

Jeronimus Ebbingh, of Hamburg, one of New Amsterdam's wealthiest merchants, bought this house from Dirckie van Galen, widow of Skipper Willem Tomassen, April 26, 1657.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 93. She was in Holland at the time, where her husband had died prior to June, 1656.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 120, 121, 126.

In May, 1655, "Willem Tomassen, Skipper, next to God, of the Ship *Great Christopher*," was busy preparing that vessel for her homeward voyage.—*Ibid.*, I: 313. On March 15, 1655, before his departure, he signed a petition, as one of the residents of the Straet van de Graft (Stone Street), to have it paved with round stones.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 300. In January, 1658, the "Court having examined the petition dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 1655," a warrant was issued to have the street paved with stone.—*Ibid.*, VII: 166.

On February 22, 1659, Ebbingh married Johanna de Laet (*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 23), daughter of Johannes de Laet, of Leyden, a director of the Dutch West India Company, and author of the *Nieuwe Wereldt* (New World), which is reprinted in part in Jameson's *Narratives of New Netherland*. After the death of her distinguished father, this lady came out to Rensselaerswyck with her first husband, Johan de Hulter, in May, 1653. Upon his death, she sold the farm there, November 7, 1655 (*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 845), and came to New Amsterdam with her children, Johannes, Johanna, Samuel, and Paul.—*Register of Walewyn Van der Veen*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 57-8.

Ebbingh obtained the great burgherright in 1658.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 315. In 1673, he was rated among the richest men in New Orange—he was worth 30,000 florins (about \$12,000).—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, II: 699.