Dirck Jansen van Deventer, a smith, bought this house from Pieter Taelman, July 31, 1658, and was confirmed here in 1667.—Patents, II: 78 (Albany).

Burger Jorissen's smithy stood on the site in 1655, according to recitals in Liber Deeds, A: 25. Jorissen removed his house and smith's shop to the opposite corner (Block Q, No. 16) about the time that the Smee Straet was extended and widened. He sold this "certain house and lot, situate within this city between Michiel Janse and the newly surveyed street," to Taelman, June 5, 1657. (Recitals in Mortgages, 1654-1660, trans. by O'Callaghan, 64.) The house pictured is, evidently, not his old smithy, and he must have built it shortly before the conveyance above mentioned. Dirck Jansen van Deventer, about whom little is known, was still in the city in 1674.—Rec. N. Am., VII: 47.