

At the time of the survey, the property of the creditors and heirs of Cornelis van Tienhoven (No. 37 and part of No. 35 Pearl Street).

The famous provincial secretary, fiscal, and schout, one of the earliest inhabitants of New Amsterdam, was a man of excellent parts and of considerable ability; he seems, however, to have been rather crafty and, if his contemporaries are to be believed, of a coniving, scheming, and unprincipled character. He was also accused of drunken and licentious conduct. He had served under Van Twiller, Kieft, and Stuyvesant, but by May, 1656, before the period of the survey, had been dismissed from all of his offices (*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 108; *N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 342), and had disappeared before November 13, 1656, when it is reported that "it is not certain, where the said Corn's van Tienhoven is."—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 227. Whether he absconded or committed suicide by drowning, was a disputed point in 1656, and has been a question for the curious ever since.

His wife, Rachel, was one of the daughters of Ariantje Cuvillie, or Adrienne Cuviller, by her first husband, Gulyn Vinje, or Guillaume Vigne: these being also the parents, and Rachel a sister, of Jan Vinje, or Jean Vigne. Jan lived until 1691.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.* I: 6 (Albany); *Rec. N. Am.*, II: 349*n*.

The Key to the Map of Dutch Grants fully recites the deeds by which Van Tienhoven became possessed of his land at the Water, which included the church lane shown on the Plan.

His extensive dwelling here was referred to as "van Tienhoven's Great House." Rachel died in 1663, but Dr. Lucas van Tienhoven, the Secretary's son, and her's, was still residing here in 1679.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 21; *ibid.*, XII: 144. His sister, Jannetje Smith, lived next door.—Innes's *New Amsterdam and its People*, 58.