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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - History of New Netherland
  - Sources
  - Common Problems and Strategies
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

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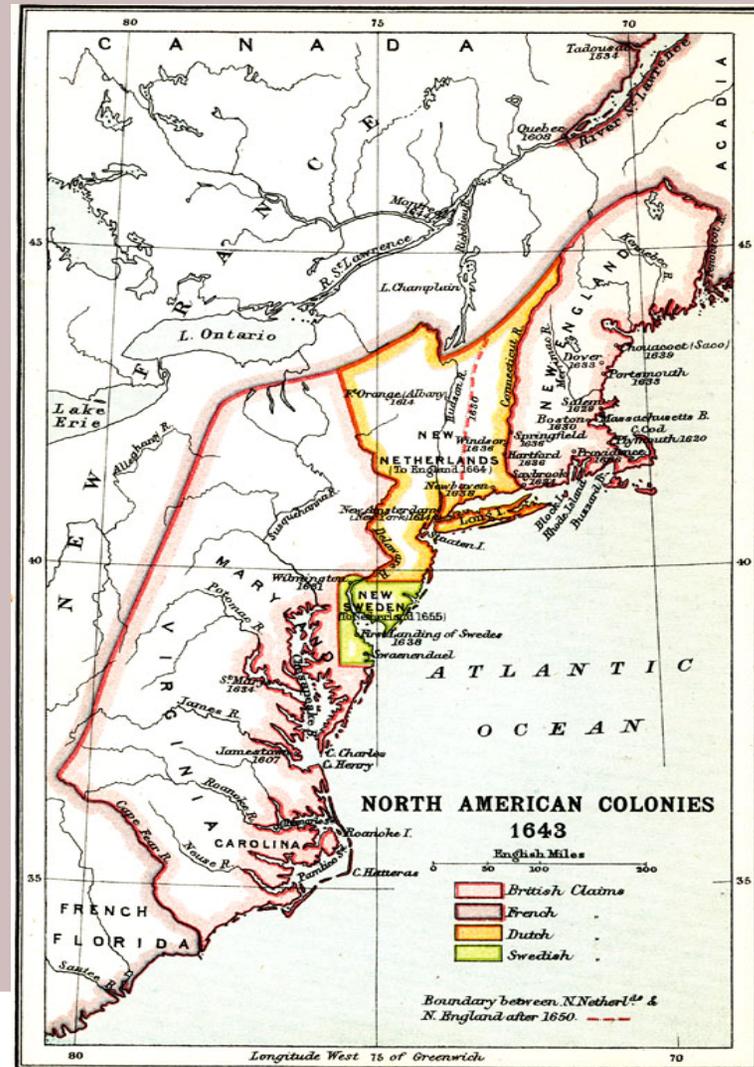


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# History of New Netherland

# New Netherland

- Dutch colony from 1614–1664
- Spanned parts of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Delaware



# Beginnings

- 1609 - Henry Hudson, on behalf of Dutch East India Company, discovers New York Bay and the Hudson River
- After 1609 – Fur trading posts established
- 1621 - Dutch West India Company granted control of New Netherland



# Early Settlements

- Albany
  - Fort Nassau – 1614
  - Fort Orange – 1624
- Manhattan
  - New Amsterdam – 1625
- Delaware
  - Swaanendael - 1631
- Hartford, Connecticut
  - Fort Good Hope – 1633

# Dutch West India Company

- Company of Dutch merchants and other investors
- Charter allows for governance and administration of large swath of territory in Western Hemisphere
  - South America
  - Caribbean
  - New Netherland
  - Parts of Africa

# Dutch West India Company

- Tight control of New Netherland
  - Initial monopoly on fur trade
  - Controlled land allocation
  - Municipal government not granted until 1640s
  - Sponsorship of Dutch Reformed Church
    - Other religions denied official status

# New Amsterdam

- 1625 – Small group settles southern tip of Manhattan
  - Protect interests in North America
- 1626 – Fort Amsterdam construction begins



# Population Grows

- 1628 – Population grows to 270 people in New Amsterdam
  - New Amsterdam becomes capital of New Netherland in 1625
- 1629 – Dutch West India Company established patroonships (private farming community)
  - Sought to increase population
  - Company member who brought 50 colonists over age of 15 awarded land
  - Policy failed

