

The property of Pieter Cornelissen vander Veen. One of the few ground-briefs granted to a woman was that for the plot granted to Maritje Jansen, widow of Dirck Cornelissen vander Veen, May 17, 1648. At that time, it was on the corner of Pearl Street and the shore road. Later, the block was extended eastwardly, so that the grants of De Sille and Verlett intervened between her land and the water-side. Elsje Tymens, Maritje's daughter by her first husband, Tymen Jansen, married Pieter Cornelissen vander Veen, probably a kinsman of her late stepfather, on January 7, 1652. Her mother conveyed this house to Elsie's husband by a deed recorded October 15, 1653.—*Liber* HH: 51 (Albany). It may have been part of her marriage portion. The house is not imposing, as shown on the Plan, yet Pieter Cornelissen vander Veen alleged (March 15, 1657) that "he has incurred great expence on his dwelling house at the corner of *Pearl Street*, and is about to make greater improvements as an ornament thereunto," and asks "that a Square may remain and be made by resolution there."—*Rec. N. Am.*, VII: 147. Next court day, he was informed that "his Hon^r [Stuyvesant] says the aforesaid Square was disposed of, long before the distribution of the lots was granted to the Burgomasters, and therefore does not belong to their Worships. The Burgomasters, therefore, refer the petition, if dissatisfied, to the Hon^{ble} Director General and Council."—*Ibid.*, 148-9.

Vander Veen, probably, felt that no appeal would lie against this decision, which was not strictly truthful, according to the records. He abandoned his intention of further ornamenting his residence, and sold it to Pieter Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven, October 6, 1660.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 218.

Vander Veen died before September 27, 1661 (*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 361), leaving his widow

with three small children, Cornelis, Tymen, and Grietje.—*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 194-6. She married Jacob Leisler, March 18, 1663.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 28.

The Leisler home was not on this corner, as has been often stated. Elsie and her children lived in a house which was on the rear of her grant, and is not shown on the Plan. Verlett's house (No. 2) may hide it. In May, 1669, Jacob Leisler bought from Nicolaes Verlet (see No. 2). He then had a house "on the Strand," as Selyns's List attests.—See recitals in *Liber Deeds*, A: 266; *ibid.*, B: 45.

Pieter Cornelissen vander Veen led a quiet, useful, life. He was one of the schepens in 1656-7-8.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 28, 285, 321. He was granted the great burgherright in January, 1658 (*ibid.*, II: 315), and was made churchwarden in February of the same year.—*Ibid.*, II: 336.