When Samuel Edsal bought Govert Loockermans's lot, in 1657, there was a house upon the north end of it. Edsal himself built the house on the south end, which he sold to Thomas Fransen (No. 9).

Edsal lived in his house at the Strand (Block F, No. 13). This house on Broadway was rented to Jan Fries, who still lived here in 1665, although it had been sold to Mr. John Blacklets, Junior, an English trader, of Hartford, Conn., in September, 1663.—Liber Deeds, B: 24; cf. Deeds & Conveyances (etc.), 1659–1664, trans. by O'Callaghan, 332-3; Rec. N.

Am., V: 57, 221.