# Conflict

- 1630s–1640s – Conflict with Native Peoples
  - Kieft’s War (1643–1645)
  - Continued conflicts with Native People in ensuing years
- Reduces population: settlers killed, removed north, or returned to Netherlands
  - Discourages new settlers
- Colony left in disarray

# Peter Stuyvesant

- 1647 – Peter Stuyvesant named Director General
- Seeks to build infrastructure
- Strengthens and stabilizes colony



# First Anglo-Dutch War, 1652–1654

- 1651 Navigation Act
  - All goods imported to England must be delivered by English ships
  - Cuts Dutch out of English sea trade
- Several battles ensue
  - Ended by Treaty of Westminster
- Prelude to future conflicts

# Late 1650s

- Population grows under stable leadership
  - Transformation from trading post to colony
- Commercial growth
- International trade
- Wars with Munsee and Esopus Tribes

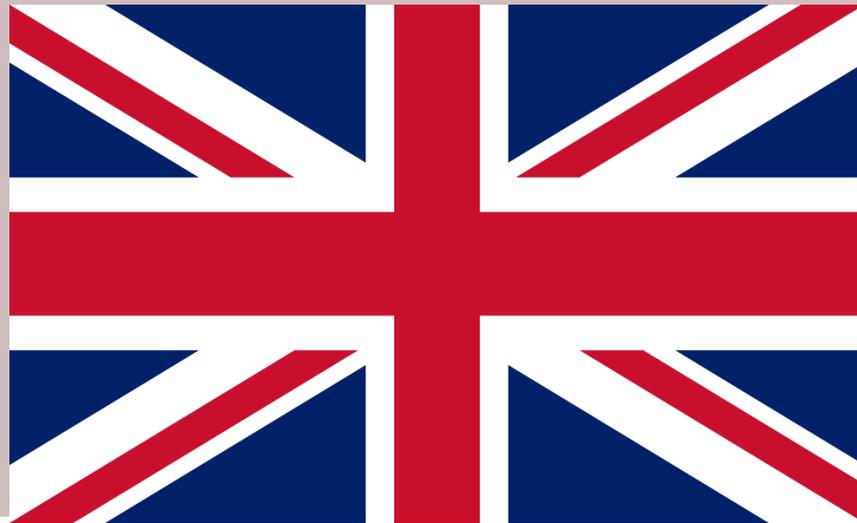


# English Control

- August 1664 – Three English frigates sail into New York Harbor and demand surrender
- Stuyvesant turns over colony
  - Depleted numbers
  - Not willing to fight
- British take control of New Netherland
  - 1673-4 – Dutch reclaim colony for one year
  - 1674 – British take back New Netherland

# New Netherland under the English

- Cohabitation between Dutch and English
- Continued immigration of diverse population
- New York City becomes international trading port



# New Netherland Records

# New Netherland Records

- Many available collections
  - Overwhelming
  - Use guides to determine relevant collections/sources
- Published transcriptions
  - Don't reinvent the wheel!
- Search journals and published collections
  - Is my family featured?

# Guides

- Gwenn F. Epperson, *New Netherland Roots*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1944)
- Anne Sibert Buiter, *New York Under the Dutch: Focus on Migration and Immigration*, (New York: NYG&B, 2020)
- Charles Gehring, *A Guide to Dutch Manuscripts Relating to New Netherland*
  - ([https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/files/9913/9774/5174/Guide to Dutch Manuscripts.pdf](https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/files/9913/9774/5174/Guide%20to%20Dutch%20Manuscripts.pdf))

# Guides

- Henry B. Hoff, “Researching New York Dutch Families: A Checklist Approach,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Newsletter*, Vol 7, p. 12-14
- Edmund B. O’Callaghan, *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, NY* (Albany: Weed, Parsons, & Co., 1865)

# Guides

- New Netherland Institute  
<https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/>
- New Netherland Research Center – Research Collections Related to the Dutch Colonial Period  
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/newnetherland/collections.htm>

