

the latest in the month of May 1665, punctually; and whereas said Cornelis Brantssz and Van Reis are proposing to return to Hoiland by the ship *Eendracht*, therefore, in case of accident (which may God prevent) said sum may be recovered without loss or damage out of his estate of inheritance or lands called Schephorst, situated near Nieukerck aforesaid in Gelderland; binding hereto his person and estate, nothing excepted, subject to the authority of all courts and judges, and especially of the honorable court of Gelderland. Done in the colony of Rensselaerswyck, on the date above written.

CORNELIS BRANTSEN

As witnesses:

*R. V. Renseler*

*G: Swartt*

D. V. SCHELLUYNE, *Not. Pub.*

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**Agreement between Andries de Vos and the orphan masters of Beverwyck regarding the settlement of the estate of the late Arent Andriessen Bratt (incomplete)**

[465] On this day, the 10th of October 1664, Andries de Vos, father of Catalina Andriesz, widow of the late Arent Andriessz, of the first part, and (the honorable orphan masters Jan Verbeeck and Evert Wendel, orphan masters of the village of Beverwyck, now called Albany),<sup>1</sup> of the second part, declared and acknowledged that they had fully adjusted, settled and squared accounts with each other respecting the paternal estate and inheritance of the six surviving children procreated by the aforesaid Arent Andriessz and Catalina Andriessz namely, Jeffie, Adriaentie, Andries, Dirck, Samuel and Cornelia Andriessz, and that in the presence of Hendrick Jochemsz, empowered hereto by the aforesaid widow, in manner following:

The honorable orphan masters hereby acknowledge that the said Andries de Vos has made a proper accounting and final settlement of the paternal estate of the aforesaid children, wherefore they, in their official capacity, release him from all further claims, with this condition that the aforesaid six children, after the death of said Andries de Vos, out of the most available property left by him, shall obtain and receive the sum of one hundred guilders in beavers or beaver's value, each to have an equal portion thereof, for which

<sup>1</sup> The words in parentheses are crossed out and replaced by the name Hendrick Jochemsz. See next document.

he, Andries de Vos, hereby binds and obligates himself . . . [not finished and canceled in the record].

**Agreement between Andries de Vos and Hendrick Jochemsen, as attorney for the widow of Arent Andriessen Bratt, regarding the settlement of the latter's estate**

[466] On this day, the 11th of October 1664, Andries de Vos, of the first part, and Hendrick Jochemsz, as attorney for Catalina Andriesz (daughter of said De Vos), widow of the late Arent Andriessz, of the second part, acknowledged that they had contracted and agreed with each other about what hitherto has been outstanding between him, De Vos, and the aforesaid Arent Andriessz, deceased, in respect to the use of the sawmill at Wapanicassick, which they have had in company or partnership, in manner following:

All accounts, debts and claims which they have against each other on that account are hereby canceled and annulled, so that neither partner has any further claim upon the other; on this express condition, however, that the children of said Catalina Andriesz (procreated by said Arent Andriesz), after the death of said Andries de Vos, out of the first and most available property left behind, shall receive the sum of one hundred guilders in beavers or beaver's value, for which he, De Vos, binds and obligates himself; wherewith the parties hereto mutually are agreed and content, the one making no further claim upon the other, and they therefore in manner above mutually release each other. All in good faith done in [467] Beverwyck, now named Albany, dated as above, in presence of Mr Jan Verbeeck and Evert Wendel, as witnesses.

ANDRIES DE VOS

HENDRICK JOCHEMSZ

As witnesses:

Jan Verbeeck

Evert Wendel

In my presence,

D. V. SCHELLUYNE, *Not. Pub.*

1664

**Bond of Maria Dyckman to Gerrit Hendricksen van Rys**

This day, the 11th of October 1664, Maria Dyckman acknowledged that she was well and truly indebted to Gerrit Hendricxsz van Reys in the sum of sixteen beavers at eight guilders each, for

*Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck*, 4 vols., trans. Jonathan Pearson, (vol. 1 only, Albany: J. Munsell, 1869), vol. 1: 1656-1675, partial pp. 390-391.

We the commissaries of the court of Fort Orange and village of Beverwyck, declare that we have granted and transferred as by these presents we do, to Sander Leendersen Glen, a house and lot lying in the village of Beverwyck on the hill, length and breadth as it lies enclosed in fence, which we do by virtue of an execution made on Marten Herbertsen of date —, which lot he received by patent from the Heer director general and council of New Netherland, of date 23d of April, A.D. 1652, and as said Sander Leendersen has paid the promised money to the creditors of said Marten Herbertsen, he is freed from all actions, claims or pretensions, which may hereafter arise.

