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ARIE CORNELISSEN VAN SCHAICK

Two Mile Tavern, Manhattan, NY 1665

Arie/Arian/Adrian Cornelissen Van Schaick was baptized July 1642⁸⁵ and died December 1699. He married Rebecca Idens at New Amsterdam 26 January 1662, daughter of Teuntje Teunis.⁸⁶

Arie VanSchaick was a Dutch Tavern Keeper and Brewery Distiller, and was Proprietor of the Two Mile Tavern at the "stopping place" just at the two mile stone on the north road from the Stats Haus at the tip of Manhattan Island. The Tavern was near the Vers Water (fresh water) east of Broadway near what was called "The Collect," close to Director Stuyvesant's Bowery in the "Outback". The Tavern was situated in a pleasant spot on a large farm in a manor house.

Several descriptions exist of the excellent food and other items in September 1679 by the Dankerts, a visiting religious Dutch family, as a brewery and a "Low Pot House." On Sundays it was very popular and local revelers irritated the visitors.⁸⁷ However, Rebecca and Teunje were declared fine persons.

First mention of the Tavern was 1665 when Arie requested the Court to allow him a quantity of beer without payment of Excise Tax as travelers wanted a glass due to thirst. He was allowed beer periodically for this purpose.

Arie maintained his farm, selling produce as did his father, to the sprawling town. In October 1674 the Court named him Magistrate for his area. Governor Jacob Leisler appointed him Captain of Foot Outward in December 1689, and his name is in subsequent military records. Arie and his family were still living at Vers Water in 1686, according to Dominie Selwyns. Governor Leisler chose his Tavern for the meeting place and entertainment of the New England Commissioners in 1690.

Arie's will, written 5 August 1694 and probated 1 January 1700 provided for his beloved wife Rebecca and six surviving children: Beletje,

⁸⁵ Records, Reformed Church at New Amsterdam, (1901); Baptisms:1639-1730.

⁸⁶ H. S. F. Randolph, Teuntje Tunis and her Descendants in New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 159:3.

baptized 1663, married Peter de Groot; Ide (Iden), baptized 1665, married Isabel Gootbloot (Goodblood); Margretie (Grietje), baptized 1667, married Johannes van Imburgh, and died 1689; Cornelia, baptized 1670, married Johannes Pluvier; Elisabeth (Lysabeth), baptized 1671, married Garrett Oncleboo; and Dina, baptized 1678, married Hans Kierstede, and died by 1710.

At an unknown date, John Clapp took over the Tavern.

William Y. Pryor



WHITE'S TAVERN
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⁸⁷ Additional References:

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