during six weeks from date, any instruments appertaining to the Subaltern Court of this City.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 348-9.

Annetje and her second husband, Abel Hardenbrook, lived here for many years. In 1707, Nathaniel Marston and Margaret, his wife, David Jamison, and Elizabeth his daughter, and "Bernardus Hardenbroock," all heirs of Abel Hardenbrook, sold the property to Isaac Kip.—*Liber Deeds*, XXVI: 240.

Site: No. 48 Broad Street.