

Frans Claessen died December 4, 1658, in the little house on the roadway, near the Water Port (see No. 9). He left four little sons, Claes, Jacob, Dirck, and Tymen. Abraham de la Noy, their guardian, was directed by the orphan-masters "to do his best conscientiously" with their pitifully inadequate inheritance of 400 guilders.—*Min. of Orph. Court*, I: 77. The grant of this lot from the burgomasters was earlier than February, 1660, when Immetje Dircks, widow of Frans Claessen, rented his miserable little house here for part of the year, at the rate of 120 guilders per annum.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 131.

In March, 1688, Claes Fransen and his three brothers received a quit-claim deed from the City of New York for this plot.—*Liber A*: 66, in Comptroller's Office; *M. C. C.*, I: 202.