# Reformed Dutch Church

- Sponsored religion of New Netherland
  - Only denomination permitted to hold public service
- Always search Reformed Dutch records
  - Members of other religions marry and baptize children within Reformed Dutch Church
- First services held at New Amsterdam in 1628

# Early Congregations

- New Amsterdam
  - Collegiate Church (1628); Records begin in 1639
- Albany
  - First Church (1642)
- Bergen (NJ)
  - Old Bergen (1660)
- Brooklyn
  - Bushwick (1654)
  - Flatbush Dutch (1654)
  - Flatlands (1654)
  - Gravesend (1655)

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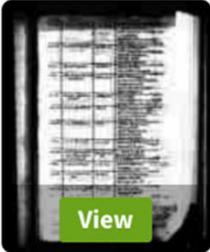
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 Church records not only provide vital details for your ancestor, they record his part in his religious community. Search for your Dutch ancestry in these records of the Reformed Church in America dating back to 1639. [Learn more...](#)

# Witnesses

- Often close family, friends, or associates
- Always identify and confirm identities
  - Can prove origins
  - Differentiate individuals with the same name
  - Uncover chain migration
  - Affiliations in New Amsterdam

# Marriages

A° 1640.

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Theúnis Nýssen, j. m. Van Búnninck, in't sticht Van Úýtř. en Phaebea Faelix, j. d. Van Jarleston, in Engelt.

den 26 Aug.

Paúlús Janszen, Van Vlissingen, Wed<sup>r</sup>. † Van Neeltje Corñ. en Trýntje Herens, j. d. Van Jenepeeren.

den 16 Sept.

Thomas Sander, j. m. Van Amsterdam, en Sara Van Gorcúm.

den 4 Novemb.

Roelant Hackwárt, j. m. Van Brandtsfort in Schotlant, en Janneken Jans, j. d. Van Amsterdam.

den 18 dicto.

Michiel Paúlús, j. m. Van dermonde in Vlaenderen, en Maria Rappalje, j. d. Van N. Nederl<sup>r</sup>.

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den 2 Decemb.

Pieter Wolfertszen, j. m. Van Amersfoort, en Hester Simons, Van Amsterdam, Wed<sup>e</sup>. §, Van Jacques de Vernuis.

# Where can I find records?

- *U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639–1989* – Ancestry
- Transcriptions in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*
- FamilySearch.org
- AmericanAncestors.org
- Published collections

# Probate Records

- Early wills recorded by notaries or aldermen
  - Until the 1680s
  - Not all survive
- Some wills recorded in deed books
  - Especially true of English settlements
- Many early wills recorded in Surrogate's Court of New York
  - Post-English rule

# Probate Records

- Register of the Provincial Secretary
  - 1648-1660
- Legal documents
  - Inventories
  - Wills
  - Power of attorney
- New York Historical Manuscripts/Dutch/New Netherland Document Series – Volume 3

## Will of Roeloff Roeloffsen

[138] In the name of the Lord, Amen. In the year of our Lord, sixteen hundred and thirty-nine, on the [            ], before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared in his proper person Roloff Roeloffsen, lying sick in bed, yet being in full possession and having the full use of his mind and memory, as was apparent to us, who declared that he, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, and wishing to anticipate all such uncertainty by testamentary disposition, has of his own free will, with full knowledge and after mature consideration, without persuasion or misleading on the part of anybody, made and concluded, as he hereby does make and conclude, his testament and disposition of last will in the form and manner hereinafter written, to wit: After express revocation and recalling of all and every wills and other testamentary dispositions which before the date hereof he may in any wise have made, executed or granted, he commends his soul always and whenever it shall depart out of his body to the mercy of God and his body to a Christian burial, in the hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day

Proceeding now to the disposal of his property, means and effects, together with his earned monthly wages and other profits and gains, he, the testator above named, bequeaths, devises and leaves them to Laurens Pietersz from Tonsback,<sup>1</sup> on

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<sup>1</sup> Tonsberg, a seaport town of Norway. See Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of New York under Aug. 18, 1641, where his name is given as "Laurens Pieters, J.m Van Tonsbergen, in Noordwegen." His wife was Annette Pieters, from Brutsteen (Braut Stein, near Goslar?), Germany

