

Gillis Pietersen (who built No. 11) also built this house. He sold it to Egbert van Borsum, July 29, 1647.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 39.

Egbert van Borsum was a sailor. In 1642, he is referred to as a "skipper" of the West India Company.—*Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS.*, 715. He seems to have been in charge of the Company's yachts and other small vessels. Arent van Curler mentions him as follows: "*Egbert Van Borse*m who brought me in his sloop to the *santpunt*."—*Ibid.*, 719, 720. After the directors of the West India Company had given to the burgomasters and schepens the privilege of farming out the ferry to Breuckelen, on May 18, 1654 (*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 218), Van Borsum became its first lessee, under the ordinance of July 1, 1654.—*Laws & Ord., N. Neth.*, 162-5; *N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 269. The following April, he contracted with Jan Cornelissen [Cleyn], Abram Jacobsen, and Jan Hendricksen to construct a house for him at his ferry, to cost 550 guilders.—*Powers of Attorney*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 136-7. (See the suit between Van Borsum and Jan Cornelissen, in *Rec. N. Am.*, I: 311.) Van Borsum farmed the ferry until the end of May, 1661.—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 421. After he had given it up, he continued to rent out boats and scows, as a means of livelihood.—*Rec. N. Am.*, V: 24-25; VI: 181. Van Borsum's marriage, on December 11, 1639, to Annetje Hendricks, is the first one entered in the records of marriages in the Reformed Dutch Church.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 10.