

De Sille's list tabulates 23 houses on "the Heere Gracht where Jacobus Backer lives." Jacobus Backer, at this time, lived on the east side of the Gracht, next door to the corner of the Prince Straet (later Nos. 65 and 67 Broad Street; and now included in the Consolidated Exchange site). He had bought the lot, unimproved, in June, 1656, some months after his marriage to Margaret Stuyvesant, half-sister of the director-general.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 55; *Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 20.

Backer was one of the original patentees of New Utrecht, January 16, 1657, but he never settled there; his lands in the village were turned over to Nicasius de Sille, as De Sille himself relates, in his description of the founding of New Utrecht.—*Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 8vo. ed., I: 633.

During 1656, 1660, and 1662, and from July 5, 1663, until September 20, 1664, Jacobus Backer served the city as schepen.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 28; III: 125; IV: 27, 277; V: 17.

After the surrender, he signed the letter to the Lords Directors in Amsterdam explaining the capitulation, and then made arrangements to return to Holland.—*Ibid.*, V: 116. He gave his wife power of attorney to conduct his affairs.—*Liber Deeds*, B: 180; *cf.* *Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665–1672 (translated), 192. His house here was sold, under foreclosure of mortgage, to Balthazar de Haert, February 24, 1671.—*Idem.*; *Liber Mortgages*, A: 17, 37; *Rec. N. Am.*, VI: 255–6.

De Haert and Madame Backer continued to live in the house together. Their son, Daniel, was born there, and was baptised on September 1, 1671. De Haert devised the property to this son, January 4, 1672. (Recitals in *Liber Deeds*, XXI: 35.)

In 1678, Margaret Backer married Hendrick Droogestradt, of Elizabeth, N. J.—*Rec. N. Am.*, VI: 255–6.