## Will of Roeloff Roeloffsen - 1639

# Notarial Records

- Notarial Records
  - Some wills recorded at Amsterdam and Rotterdam before departure
  - *Noord-Amerika Chronologie* (North America Chronology) – 1598-1750
  - Also known as *Simon Hart Chronology*
    - New York State Library
- Abstracts found in *New Netherland Connections*
  - Volumes 4 and 5

# Simon Hart Chronology

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# Notarial Records

- Labor contracts
  - Origins
  - Destination
- Dutch West India Company Soldiers/Sailors
- Marriage contracts
- Passenger records
- Vital record replacements

28 Jul 1653 [not. J. de Winter, 2280/V-20]. Adriaan van der Donck engages Arent Marsz from Bremen, Christiaan Jansz from Frederiksstad, and Jan Hofman from Hamburg as farm-hands, the first year earning 90 guilders per year, the last two years 80 guilders per year.

28 Jul 1653 [not. J. de Winter, 2280/IV-62]. Adriaan van der Donck engages Gommer Paulus from Antwerp, as gardener, for 3 years, at 100 guilders per year.

31 Jul 1653 [not. J. de Winter, 2280/IV-65]. Adriaan van der Donck engages Joris van Vorst, cooper, for 4 years, the first three years at 120 guilders per year, the last at 140 guilders.

15 Jan 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/15]. Alard Anthony Koopman, age 35, makes a declaration that Benjamin van de Water died in New Amsterdam on the 23rd of January in his presence. The declaration is made at the request of Elisabeth Meermansz, his widow.

7 May 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/29]. Jacob Jansz from Campen (Kampen) is about to leave as a soldier for New Netherland.

7 May 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/29]. Jan Theusz Forsow from Melle near Osnabrugge about to sail as a soldier to New Netherland on the *Swarte Beer* (*The Black Bear*).

9 May 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/..]. Jan Kolthof from Aterendorp (Otterndorf near Osnabrugge) is about to sail as a soldier to New Netherland.

12 May 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/31v]. Willem Jansz about to leave as an *adelborst* (midshipman) for New Netherland.

12 May 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/32]. Frederik Harmensz from Bremen is about to leave as an *adelborst* (midshipman) for New Netherland.

18 May 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/230]. Jan Garrupe from Beaumont (in France, Puy des Dome) is about to sail as an *adelborst* (midshipman) to New Netherland.

18 May 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/230v]. Willem Willemsz from Amsterdam is about to sail as a soldier to New Netherland.

19 May 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/35]. Hans Grouwel from Rostock is about to sail as a corporal to New Netherland.

12 Jun 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1352/56v]. Dirk Smith from Lochem, is about to sail as a *vaandrig* (sub-lieutenant) to New Netherland.

15 Jun 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/..]. Hendrik Sluyter Jansen from Minne (?) is about to sail as an *adelborst* (midshipman) to New Netherland.

17 Jun 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/292]. Jan Govers Huleth from Leyden, is about to sail as a soldier to New Netherland.

17 Jun 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/39v]. Jurriaan Probatski from Breslau, about to sail as an *adelborst* (midshipman) aboard the *Peereboom* (*The Pear Tree*), settles his debt.

23 Jun 1654 [not. Joh. Dirksz Verhey, 825/..]. Willem Willemsz from Amsterdam, about to sail as a soldier to New Netherland aboard the *Peereboom* (*The Pear Tree*), settles his debt.

23 Jun 1654 [not. H. Schaef, 1329/40]. Jillis Dircxs from Dort (Dordrecht) is about to sail as an *adelborst* (midshipman) to New Netherland.

30 Jun 1654 [not. J. de Winter 2281/III-91]. Evert Dircxs van As from Utrecht is about to sail as an *adelborst* (midshipman) to New Netherland.

