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SYBRANT GOOSEN VAN SCHAICK 1653 - c.1685
CAPT. ALBERT JANSEN RYCKMAN bef.1663 - 1737

Tavernkeepers, Albany, N.H. 1683 - 1685+

Sybrant Goosen Van Schaick, son of Capt. Goosen Gerritse Van Schaick and his first wife, Gerritje Brants, was born in 1653 at Beverwyck; died at Albany about 1685. He married Elizabeth Vander Poel, daughter of Teunis Cornelise Vander Poel and Catrine Janse Croon.

Capt. Albert Jansen Ryckman, son of Jan Jansen Ryckman and Tryntie Jans married Neeltie Quackenbush. He was buried January 12, 1737; his wife was buried October 17, 1738.

Sybrant Goosen Van Schaick and Capt. Albert Jansen Ryckman were both brewers at Albany, N.Y. Their names appear together several times in the records, so it is to be presumed that they knew each other. In 1678/9 they were named among those who were to keep in repair the posts set around the town fence, beginning opposite the new fort and so back to the gate. In 1682, they, as well as others who had given two beavers per head to build a new gallery on the church, were to have their seats in the front pew "perpetually and as an hereditary right for himself and his descendants."

It is recorded in the Court minutes that both men were licensed at the same time to keep taverns in Albany:

Tuesday, February 26, 1683/4 - Albert Ryckman, Sybrant van Schayk and Harme Gansevoort are granted certificates of their good conduct and conversation and are considered fit to entertain people and to sell to them good beer by the small measure and they are recommended for the purpose of obtaining a license.

Which is granted to them by Robert Livingston, he having been authorized thereto by the honorable governor-general.

There is no evidence that Ryckman and Van Schaick were ever partners in the tavern business. About two years later Sybrant

died at the age of 32 years leaving his wife Elisabeth and four young children. Elizabeth remarried in 1686 and lived until 1754. Among the properties listed in Sybrant's will was a red silk ensign with gold and silver fringe. This may have been the flag of Rensselaerswyck.

It is known that the first patroon sent over the first "red flag with the arms of the colony" in 1634, "to float upon the breeze on proper occasions" and as a sign that justice was administered in his colony. He later wrote that such flags in Holland might even be put out by the country inns during the fairs.

Capt. Albert Ryckman was Mayor of Albany from 1702 to 26 October 1703. When his term of office ended he delivered the Charter of the City of Albany into the custody of the incoming Mayor. Ruyckman was one of the first officers who officiated under the original Charter when it was granted by Gov. Dongan in 1686. He was active in defending the town against the French and Indians, and was Captain in the Militia in 1700.

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