

north line of the village of Beverswyck in 1652] near Hudson's river, running likewise northwest sixteen English miles; and on the west by a straight line * * * * drawne from the points of the said south and north lines."

A mayor, a recorder, a chamberlain, six aldermen, six assistant aldermen, a town-clerk, a sheriff, a coroner, a market-clerk, a high constable, three sub-constables, and a marshal or "sergeant-at-mace" were specified as municipal officers. As defined by the charter, the mayor, the recorder, the aldermen and their assistants were constituted "one body corporate and politick, in deed, ffact, and name," to be known by "the name of the mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city of Albany." The mayor and the sheriff of the city were to be nominated annually "upon the ffeast day of St. Michael, the arch-angel," the twenty-ninth of September, by the lieutenant-governor of the province, as were the recorder and the town-clerk, but no limitations of time defined their terms of office. The other officers, except the chamberlain, were to be elected annually by the majority of the voices of the inhabitants, on St. Michael's day. The chamberlain was to be chosen yearly on the same day by the mayor and three or more aldermen of each class.

The mayor or any three or more of the aldermen had "full power and authority under the comon seale to make free cittizens of the said citty and liberties thereof; and no person or persons whatsoever other than such ffree cittizens" could exercise "any art, trade, mistery or manuell occupation within the said citty, libertyes, and precincts thereof, saveing in the tymes of ffayres." To obtain the freedom of the city, the person desiring to pursue the business of a merchant or a trader was required to pay a sum of not exceeding three pounds twelve shillings, and one wishing to engage in a particular occupation such as that of a mechanic, thirty-six shillings.

The mayor, aldermen, and commonalty of the city were granted "full liberty and lycense att their pleasure to purchase from the Indians, the quantity of ffive hundred acres of low or meadow land lyeing att a certeyne place called or knowne by the name of Schaihtecogue," and also "the quantity of one thousand acres of low or meadow land, lyeing att a certeyn place called or knowne by the name of Tionondorogue," paying annually to his majesty's officer or receiver, in Albany, on the twenty-fifth day of March, a quit-rent of one beaver-skin.

Rachel, probably the eldest daughter of Joachim and Annetje Ketelhuyn, married, on March 9, 1687, Dirk van der Heyden, who, in 1707, purchased the ferry-farm, which is now the site of the city of Troy. Her sister Maria, on May 7, 1693, became the wife of Johannes Barentse Bratt, of whom further mention will be made on subsequent pages.