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Adriaen Vincent's grant of June 1, 1644, extended along the Heere Gracht from the corner of the Slyck Steegh for a distance of 11 rods, 2 feet, or about 138 English feet. It included Nos. 71 to 81 Broad Street, from the corner of the Consolidated Exchange to South William Street. The Plan pictures six houses (Nos. 1 to 6), five of which were certainly

built by Vincent. Abraham Jansen may have built the second house on the lot which he bought.

Adriaen Vinchardt, Vinchant, or Vincent, was a Walloon, and at one time a cadet of the Company.—*Cal. Hist. MSS., Dutch*, 48. With his wife, Madaleen, and his little daughter, Anneken, he came from Amsterdam. Scandalous rumor hinted that he left another wife and four children behind him.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 70. Industrious and thrifty, the Vincents prospered. In 1654, Adriaen, as an old burgher, petitioned “that he may be favored with some occurring employment, such as carrying beer and wine or anything else,” and a little later asked “permission to retail brandy and other strong liquors out of doors.”—*Ibid.*, I: 163, 225.

While Adriaen worked at the public warehouse, Madaleen kept the little tavern at the corner of the Slyck Steegh.—*Rec. N. Am.*, I: 403; II: 263. On May 3, 1657, at the time of the new survey, Madaleen demanded “satisfaction for the cutting off part of her lot for the road. [1] But whereas it is of little or no importance, and is for her own advantage, it is decided, that nothing is due for it.”—*Rec. N. Am.*, VII: 158.

Neither Vincent nor his wife ever learned to use Dutch, fluently. In court, they always had to employ an interpreter.—*Ibid.*, II: 290; III: 55. Anneken, their only daughter, married Symon Felle, or Velle, a Huguenot trader from Dieppe, September 9, 1656.—*Marriages in Ref. Dutch Ch.*, 21. After his death, in 1680, she married Jacques Cousseau (see note in Riker's *Hist. of Harlem*, 425). Her father gave her, as a marriage portion, a house not far from his own (No. 4). Just three years later, Anneken's father and husband were shocked and grieved by the slanderous imputations of a neighbour, Lysbet Willems, who charged the girl with having too intimate friendships with Captains Beaulieu and Rooslyn. Lysbet was obliged to recant in court, and was “charged to remain quiet for the future and to utter no more such infamous words.”—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 55-6. This same gallant Captain Augustyn Beaulieu figures as host at a gay party held at Egbert van Borsum's house in the late summer of 1658. Symon Felle, and his father-in-law, Vincent, were among those invited. In September, Van Borsum brought suit for an unpaid balance of fl. 310: 4: 8, for the entertainment, and also summoned the guests,

Of whom, Jacob Huges declares, he was invited by the Captain, but if he must pay he will do so. Simon Felle declares the same. . . . Capt. Beaulieu says, that there were fourteen of them; half of which he individually was to pay for, and the others the other half. . . . asked, if he have any objection to the a/c? Answers, No, except to the fl. 30 for trouble and waiting and fl. 3 for cleaning the things.

The Captain was directed “to pay Egbert van Borssum 250 gl. 4 stiv., 8 pence, deducting 20 fl. charged too much for trouble,” the remaining money to be collected “from Adriaan Vincent, Simon Felle, Nicolaas Boot, Mr Jacob Huges and Jan Perier, and if the aforesaid persons prove, that Capt Beaulieu invited them, Capt Beaulieu is ordered to pay for them.”—*Ibid.*, III: 5.

Adriaen Vincent still tapped here in November, 1673.—*Ibid.*, VII: 6, 29. Probably, his son, John, inherited this house, as he and his wife, Annetje Jans, lived here in 1686.—Selyns's List, in *N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections*, 1841, p. 396.