

Juriaen Blanck's house. This is one of the two houses recited to have been on the grant of Jacob Jacobsen Roy.—*Patents*, II: 38 (Albany). It, probably, was the one mentioned in Roy's will, May 19, 1643.—*N. Y. Col. MSS.*, II: 58. The gunner registered his will merely as a precautionary measure—a careful Dutch custom. He was gunner (constapel) at Fort Amsterdam, a dangerous post, as it proved, for his right arm was badly hurt when a brass six-pounder burst, April 22, 1645.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 94. He left New Amsterdam then, and, in 1646, secured a grant of 230 acres on the Kill van Koll (*ibid.*, 371); hence the name Constapel's Hoeck, which, in the corrupted form of Constable's Hook, is still applied to that section of New Jersey.

Juriaen Blanck bought the easterly half of Roy's grant, May 26, 1649. He was assessed here in 1677.—*M. C. C.*, I: 52. His widow, Tryntje Claes, with her married daughter and a son, still lived here in 1686.—*Selyns's List*, in *N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1841, p. 393.

Skipper Blanck was engaged in trading with the Swedes on the Delaware as early as 1643.—*De Vries's Notes*, in *Jameson's Nar. N. Neth.*, 27–8; *Brodhead's Hist. State of N. Y.*, I: 380. In 1645, he sued Jochem Kierstede for damages arising out of a voyage to Rhode Island.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 98. After he settled at New Amsterdam, however, he must have given up seafaring, for in all the records there is no name more often mentioned than his as an arbiter of other people's troubles and a guardian of other people's children.

In 1673, Juriaen Blanck was greatly distressed on behalf of his daughter, Annetje, who had been most cruelly deceived by one Pieter Groenendijke, alias Pieter Smith, who had paid court, also, to Maria De Lanoy, and had promised to marry both girls. The court found that "having falsified his faith to both hee is incapable of marrying of either of them." He was condemned to pay to each of the young women one hundred and fifty

beavers, and the sum of seventy-five beavers as a fine to his majesty.—*Exec. Coun. Min.*, ed. by V. H. Paltsits, I: 169–175.

For Blanck's defective grant on the south side of Pearl Street, see Block J, No. 11. The Battery Park Building, with part of the open space to the east of it, covers the site of Nos. 1, 2, and 3.