

In 1660, and until 1880, the Markvelt Steegh began at the Market Field, as it naturally would.[²] The corner house was built by Frederick Arentsen, a turner, from Swartensluys, who came to New Amsterdam in 1654, under contract for three years to Lourens Andriessen, from Boskerk, a master turner. A year before his term expired, on "Sunday Morning," July 23, 1656, he ran away, "without either words or reason," and married Grietje Pieters, of Breda.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 20. His master sued to recover his services, but to no purpose.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 144, 148. Having bought his lot from Teunis Tomassen, the mason (*Liber Deeds*, A: 148), who agreed to take part of the price in chairs, he insisted on having it "deliver^d to him at thirteen inches to the foot," which Tomassen and his wife,

Beletje Jacobs, disputed.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 327, 331; III: 3, 12. He hired Christian Barenzen to build his house; then sued him, in April, 1658, because it was not finished. Barenzen answered that no time had been specified, and that he could get no money; finally, that he had turned the contract over to Jacob Leunissen (*ibid.*, VII: 183-5), who finished it by September, 1658.—*Mortgages, 1654-1660*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 100.

Before the grading and fencing were finished, Arentsen quarreled with his neighbour on the south, Gerrit Hendricksen, attacking him so fiercely with a broom-stick that he broke his own windows in his rage, as all the neighbours testified.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 395-6. In 1670, he tore down the south fence again, in a dispute with Warnar Wessels, and was fined 20 guilders and costs. Surveyor Cortelyou was then called in to make a survey in the presence of the mayor, which was to be absolute.—*Ibid.*, VI: 234.

Arentsen was an expert cabinet-maker. Both he and his wife appear to have been extremely contentious. He prospered, however. In 1677, "M^r ffredrick Arients" was taxed here on a high valuation.—*M. C. C.*, I: 53. Riker says (*Hist. of Harlem*, 143) that this settler was Frederick Arents Bloem, ancestor of the Bloom family of New York.