

At some date prior to January 20, 1659, this house, which occupied the most northerly 25 feet of the site of the Standard Oil Company's building, at No. 26 Broadway, was conveyed by Gysbert van Imbroeck to Ensign Dirck Smit.—Recitals in *Liber Deeds*, A: 222. A soldier of the West India Company, Dirck Smit commanded the second company under Stuyvesant, which captured Fort Casimir. On the landing of the troops, September 10, 1655, he was despatched with a white flag to demand the surrender of the fort, which took place the following day. The Dutch account of this exploit, told in a letter dated October 31, 1655, from Johannes Bogaert to Hans Bontemantel, schepen at Amsterdam and director of the West India Company, is printed in Jameson's *Nar. N. Neth.*, pp. 381-386.

In July of the following year, Smit was charged with selling arms to the Indians, and sentenced to dismissal from the service and banishment. He was pardoned, however, and restored to his position as ensign.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 171, 173, 176. He died in his home in New Amsterdam, Monday, October 25, 1660, leaving his wife (born Anneken Meijnderts), whom he married November 28, 1654, as appears in *Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 19, and one child, who was born while Anneken was on a visit home. She brought over a "sucking child" with her, on the "Brown Fish," in the summer of 1658.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 235; *Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 186; Riker's MS. copy of the Acct. Books of the W. I. Co., at Albany, in possession of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

After her husband's death, Anneken made arrangements to take her little daughter

back to Patria. She sailed on "De Trouw," in July, 1661. Having attended to some interests of her own, in Holland, and having collected the back pay due from the Company to her late husband, she returned to New Amsterdam, and married Abel Hardenbroeck, before December, 1662.—*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 225. The orphan-masters required her and her new husband to hypothecate their properties in New Amsterdam as security for the girl's inheritance of 1,700 guilders.—*Ibid.*, I: 231. Abel Hardenbrooke sold the house to Geurt Gerritz, July 3, 1675.—*Original Book of N. Y. Deeds*, 1673-1675, in *N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1913, p. 55.