

Mattheus de Vos, the notary, bought this confiscated lot of Melyn's, September 20, 1651, but did not improve it. He sold it, May 16, 1656, to Adolph Pietersen, a house carpenter, who built his house, as the Plan shows, on the Hoogh Straet. His descendants still owned the property in 1719.—*Liber Deeds*, XXX: 434.

Before 1672, Pietersen built a house at the water-side, which he sold, on May 15 of that year, to Albert Bosh, a cutler.—*Ibid.*, B: 191; *cf. Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665-1672 (translated), 211-12.

Adolph Pietersen's life in New Amsterdam and New York may be traced through the records for forty years. He was in the city before 1655, and died shortly before November 20, 1694.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 372; *M. C. C.*, I: 372. A man of dignity and force of character, he seems to have been always highly respected by the magistrates and by his neighbours. His judgment was esteemed as an arbiter in vexed questions concerning real estate, and as an expert in building and surveying. The city government employed him as a carpenter on the City Hall, the docks, and other public works; he was a sworn city surveyor until his death. (See many entries in *Rec. N. Am.*, and in *M. C. C.*)

Riker speaks of him in connection with the building of the Town House of Harlem, 1680-1682, for which, as Adolph Pietersen de Groot, he took the contract, for 250 guilders.—*Riker's Hist. of Harlem*, 410, 418.

Selyns's List shows that Adolf Pietersen De Groot, his wife Aefje Dircksen, and Anietje and Maria De Groot, presumably his daughters, were members of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, in 1686.—*N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1841, p. 396.