

“The trivial school”[1] of Harmanus van Hobocken occupied the exact site of No. 39 Broad Street. The lot has the same dimensions to-day that Surveyor Cortelyou laid out before January, 1660, when Van Hobocken requested an allowance from the city, “as he is behind hand with the building of the School.”—*Rec. N. Am.*, VII: 244. Although his deed was not recorded until August 31, 1661 (*Liber Deeds*, A: 238), the house was finished before June, 1660.—Recited, *ibid.*, A: 178.

Harmanus van Hoboocken was appointed to succeed Willem Vestensz, as chorister and schoolmaster of this city, March 23, 1655, at 35 guilders per month, and 100 guilders extra per year for expenses.—*Eccles. Rec.*, I: 336. The records do not show where the schoolmaster began to teach, but, in November, 1656, he petitioned to be allowed to use the hall and side room of the Stadthuys for a school and dwelling, as he is “burthened with a wife and children,” and “does not know how to manage for the proper accommodation of the children during winter, for they much require a place adapted for fire and to be warmed, for which their present tenement is wholly unfit.”—*Rec. N. Am.*, II: 219. The burgo-masters and schepens did not accede to this request, but they did allow him 100 guilders a year towards the rent of a house, “in order that the youth, who are here quite numerous, may have the means of instruction as far as possible.”—*Ibid.*, II: 220. (For this rented house, see Block C. No. 16.)

Hardly had the schoolmaster built his house here, when he was notified, in May, 1661, that his successor, Mr. Evert Pietersen, was about to sail from Holland in the “Gilded Beaver.”—*Eccles. Rec.*, I: 502-3. Stuyvesant, knowing Van Hoboocken to be “a person of irreproachable life and conduct,” arranged that he should act as schoolmaster and clerk at his bouwery, meantime drawing pay from the Company as “Adelborst,” or sergeant.—*Ibid.*, I: 522. His first wife having died, he married Marritje Pieters, in October, 1662,

and was still living comfortably as deacon, at Stuyvesant's Bouwery, in April, 1663.—

*Register of Walewijn Van Der Veen*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 70.