## New Netherland Connections

23 Jan 1657 [not. H. Schaef, 1307/26]. Testimony by the skipper and several crew members: That on the 15th of November 1656 the ship *De Gulden Otter* (*The Golden Otter*) under skipper Pieter Jansz Amelius had left Manhattan for Amsterdam. On the 17th of December, in foggy weather, a coast was sighted, but they did not know where they were. Some said The Lizard (off Cornwall), others Start Point (in Devon). Somewhat later they arrived somewhere which some called *Kiskassen*. As the ship came too near the coast and did not respond to the helm, the skipper dropped anchor. But the crew, against the wishes of the skipper, went into the boat so that he was also forced to go ashore. They came to a place called Pinsant (Penzance in Cornwall), about 1 mile east of Mousbaey (Mount's Bay). Some of the crew that had stayed aboard cut the anchor line so that the ship drifted against the cliffs. Some packets with beavers were salvaged, but they were taken by the English. The ship was wrecked and only 400 beavers were left, and these were divided among the crew for travelling money. (See also not. de Winter, 13 Jun 1657)

5 Mar 1657 [not. Joh. Hellerus, 2058]. Pieter Einlos, silversmith, about to sail to New Netherland, engages into his and his wife's service the person of Saartje Vlugh, unmarried daughter of Jan Vlugh and Janneke Jans, for three years at 70 guilders per year, but if she marries during the three years, she must pay back the passage

NOTE: Pieter Einlos from Duisburg, age 22, with consent of his father, Anthony Einlos, married in Amsterdam on 4 April 1646 Geertruy Abrahams, from Creyvelt, age 25.

29 Mar 1657 [not. Jan Molengraaf, 2442/478]. In the name of Arent Curler, free merchant in the colony of Rensselaerswijk, is engaged Teunis Gerritsz from Cuylenburg as a farmhand, for 4 years, earning 60 guilders per year.

1 Apr 1657 [not. H. Schaef, 1355/43]. Gossen Gerritsz van Schayck, free merchant in New Netherland, and now sailing there again, gives a power of attorney.

7 Apr 1657 [not. Nic. Kruys, 1840/1321 and 1853/155]. Nicolaas van Lith and Willem van Lith, citizens of Amsterdam, give power of attorney to Jacob Backer, living in Manhattan, to collect from Cornelis van Tienhoven the 450 guilders owed on an outstanding obligation.

13 Jun 1657 [not. J. de Winter, 2285/1-67]. Testimony that Pieter Luycasz, a passenger on *De Gulden Otter* that was beached in December 1656 one mile east of Mount's Bay, took a packet of beaver pelts, while the crew were collecting some ship's goods after the stranding, and he hid them in his sea chest. And when the remaining beavers were parceled out among the shipmates, Pieter Luycasz did not hand over these for the allocation.

17 Sep 1657 [not. H. Schaef, 1308/51]. Luur Gerritsz from te Worsten (in Lower Saxony?), shoemaker, will sail to New Netherland in the service of Reynout Reynoutsz, a shoemaker there.

31 Oct 1657 [not. H. Schaef, 1356/29]. Merritgen Paulus, widow of Leendert Evertsz van der Grift, mother of Paulus Leendertsz van der Grift, gives a power of attorney.

14 Mar 1658 [not. J. van de Ven, 1124/245v]. Jan Hendricxs Steelman, living in Manhattan, but now present in Amsterdam, sells a bowery that came from Mr. Doughty situated in Mespatskil in New Netherland to Jacob Jansen de Lange.

29 Apr 1658 [not. H. Schaef, 1358/22]. Elbert Elbertsz from Nijkerk, householder in New Netherland and now returning there, gives power of attorney to Daniel Harmans, tile-maker in Woerden to find and claim for his wife, Aeltje Cornelis from Woerden, the inheritance of her late mother.

6 May 1658 [not. H. Schaef, 1358/24v]. Elbert Elbertsz from Nijkerk, householder in New Netherland engages Gaeret Rembers from Kampen as a farmhand for 150 guilders per year.

6 May 1658 [not. H. Schaef, 1358/25]. Elbert Elbertsz from Nijkerk, householder in New Netherland engages Barend Jurriaens from Reyderland (in East Frisia, Lower Saxony) as a farmhand, for 150 guilders per year.



