

Willem Bredenbent, from Ceulen, was deputy-schout of New Amsterdam in July, 1638, an office he still held in October, 1641.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch, 2, 77.* On September 4, 1644, he married Aeltje Braconie, widow of Cornelis Lambertsen, from Doorn.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch., 13.* He was one of the patentees of Gravesend (*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch, 138*), and a magistrate of Breuckelen in 1654.—*Laws & Ord., N. Neth., 160.*

Bredenbent was a far-seeing, cautious, man. In 1659, he rented his house on the Bever's Gracht to Juriaen Jansen, under certain conditions, which Bredenbent alleged were not fulfilled by Jansen. Accordingly, on September 23, 1659, Bredenbent took the matter to court.

William Bredenbent, pltf. v/s Jurrian Jansen, deft. Pltf. demands, that deft. shall enter bail for every quarter's rent, and says he let him the house on condition, if any war occurred, he may move in to dwell there, and that he, the deft. has taken in another. Deft. says he hired the house for a year; denies, that it was conditioned that the pltf. could move in therein in case of war; saying further he has taken in another on profit.—*Rec. N. Am., III: 54-5.*

Harmen Wessels sued him, in June, 1660, for medical attention to his wife, alleging that Bredenbent would pay him only six guilders in seawant (about 80 cents). Bredenbent said: "it is enough, as he can hire him for a whole year for twelve guilders." The court referred the matter to Mr. Hans Kierstede and Mr. Jacob Varrevanger, to examine the account.—*Ibid., III: 181.*