

Barents Bratt.<sup>1</sup> Her father, known as the Norman (*de Noorman*), settled in Rensselaerswijck in 1630, and later held a mill-privilege on the creek flowing into the Hudson, about two miles south of Beverswijck, from whom the stream derived its name, the Norman's Kill.<sup>2</sup>

Roeloff Swartwout, baptized at the *Oude-Kerk*, in Amsterdam, Holland, on June 1, 1634, having attained his majority while living on his father's *boerwerij*, at Midwout, visited Beverswijck, in 1656, with an intention of settling there. During his sojourn in the village he became acquainted with Eva Albertse Bratt, the widow of Antoine de Hooges, the late secretary of Rensselaerswijck, residing on the northwest corner of Bever and Handelaars (Broadway) streets, south of the block-house church, then building in the square formed by the intersection of Jonkers and Handelaars streets. On finding himself enamoured with this attractive woman, he solicited her hand in marriage. His father attended their marriage on August 13, 1657. On the morning of that day the following marriage contract was entered into and signed by the betrothed parties :

“In the name of the Lord, Amen. Be it known by the contents of this present instrument that, in the year sixteen hundred and fifty-seven, on the thirteenth day of the month of August, appeared before me, Johannes La Montagne, in the service of the General Privileged West-India Company, deputy at Fort Orange and the village of Beverswijck, Roeloff Swartwout, in the presence of his father, Thomas Swartwout, on the one side, and Eva Albertse, widow of the late Antoine de Hooges, in the presence of Albert Andriessen [Bratt] her father, on the other side, who, in the following manner, have covenanted this marriage-contract, to wit : that for the honor of God the said Roeloff Swartwout and Eva Albertse, after the manner of the Reformed religion, respectively held by them, shall marry ; secondly, that the said married people shall contribute and bring together all their estates, personal and real, of whatsoever nature they may be, to be used by them in common, according to the custom in Holland, except that the bride, Eva Albertse, in presence of the orphan-masters, recently chosen here, to wit : Honorable Jan Verbeeck and Evert Wendel, reserves for her and Antoine de Hooges's children, for each of them, one hundred guilders, to wit, for Maricken, Anneken, Catrina, Johannes, and Eleonora de Hooges, for which sum of one hundred guilders for each child respectively, mortgages her house and lot lying here in the village of Beverswijck ; it was also covenanted by these presents, by the

<sup>1</sup> Antoine de Hooges's wife bore him one son and four daughters : Johannes, married, on December 4, 1675, Margarita Post ; Eleonora, married, May, 1673, William Menjeur de la Montagne ; Maria, married, first, Hendrick Bries, and second, August 21, 1696, Jacob Lookeman ; Antje, married, May 10, 1702, Emanuel Van Eten, and Catrina, married, August 17, 1706, Wynant Van der Poel.

<sup>2</sup> History of New Netherland. O'Callaghan, vol. 1., pp. 433, 434.