

At the north-east corner of the "road" and the Pearl Straet, stood a pretty cottage, which, in 1660, belonged to Annetje Jans Bogardus, then living at Albany. The well-kept, neatly fenced, garden extended back to the esplanade of the Fort. A splendid tree shaded the cottage—shaded, too, the smaller house in the rear belonging to Trijin Jonas, the midwife, and which may well have been the original dwelling built for her by Van Twiller's orders.—Van der Gouw's report, in *N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 16.

"Trijn Jonas van Masterlan[d]," as she is called in a fragment of an account of New Amsterdam, dated 1639 (*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 57), presumably, accompanied her daughter and the latter's husband, Roelof Jansen, and their children, when they came to New Netherland, in 1630, in "de Eendracht." Mr. A. J. F. van Laer (*ibid.*, 56-7, note) says that the family was from Marstrand, on the coast of Sweden, and was, therefore, probably, not Dutch.—*Ibid.*, 57, 308, 806.

At the time the grants were laid out, a strip of land, ten feet in width, more or less, was left between Tryntie and her next neighbour, Jacob Roy. Dominie Bogardus, her son-in-law, represented her in a suit against Roy, September 15, 1644. The court "ordered that the director and council examine the ground in dispute."—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 91. Their decision must have been that the ground should remain open as "a passage-way to the Fort," as the deeds on the east side continue to recite, even as late as 1700. That it was not used in 1660, the Plan proves; it was included later in the confirmation to the heirs of Annetje Jans Bogardus, in July, 1667.—*Patents*, II: 70 (Albany). A petition of Anna Bogardus, June 22, 1662, to the provincial council, for permission to exchange this lot "at the end of Pearl Street, next to Jacob Steendam's," for another lot, was referred to the burgomasters (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 238); nothing came of it, as the confirmation shows. Her heirs conveyed the property, October, 1672, to Andries Claesen, carpenter.—*Liber Deeds*, B: 203; *Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665–1672 (translated), 231–2. His sons, "Claas Andriesen, of Comonapa in the County of Bergen . . . yoo-man, and Abraham Andriesen of Bergen . . . Miller," conveyed to their brother, Michael, their "Certain house . . . in the Pearl Street near the Stable of the Queens Fort . . . part of the Estate whereof our Respective Father Andries Claasen late of Bergen," had been possessed.—*Liber Deeds*, XXXI: 7. A part of the "old road" was added to this block in 1809. Mr. Archibald Gracie, who then owned the ground of the midwife, bought a strip of land, 14 ft., 8 in., wide on Pearl Street, and 28 ft. wide on Bridge Street, from the State of New York, through Governor Daniel D. Tompkins.—*Ibid.*, LXXXIII: 69. For a discussion of the buildings on this site before Mr. Gracie's occupation, see Vol. 1, Plate 56.

The Battery Park Building covers this site, as well as the site of Nos. 2 and 3.