[This paper is not executed].

➡ In the name of the Lord, Amen; Be it known by the contents of this present instrument that in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ sixteen hundred and sixty-four on the  $\frac{12}{12}$  of November, appeared before me Johannes Provoost, clerk of the court of Albany, in presence of the officer Johannes La Montagne, and the honorable Jan Verbeeck and Evert Jansen Wendel, orphan masters, Cataryn Anderiese De Vos<sup>2</sup> widow of

<sup>1</sup> In 1717 one Jan Evertse had a lot on the east corner of Broadway and Maiden Lane. — *Albany Annals* vii, 74. In 1661 he was complained of for smuggling shoes. — *Dutch Manuscript*, ix, 716-7.

<sup>2</sup> Cataryntje Anderiese De Vos was a daughter of Andries De Vos deputy director of Rensselaerswyck; her second husband was Arent Janse Van Biltmars whom she married in 1664, and who with his son was killed in the massacre at Schenectady, February 9, 1690. Soon after she married her third husband Glaas Janse Van Boekhoven whom she also survived, and died in 1712.

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the late Arent Anderiese [Bratt], who declares that for God's honor she purposes a future marriage, and before the consummation of the same, she has consented to the following conditions, to wit: that she assigns to her children left by the said Arent Anderiese deceased, named Jesie aged 15 years, Ariaentie aged thirteen years, Anderies aged 11 years, Cornelia aged nine years, Samuel five years and Direk Anderiese aged three years, and promises to pay to them conjointly, the sum of a thousand guilders in beaver currency, and no more, which they shall together receive as their patrimonial inheritance, each his portion at his majority; for the security of which, she, the subscriber, pledges and specially mortgages, her house and *bouvery* lying at Schanhechtade; whereto by request Anderies de Vos and Juriaen Teunise consent to act as guardians and overseers of said children; furthermore said subscriber promises to bring up said children in the fear of God, to teach them to read and write, to maintain them in food and clothing till their majority and marriage state without diminishing their patrimonial estate; which aforesaid conditions she, the subscriber, promises to abide by without craft or guile, on pledge of her person and estate, personal and real.

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Thus done in N. Albany, *datum ut supra*.

This is the mark of K CATARYN ANDERIES DE VOS,  
with her own hand set.

*Jan Verbeeck, as meester.*

*Evert Janse Wendel, also as Weesmeyster.*

*Andries de Vos.<sup>1</sup>*

*Jurejan Tansen.*

*La Montagne.*

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, Clerk.

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Catalvntie (de Vos) Bradt was very careful to protect the patrimony of her children by Arent Bradt before marrying her third husband, Claes Jansen van Bockhoven.

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the same shall be partitioned it shall be laid out into three parts, for the performance and execution of which we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns. Thus done in the county of Albany, this 31st of January 1704.

Signed,

GERRIT X TEUNISE

his mark

JONAS DOW

ANDRIES DOW

HEND<sup>k</sup>. DOW

Witnesses:

W. De Meyer

Harpet Jacobse

Volkert Dow

**Marriage contract between Claes Jansen van Bockhoven and Cathalyna Andriese de Vos, widow of Barent Jansen**

[296] Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, Claes Jansen van Bockhoven,<sup>1</sup> widower of Volkie Janz, bridegroom, of the one part, and Cathalyna Andriese de Voss, widow of Barent Janse,<sup>2</sup> bride, of the other part, both dwelling in the county of Albany, acknowledge and declare that we, out of sincere love and mutual affection which we have for each other, being inclined and disposed to enter into wedlock and therefore desiring to avoid all future disputes and discord as well for ourselves as for our heirs or assigns respecting our respective temporal estates which God Almighty far above our merits and deserts has pleased to grant us, so have we together first made and concluded this our present marriage contract in manner and form following:

First, the bridegroom aforementioned for the maintenance of this their proposed marriage shall contribute his lands and claims lying at Canastagioene on the east side of the river, comprising about eighteen to twenty morgens of arable land with a pasture and woodland thereto belonging.

Also the house and lot by the bridegroom aforementioned now [occupied?] lying in the city of Albany between the houses of Jan van Loon and Harmen Gansevoort.

