

Nos. 8, 9, 10, AND 11

These lots and houses all belonged to Hendrick Hendricksen Kip, the founder of the Kip family of New York and New Jersey. Kip came from Amsterdam, arriving prior to 1643, and bringing with him his wife and five children who were born in the old country.—*Purple's Hist. of the Kip Family*, 6. He was a tailor by trade (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 276), and became one of the most prosperous and substantial burghers in New Netherland. He received his ground-brief April 28, 1643.—*Liber GG*: 57 (Albany). He lived in the house, now No. 27 Bridge Street, then described as "over against" (opposite) the Old Church on the Strand.

Fire-warden in 1655 and 1656 (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 22, 304), he was elected schep en in the latter year (*ibid.*, II: 28), and achieved the great burgherright in 1657.—*Ibid.*, VII: 150. By many entries in the *Records of New Amsterdam*, it appears that Hendrick Kip was a favourite choice of the court as arbiter of the many petty disputes that occurred among his neighbours, and under English rule he frequently served in the jury-box.—*Ibid.*, VI: 73, 100, 178. His name is found appended to the *Vertoogh*, of 1649, and he was one of Stuyvesant's Nine Men.—Jameson's *Nar. N. Neth.*, 290, 354, 376.