

No. 17

Cornelis Jansen Pluyvier (Pluvier) bought this house and lot, "fenced improved and

bounded," from "Crysteyan barensen," master carpenter and burgher, November 17, 1657, for 2850 guilders, or about \$1,140, paying 1616 guilders, 13 stivers in cash. Barentsen took a purchase-money mortgage for 1233 guilders, 7 stivers. This seems to be the earliest conveyance of record in which the consideration is mentioned.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 113; *Mortgages*, 1654–1660, trans. by O'Callaghan, 69. The land was in the form of an L, and is exactly shown on the Plan. It is particularly interesting as having been the site of the first Lutheran Church.

Cornelis Jansen Pluvier, son of Jan Jansen Pluvier, was living at Haarlem in Holland on September 5, 1656, when he and his wife, Geertruyd Andruessen, from Koesvelt (Koesfeld, in Westphalia, Germany), made their joint wills; she was very ill at the time. See recitals on the occasion of his filing an inventory of her estate, on December 15, 1661 (*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 199–202), preliminary to his marriage, on January 6, 1662, to Neeltje Couwenhoven.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 27.

Pluvier must have immigrated to New Amsterdam upon his first wife's death—having no children, he was not tied to Patria. In 1661, he is found as an innkeeper here (*Register of Solomon Lachaire*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 109); in this year, he imported a negro woman, for whom he paid "150 pieces of eight."—*Cal. Hist. MSS.*, Dutch, 229.

Some time prior to June 29, 1671, Pluvier sold his holdings here to one Christian Peters "for ye use & Benefitt of y^e Congrega^on in Geⁿl^l". (Deed not of record.) Asser Levy held a mortgage on it for 1625 guilders (*Mortgages*, 1654–1660, trans. by O'Callaghan, 129), which was still open. Pieters complained to Governor Lovelace, who ordered "that Collection be forthwth made of y^e Money agreed to be paid for the House, . . . soe that Christiaen Peters be saved harmless from his Engagem^t."—*Exec. Coun. Min.*, ed. by V. H. Paltsits, II: 587. On January 16, 1672, the Lutheran Congregation petitioned Lovelace for a "Lycence to build & Erect a House for their Church to meet in" and for permission for Martin Hoffman to go to the South River in Delaware to solicit contributions for this purpose.—*Ibid.*, II: 589.

On October 17, 1673, Governor Colve ordered the congregation to remove their building (*Rec. N. Am.*, VII: 13; *N. Y. Col. Docs.*, II: 633–6), and gave them instead one of the lots in the Company's Garden, May 22, 1674.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, XXIII: 433–6; Map and Key of Dutch Grants.

More than thirty years later, May 17, 1703, "Mayor de Bruyn promises to obtain a transport of a certain lot belonging to our Church from the Widow Plevier."—Graebner's *Hist. of the Luth. Church*, 1892.

Cornelius Pluvier was alderman of the North Ward 1689–90.—*M. C. C.*, I: 204; VIII: 143. He was one of Leisler's adherents, and was brought before Governor Sloughter and council as a prisoner, March 20, 1691, and committed to the guards.—*Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 8vo. ed., II: 359. As above noted, he died before 1703.

(For fuller notes on the Lutheran Church, see Chronology.)