

Teuntje Straatmans and her fourth husband, Gabriel Carpesy, of Louvain, built here the two small houses under one roof. As they lived at Gouwanus they rented these little houses, at 50 florins per annum, or one guilder weekly—to Mathys Muller, town watchman, and Gerrit Pilser. In February, 1660, both tenants were sued for arrears of rent; each set up as a defense that the houses were neither water-tight nor habitable; they were obliged to pay, nevertheless.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 132, 137. Teuntje Straatmans, according to Riker (*Hist. of Harlem*, 42*n*), “had lived in the Dutch colony at Fort Margariete, in Brazil, and had already had three husbands.”

William Paterson bought the houses in February, 1669, for 50 beavers (about \$160).—*Liber Deeds*, B: 151; *cf. Book of Records of Deeds & Transfers* (etc.), 1665–1672 (translated), 142–3. They were confiscated by Colve, and regranted to Pieter Harmensen (*Liber Deeds*, XIII: 3), in lieu of his demolished house near the Fort (*Rec. N. Am.*, VII: 12, *et seq.*), but had fallen to pieces and been removed by 1677. The tax-list of that year enumerates, among the vacant places, “Patersons corner by y^e Wall 28 foot front to y^e Wall.”—*M. C. C.*, I: 55. The National City Bank now covers the land of Teuntje Straatmans and her neighbours.