Jacob Stoffelsen, who had married the widow of Cornelis van Vorst, of Pavonia, in 1639-40 (Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch, 6, 73), procured a grant here from Stuyvesant, which is not recorded. He probably erected this building for a warehouse, for he undoubtedly lived across the Hudson River.

Jacob Stoffelsen, of Zierickzee, in the Province of Zeeland, was overseer of the Company's negroes in 1639.—Ibid., 6. He was chosen as one of the Board of Twelve Men, August 29, 1641 (N. Y. Col. Docs., I: 415), and his name appears on the list from which the Eight Men were selected in the fall of 1643.—Ibid., I: 193.

His house and barns at Pavonia were burned by the Indians, October 1, 1643, and his little step-son carried into captivity, according to De Vries, who says that he procured the boy's release.—De Vries's Notes in Jameson's Nar. N. Neth., 233-4. For his second wife, Stoffelsen, on August 17, 1657, chose Tryntje Jacobs, widow of Jacob Walingsen van Winkle, with whom he acquired six more step-children.—Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch., 22; Min. of Orph. Court, I: 38.

On June 26, 1666, his wife appeared for him in a court proceeding, "since the deft., being powerless, is incapable of coming here in person and taking the oath."—Rec. N. Am., VI: 22. He probably died soon afterward. His widow married Michiel Tadens. Their license is dated June 17, 1668, in the Reformed Dutch Church Book.—Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch., 33. The Bergen Record says that they were married June 8, 1668.[1]—Hol. Soc. Year Book, 1914, p. 57.

Jan Evertsen Keteltas bought the property from Tadens's heirs, September 26, 1674.— Original Book of N. Y. Deeds, in N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections, 1913, pp. 45-6. The southeast corner of the Chesebrough Building, No. 15 Pearl Street, marks the site. The angle in the building follows the fence line between this land and Michiel Jansen's lot (No. 14).