<sup>1</sup> Also referred to as *Claes de Brabander*, Bokhoven being a village about six miles northwest of Bois-le-Duc in the province of North Brabant.

<sup>2</sup> Barent Janse van Dittmarse (Ditmarschen, the western part of Holstein); see *Deeds*, 4:37. According to Jonathan Pearson, *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 62-63, Barent Janse was Cathalyna de Vos's second husband, her first husband being Arent Bratt.

Furthermore a lot lying on the south side of Canastagioene river, to the east of the fort. Also all his other estate and personal property, nothing whatever excepted or reserved.

On the other hand so shall the bride aforementioned for the maintenance of this their proposed marriage contribute, two parcels of land lying at Shinnechtady, the one being next to the land of Barent Wemp, the other parcel lies over against Malwyk,<sup>1</sup> together with a pasture and woodland bought of Sassiaen.<sup>2</sup>

Also a lot lying within the village of Shinnechtady, where her dwelling place was.

Also the land in company with her son Dirk Arentse Bratt.

Also a lot lying on the north side of the city of Albany.

Also two gardens lying at Shinnechtady next the pasture of Gerrit Banker, deceased, and further all her personal property, nothing whatever excepted or reserved.

All the aforementioned property, as well of one as of the other side, with all the interest, rents, emoluments, income, debts and credits, profit and loss, shall be in common to both sides and after the death of one of them, the survivor is to remain in full possession of all the aforegoing property without molestation or hindrance of any one whomsoever, and receive all the profit or loss as aforesaid.

[297] Third, the two negros named Sam and Jack, a negress named Isaabelle and also two children of said negress, the one named Sussanna and the other Rachel, after the death of us both shall have and enjoy their full freedom without any one's having power to burden them further with any servile labor, or hire out or sell them, but they shall from that time their full freedom have and enjoy as aforesaid and if the aforesaid negress shall come to have any more children they shall likewise at the same time have their freedom.

Fourth, after the death of us both there shall be paid out of the common estate to Johannis Wynkoop, son of Cornelis Wynkoop, a sum of five pounds current money of this province.

Fifth, as to the residue of the common estate which on the death of both may remain or be left the same shall be and remain for the

<sup>1</sup> Maalwyck, a tract on the north side of the Mohawk river. See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 71.

<sup>2</sup> Hendrick Lambertse Bont (Bint, Bent) alias Sassian. See *History of the Schenectady Patent*, p. 80, 90.

heirs and successors of the aforementioned bride alone. Thus done in Albany on the 27th of February 1699.

Signed, sealed and  
delivered in presence  
of:

*L: v: Schaick*

*Harmen Gansevoort*

*Jacob Ten Eycke*

This is the mark I of CLAES JANES  
BOCKHOVEN made with his own hand

This is the mark K of CATHALYNA  
ANDRIES D' VOS, made with her own  
hand

Albany the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1703 this was compared and examined with the original and the same found to agree with the original by me, Hend<sup>k</sup>. Hansen, Justice.

Recorded y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1703.

#### Deed from Samuel Wilson to Jan Hendricksen Bruyn for a house and lot in Albany

[331] <sup>1</sup>Appeared before me, Rob<sup>t</sup>. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyck and Schinnecktady, etc., in presence of the Honorable Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>. Pretty and Mr Andries Teller. magistrates, Mr Samuel Wilson, merchant at New York, who declared that he had granted, conveyed and made over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Mr Jan Hendrikse Bruyn a certain house and lot standing and lying in Albany on the hill, bounded south by Robert Sanders and north by the new house of Capt. Philip Schuyler, in breadth and length as by virtue of the patent thereof, dated the 6th of June 1667,<sup>2</sup> to which reference is herein made; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance to him given by Elisabeth Claese, widow of the late Jan Burger, deceased, of date the 7th of September 1667,<sup>3</sup> and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the

<sup>1</sup> This is a copy of a deed recorded in *Deeds*, 1:160, of which a translation, varying slightly from the present, is printed in *Early Records of Albany*, 1:161. The deed was entered a second time in connection with an English deed from Jan Hendricksen Bruyn to Reynier Myndertsen, dated April 16, 1702, to the original of which a copy of the present deed was attached.

<sup>2</sup> No record of this patent is found.

<sup>3</sup> This should be the 7th of September 1677; see *Early Records of Albany*, 1:161.



