

Present Number 18 Pearl Street.

Gillis Pietersen van der Gouw, as he was usually called (he was from Gouda), built this house about 1647, on the grant of Teunis Jansen, the sailmaker (see No. 12). He failed to have his deed from the sailmaker registered. Consequently, he had to defend his title twenty years later; which he did, successfully.—*Rec. N. Am.*, VI: 73. Gillis Pietersen worked as a carpenter for the West India Company during Van Twiller's administration, and was appointed master carpenter June 3, 1638.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 62. His report, under date of March 22, 1639, of the improvements made in the colony during Van Twiller's régime, is one of the most informing early documents that we have.—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 16.

In July, 1642, Pietersen married Elsie Hendricks, daughter of Hendrick Jansen, the tailor, who so bitterly opposed Kieft and his administration. Both Kieft and Jansen were lost on the "Princess Amelia," September 27, 1647.—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 83.

During 1655, the house was rented to Jean Paul Jacquet, who had arrived in New Amsterdam early in that year with his family, coming from Brazil, where he had long served the Company. He immediately became a tapster here (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 301), and fire inspector of the town.—*Ibid.*, 304. He later accompanied Stuyvesant on the expedition to the South River, where he was left as vice-director and commander-in-chief at Fort Casimir, December 3, 1655.—O'Callaghan's *Hist. of N. Neth.*, II: 325. His New Amsterdam lease expired May 16, 1656, when Paulus Schrick hired the house. Catalyntje Verbeeck, Adriaen Woutersen's wife, had been a sub-tenant under Jacquet, and she positively refused to move out for Schrick, declaring that she had been told "that she should remain in the house in case the owner thereof did not come." This was not convincing to the court,

but the proceeding ends just there.—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 101-2. In later years (1664-1668), Hendrick Bosch, the cutler, who afterward bought Claes van Elslant's house (Block R, No. 3), was a tenant here, while Gillis Pietersen was at Fort Orange.—*Register of Walewyn Van Der Veen*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 113.