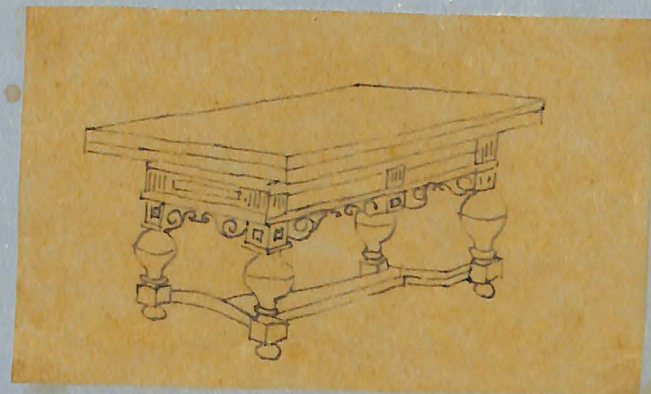


Dutch Reformed Church Steeped Bellows

This venerable edifice, believed to be the oldest Church now standing in the State, is built of Stone and brick, the latter having been imported from Holland for the express purpose. Its antique hipped and gabled roof, present quite a picturesque appearance. On the North side of the door way is inserted a Stone tablet inscribed as follows-

"Erected and built by Frederick Philips and Catherine Van Courtlandt his wife in 1699."

The
Communion
Table
which was also
imported
from Holland



It still remains
unchanged, a
venerable relic
of a by-gone
age.

The Bell of this Church was cast in Holland, and presented by Frederick Philips. It is richly ornamented and bears the following inscription.

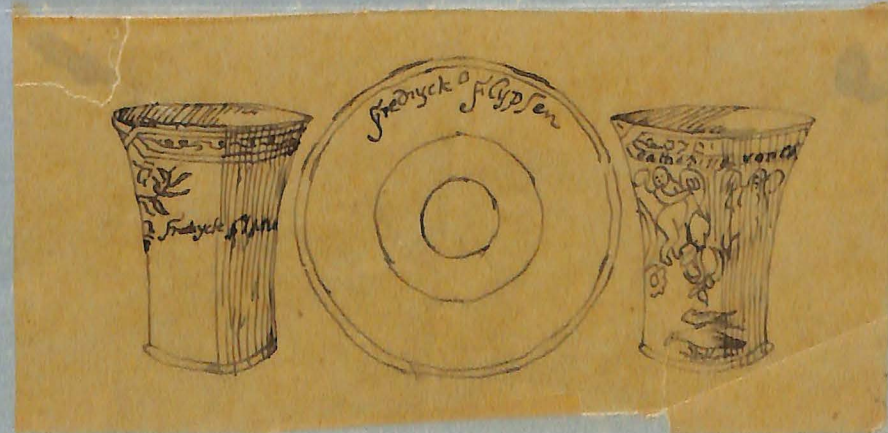
SI DEUS PRO NOBIS QVIS CONTRA NOS 1685

The Western end
of the building is
surmounted by a
curious banner, in



the shape of a flag,
bearing the initials of
the illustrious founder
Frederick Fellepsen.

The
Communion
Service
presented
by the
Philipse
family,



consists of
two silver
chalices, the
first richly
enriched
with floriated
tracery,

bears the name of Frederik Flypse, and stands
about eleven inches high. The stand is also
richly engraved with antique figures, representing
Angels, birds, fruits & flowers, beside three ovals
containing emblematic figures of Faith, Hope & Charity.
Near the top is engraved the name of Catharina Van Cortlandt.
This cup stands nearly six inches & a half high. There is
likewise a baptismal bowl composed of solid silver,
eight inches & a half in diameter, bearing the name of
Frederik Flypse. These articles are rendered extremely
valuable by the distinguished characters who gave them,
and will attract the stranger's notice; they are at present
under the care of the Pastor who resides at Tarrytown.
Catharine Philipse, the liberal benefactress of this Church
by her last will dated Jan'y-1730. bequeathed one of the
beacons, the damask table cloth & communion table
to her son in law, Adolph Philipse, to his heirs for
ever in trust for the Church. Tradition asserts that
she was in the habit of riding up from the City of New
York on horseback, mounted on a pillion behind
her favorite brother, Jacobus Van Cortlandt, for
the purpose of superintending the erection of this
Church. In the ancient records of this Church, her
name occurs as first on the list of its members
in 1697. "First and before all the right honorable,
God-fearing, very wise & prudent, My Lady Catharina
Philipse, widow of the Lord Frederick Philipse of
Hoped Memory, who have promoted down since
here in the highest praiseworthy manner."

The Dutch Church & its vicinity is described
in the well known legend of Sleepy Hollow by
Washington Irving.