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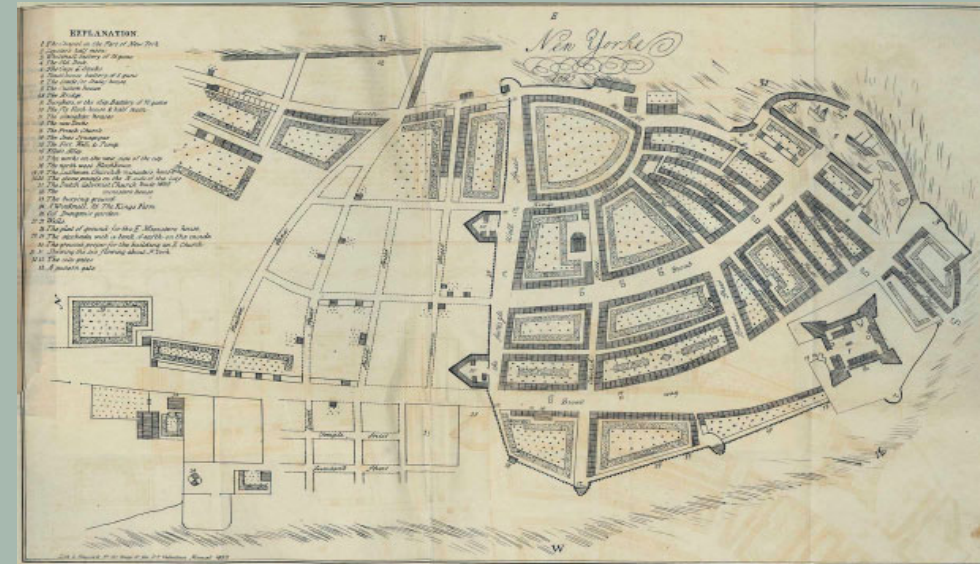
*Jan Van Hoesen House, Claverack, New York, c. 1720.*

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Reverend John Miller, Map of New York City, 1695.

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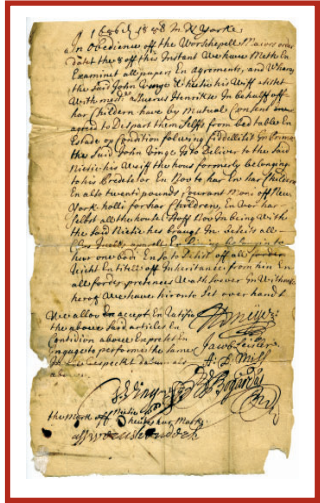
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**The Papers of Jacob Leisler:** The Papers of Jacob Leisler Project began in 1988 under the auspices of the New York University Department of History. The project was endorsed by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) in 1989. Today, the Jacob Leisler Papers contain over 4,000 records relating to five generations of Leisler's immediate family from 1550 to 1770. These include court records and administrative papers from Leisler's government, as well as family-related correspondence, property deeds and trade transactions, and political writings. In addition, the collection contains the papers of Leisler's sons-in-law Jacob Milborne, Abraham Gouverneur, Robert Walter, Joachim Staats, Barent Rynders, and Thomas Lewis, and of the related Bayard, Schaats, Cuyler, Edsall, Stevens, Pasco, Noxon, Mauritz (Morris), Vaughton, Wendell, Schuyler, Kennedy, Myer, Provoost, and Richards families.

**The Eric Nooter Collection.** In 2000, historian Dr. Eric Nooter donated his papers relating to the colonial history of Kings County, New York, present-day New York City borough of Brooklyn, to the Jacob Leisler Papers. These materials provide a wealth of information relating to western Long Island under British rule.

**The Kees-Jan Waterman Collection.** In 2019, the heirs of Kees-Jan Waterman, historian and Institute Trustee, donated to the Institute his extensive collection of materials relating to the European-American Indian fur trade of the colonial Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. Included is a library of about 100 books, manuscript translations, research notes, and ephemera. This makes the Leisler Institute an essential repository of documentary sources on the early English period in New York.