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Skipper Tomas Davidts bought one of Adriaen Vinchant's (Vincent's) houses, May 1, 1660, and sold it to Johannes de Peyster, January 22, 1670.—*Liber Deeds*, A: 192; *ibid.*, B: 166. He seldom occupied it himself, for his wife, a daughter of Domine Gideon Schaats,

preferred to live with her father, in Albany,. During 1662-3-4, this house was occupied by Foppe Robberts.—*Register of Solomon Lachaire*, trans. by O'Callaghan, 328-9; *Rec. N. Am.*, V: 43.

Thomas Davids, or Davidsen, sailed a sloop between New Amsterdam and Fort Orange. The Labadists, who went up to Albany with him, in April, 1679, speak very sharply of his character.

The skipper was a son-in-law of D. Schaets, the minister at Albany, a drunken, worthless person who could not keep house with his wife, who was not much better than he, nor was his father-in-law. He had been away from his wife five or six years and was now going after her.—*Journal of Jasper Danckaerts*, ed. by James and Jameson, 197.

However, Anneke Schaats did not return with her husband on that trip. It took the authorities, both at Albany and New York, a long time to induce her to rejoin him. She was "headstrong and would not depart without the Sheriff & Constable's interference," in June, 1681. Finally, an "Extraordinary Court" was held in Albany, July 29, 1681. Thomas and Anneke were brought before it, and were bound over to behave themselves together, and to go to New York with their children. This they promised to do, but with evident reluctance.

The history of Domine Schaats's troubles with his congregation and with his daughter is quaintly told in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 8vo. ed., III: 883-7, and reprinted in *Eccles. Rec.*, II: 762-4.