

her mother, Catryna Grebbers, residing on the *Prinsengracht*, seeking the crying out of their banns on three Sundays in order to obtain the solemnization of the aforesaid marriage, and to have it wholly consummated, so far as otherwise before granted, changed, hindered, and interpreted. And for that they truly declare that they are free persons and together in extraction.

"Nothing existing where a Christian marriage should be prevented, they here proffer their compliance.

"Tomys Swartwout. Adrijetjen Sijmons."

As recorded in the marriage book (*het trouwboek*) of the *Nieuwe-Kerk*, Tomys Swartwout and Adrijetjen Sijmons were joined in holy matrimony on April 7, 1630, by the Reverend Rudolphus Petri, in the venerable edifice still standing on the west side of the Dam, but now greatly changed architecturally inside and outside since the celebration of their marriage.

Their conjugal happiness was unfortunately brief, for, in giving birth to a son, on the seventeenth of December, that year, the earthly life of the suffering mother abruptly ended. Jan, their son, who was baptized in the month of January, 1631, having inherited the sum of four hundred florins, the money was placed in the hands of his father, who, on the fifteenth of May gave bonds that he would pay the same to his son at his majority; the grandfather of the child, Sijmon Sijmons, and his uncle, Wybrandt Swartwout, being accepted as sureties. Whether the boy lived through childhood, or died while still an infant, there is no information extant to determine the one or the other of these alternatives.

It was Tomys Swartwout's good fortune to become acquainted with Hendrickjen, the amiable daughter of Barent Otsen, a prominent book-publisher of the city of Amsterdam. They became engaged shortly thereafter, and as required by law they subscribed their names to an attestation for the publication of the banns of their intended marriage as is recorded in the *Kerkelijk Inteckening Boek* of the *Nieuwe-Kerk*, on the tenth of May, 1631.

"Appeared before the Commissioners Heyndrick Coppit and Dirk de Graef, Thomas Swartwout, of Groningen, widower of Arijaentje Sijmons, residing on the *Keysersgracht*, and Heyndrickje Barents, of Amsterdam, twenty years old, assisted by her father, Barent Otsen, residing in *Breestraat*, at the *Ossemarct*. * * * *

"Tomys Swartwout, Hendrickjen, Barent's daughter."¹

On June 3, 1631, Tomys Swartwout and Hendrickjen Otsen were married, in the *Nieuwe-Kerk*, by Domine Joannes Cornelius Silvius.

¹The Dutch text, "*Hendrickjen Barents dochter*," translated, means Hendrickjen, Barent's daughter.