

Martin Cregier's house, on the site of No. 3 Broadway, was erected between February 25, 1656, when he petitioned for leave to build on the lot (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 161), and September 15, 1659, when "the newly built house and lot of the Worsh^{ll} Burgomaster Marten Cregier" are referred to by his neighbour, Jacobus Backer.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 177. On January 3, 1664, his negro servant, Lysbet Antonis, or Antonisse, set fire to the house.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 258-9. How badly it was burned, the records do not reveal, but, from the fact that on the 26th of the same month he surrendered his grant of 1643 and accepted a modified "new patent for a house and garden," it is to be inferred that he had to rebuild.—*Liber HH* (2): 135 (Albany).

At one time or another, Martin Cregier served New Amsterdam in almost every civic capacity. A tavern-keeper here as early as 1647 (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 39), he was appointed one of the first fire-wardens of the town in January, 1648.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 5. He was one of the first burgomasters when the city acquired a municipal government, in 1653 (*ibid.*, 49), orphan-master in 1658 (*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 56) and in 1662 (*Rec. N. Am.*, IV: 115), treasurer of the city in 1661 (*ibid.*, III: 394), and burgomaster in 1663.—*Ibid.*, IV: 195.

In 1663, he was appointed captain-lieutenant of the West India Company, and was commander in the expedition against the Esopus Indians.—*Ibid.*, IV: 268.

Cregier had obtained the great burgherright in 1657.—*Ibid.*, VII: 150. He was still living in New York in 1685, when he sold this property to Peter Bayard, acknowledging the deed as Martin Cregier, Senior.—*Liber Deeds*, XIII: 183.