

Jan Jansen, from St. Obin, became possessed of this small house next the corner of the Brugh Straet, now No. 12 Stone Street.

He was a seafaring man, a skipper and pilot, who was in the colony at least as early as 1646.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 34. In 1649, reciting himself as a native of Tübingen, he married Hendrick Hendricksen Kip's daughter, Baertje (Bertha).—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 15. He was generally called "van" or "from" St. Obin, or St. Abyn, possibly a corruption for St. Aubin.

In 1663, he is quoted as the owner of a "yacht" (*Rec. N. Am.*, IV: 270), and probably pursued the occupation of a coasting trader. He seems to have had an interest in the bark captured by Thos. Baxter, the privateer, and for which Jansen was to be secured by Thomas Moore, of New Haven, and Isaac Allerton, Sr.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 57.

It does not appear in the records that any deed or transport was made to Jansen

for the house on the Brewers Straet, nor had he a ground-brief for the lot; it is, therefore, probable that he had received it as the dower of Baertje Kip.

He was somewhat notorious as the pilot of the slaver "Gideon," and there is an entry of an order to pay him for his services in this behalf, in the *Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 268. See Innes's *New Amsterdam and its People*, 42-3.

Jan Jansen's father's name is said to have been Wanser or Wansaer; and one of his descendants joining in selling the house in question, as late as 1792, was named John Wanshaer.—*Liber Deeds*, XLVIII: 289.