## WILL OF CLAAS JANSE VAN BECKHOVEN [BOEKHOVEN]

New York (County) Surrogate's Court. *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*. 17 vols. New York: Printed for the New York Historical Society, 1893-1909. Vol.2: 1708-1728 (1894):85-86. Will of Claas Janse Van Beckhoven, Liber 8:96+

## ABSTRACTS OF WILLS – LIBER 8

Page 96.—CLAAS JANSE VAN BECKHOVEN [BOEKHOVEN]. In the name of God, Amen, the 11 January, 1698/99. I, Claes Janse Van Beckhoven, of the village of Schenectady, in the County of Albany. I leave to Arent Andriese Bratt, son of Andres Bratt, deceased, son of my well beloved wife Cathalyntie Andriese De Vass [Vos], the sum of £5, which he is to have upon his grand mother's decease, and not before. I leave to Cathalyntie Claas, daughter of my wife's eldest daughter, Affie, wife of Claas Van Pelt [Petten/Patton] (who is lately married with Dirck Teunisses son Teunis), a gold ring for her finger which she is to have after my wife's decease. I leave to Maritie, the eldest daughter of Jan Botman [Pootman], a gold ring. To Catalyntie, the eldest daughter of my wife's daughter, Ariantie, a cow. To the eldest daughters of Samuel and Dirck Bratt each a heifer. To Johaness Wynkoop, of Kingston, £5. To the poor of the city of Albany, £5. Freedom is given to certain negro slaves, and they are to have the use of six Morgen of woodland, lying by the land of Jan Mangelse at Canastigione. I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Catalyntie Andries De Vass, that is to say my farm, situate, lying and being on the north side of the Magnos River, at Canastigione, between the land of Jan Mangelse, and the land of Jan Litree, And my lot of land on the south side of Canastigione River, and on the east side of Marte Cregier's; Also my house and lot in Albany, between the house and lot of Harme Gansevoort, and the house and lot of Jan Van Loon, and all household goods. And after her death I leave all the aforesaid lands and goods to the six children of my said wife and their children, namely, the children of Andries Bratt, Samuel Bratt, Affie, wife of Claas Van Pelt; Ariantie, wife of Ryer Schermerhorn, the children of Cornelius [Cornelia] Bratt, formerly wife of Jan Pootman. I appoint my wife executor, and Ryer Jacobse Schermerhorn, and Dirck Arent Bratt, overseers.

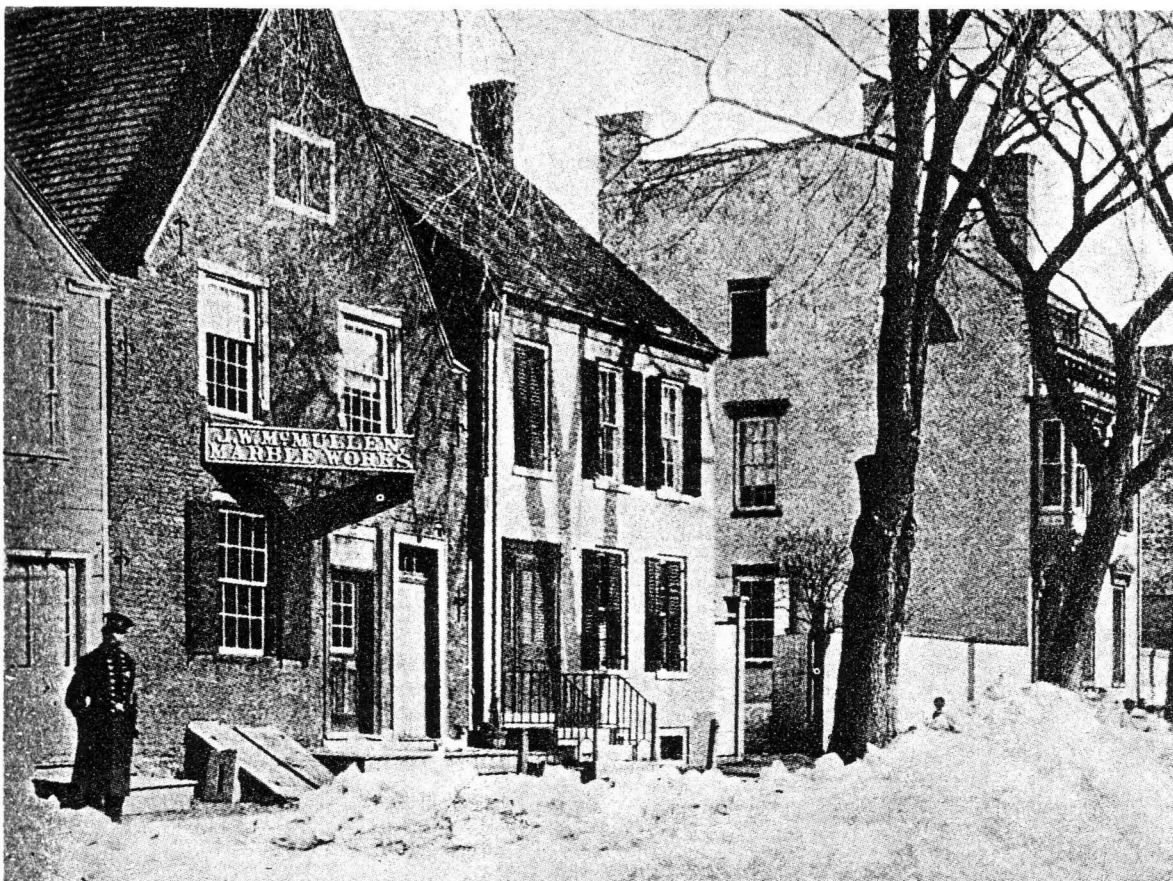
Witnesses, Hendrick Hansen, Isaac von Plak, Johaness Beekman.

