

The dwelling (1) and tobacco warehouse (2) [1] of Albert Andriessen, [2] of Fort Orange.

The house was built by Roelof Jansen Haes, before February 17, 1646. He conveyed it, on that day, to Hendrick Kip, from whom Andriessen bought, August 29, 1651.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, III: 92 (Albany).

Andriessen established a trading post here. He had no intention of making a home in New Amsterdam. He used the house as an office for his factor, and built a substantial warehouse on the rear of his lot. In 1658, the house was occupied by Jan Jansen de Jongh (who had formerly lived in Michiel Jansen's house, Block D, No. 21), and in 1664, by Allard Anthony.—*Mortgages*, 1654-60, trans. by O'Callaghan, 89-90; *Liber Deeds*, B: 58; cf. *Mortgages*, 1665-1675, trans. by O'Callaghan, 23. By 1664, the warehouse had been sold to Anthony de Milt (*idem.*); but the house was turned over by Andriessen to his eight children, "in lieu of their mother's estate," and they were confirmed here in 1667.—*Patents*, II: 28 (Albany).

Albert Andriessen, usually called "Albert the Noorman," came to Rensselaerswyck under a special contract with the Patroon. He sailed with his wife, Annetje Barents, in the ship "Rensselaerswyck," September 25, 1636. On the second day of November, a son was born to them, during an unusual gale. He was appropriately baptised Storm[3] Albertsen, and in later years took the surname Van der Zee (from the Sea).—*Van Rensselaer-Bowier MSS.*, 31, 327, 360. The Norman soon left the Patroon's service. He dealt heavily in furs and tobacco, raising the latter, in quantity. His long career in Albany is very interestingly told in the *Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.* In the biography, on page 809, two wives are mentioned—Annetje Barents and Geertruy Pietersz Vosburgh. He had a third wife. At some time after 1663, Albert married Pietertje Jansen, the widow of Claes Jansen, from Naerden (de Ruyter)—see Blocks A and G—who was his partner in the contract which brought them both to New York, in 1636.

Their marriage must have been rather in the nature of a business contract, for he kept his residence at Albany, while she pursued a busy and rather picturesque career in New Amsterdam, until her death, which occurred before January 29, 1667.—*Rec. N. Am.*, IV: 214; VII: 56, 57, 58, 59, 61-2.