Codicil. The testator and his wife annul a certain document, giving certain land to Dirck Bratt. Proved, April 3, 1712.

The above will is that of Claes Jansen van Boekhoven, third husband of Catalyntie de Vos, widow of Arent Bradt/Bratt. It is significant because among other things it proves that Catalyntie de Vos and Arent Bradt had been husband and wife; that Arent and Catalyntie Bradt had a son Andries and a daughter Ariantie who was married to Ryer Schermerhorn; and grandchildren, Arent son of Andries Bradt and Catalyntie daughter of Ariantie Schermerhorn. Some, but not all, of these relationships were proved previously by Catalyntie de Vos's 12 November 1662 marriage contract with her second husband, Barent Janse Van Ditmars.

Catalyntie de Vos executed her will the same day naming her husband Claes van Boekhoven and the same devisees. The 1712 date of this probate corresponds with her death, Claes Janse van Boekhoven having died earlier. Although in the will Claes van Boekhoven speaks of all his holdings, he acquired certain properties through his marriage to Catalyntie De Vos Bratt.

Helen Wilkinson Reynolds. *Dutch Houses in the Hudson Valley Before 1776*. New York: Payson and Clarke, 1929; reprint ed., n.p.: Dover Publications for the Holland Society of New York, 1965, page 64.



Schenectady, N. Y. Built about 1715. Torn down about 1900. Illustrates the Dutch custom of placing the gable-end of the house toward the street. Carries wrought iron beam-anchors in trefoil design. The plate was made from a photograph obtained through the courtesy of DeLancey W. Watkins of Schenectady, N. Y.

### House of Captain Arent Bradt

Formerly at 7, State street, Schenectady, New York

PLATE 14

Albert Andriess Bradt and Arent Andriess Bradt, brothers, were among the early settlers at Rensselaerswyck. They were Norwegians. Albert established himself a few miles south of Albany on a stream, where he built a mill. He was known as "de Noormàn" and the stream today is still the *Norman's Kil*. Arent removed from the colony to the independent town of Schenectady, of which he was one of the patentees in 1662. He died soon after the charter was granted and title to his lands was confirmed to his widow, Catelyntje DeVos Bradt. Her home-lot in Schenectady, on the north side of State street near Washington, passed to her son, Andries Arent Bradt (killed in the Indian massacre of 1690). He, by his wife Margreta Van Slyke, had a son Arent, who was born about 1680, married 1704 to Jannetje Vrooman, and died in 1767. This last Arent Bradt built about 1715 on the home-lot of his grandmother on State Street a brick house, which stood until about 1900, and which was a good example of the houses built in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, gable-end to the street and with roof of high pitch.

Although the Bradts came from Norway they so merged themselves with their Dutch neighbors as to be regarded as wholly Dutch themselves. Arent Bradt, who built and occupied the house illustrated, prospered as a brewer, was long a trustee of Schenectady and represented that place in the provincial assembly. His son, Captain Andries Bradt, who succeeded to the brick house, was the father of Jannetje Bradt, born 1743, who married Christopher Yates and lived in the house shown in plate 57.