# QUESTIONS?

# New York Historical Manuscripts

- *Dutch/New Netherland Document Series*
- Organized by Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan in 19<sup>th</sup> century
- O'Callaghan reorganized collection into 23 vols.
  - *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State, Albany, NY*

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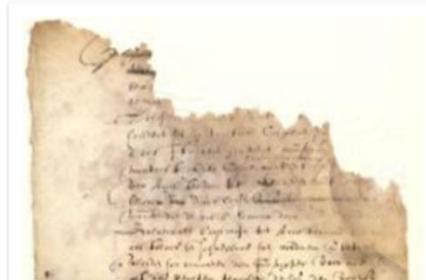
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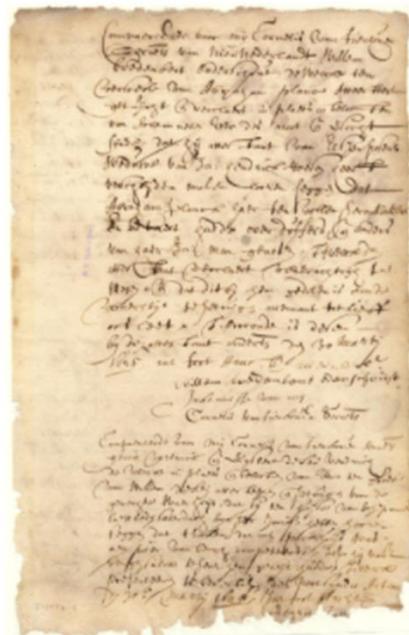


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Willem Breidenbent  
Cornelis van Tienhoven

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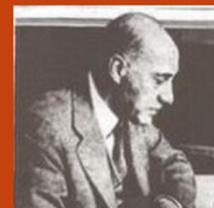
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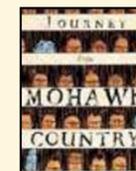
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[369]Cornelis van Tienhooven, fiscal, plaintiff, against Johannis van Beecq, defendant; the defendant fails to appear, and because this is his third default, the director-general and council declare his marriage to be illegal and judgment is passed against him. Done in New Amsterdam, 8 September; present: the entire council (except for Mr. Cornelis van Werckhooven).

The housewife of Goetman Harck appeared at the session and complained that on the morning of 7 May her barn containing hay was burned down and that also some other implements were lost in the aforesaid barn. She also said that she suspected (without knowing for sure) that the fire was set by the pirates, and that a certain Ritchert Pontum was standing by the fire in the morning. When Harck came by and grabbed him, asking what he was doing there, he said, "As long as you side with the Dutch and French, it will always be so." 8 September 1654; present: the honorable director and the entire council, except for Mr. van Werckhooven.

[370]At the session [ ] Gerritsz submits a petition requesting a patent for a certain piece of land. It is recommended that the petitioner refer himself to the printed ordinances concerning this. Done in New Amsterdam 8 September 1654.

The provost marshal, Arent Jansz, appeared at the session to accuse Sergeant Juriaen Laecken of abusing him with various curse words, because he, Arent Jansz, had put him in irons for having found him gambling in the tavern during church service. Whereas the honorable director-general and council have heard numerous complaints about the aforesaid Sergeant Juriaen Laecken, the aforesaid director-general and gentlemen of the council order the sergeant to depart on the same ship which brought him here. Done in New Amsterdam, 14 September 1654; present: the honorable Director-General P. Stuyvesant, Mr. Nicasius de Sille and Mr. La Montagne.

[371]Whereas Jan Lubbertsz, soldier, who arrived aboard the ship, de Beer, on [ ] July has competent handwriting and promises to apply himself diligently; therefore, he is hired as clerk with a salary of eighteen guilders per month and one hundred guilders annually for board. Done in New Amsterdam, 8 September 1654.

[372]Whereas the honorable director-general and council of New Netherland have heard the charge of the fiscal against Johannis van Beecq, a free merchant and resident of this city of New Amsterdam, defendant, who has been duly summoned by the court-messenger, Elslandt, in the name of the fiscal, to three different court sessions, because the aforesaid Johan van Beeck had himself married by an unauthorized countryman named Goetman Crab

## Council Minutes, September 1654

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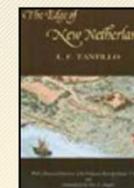


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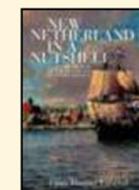
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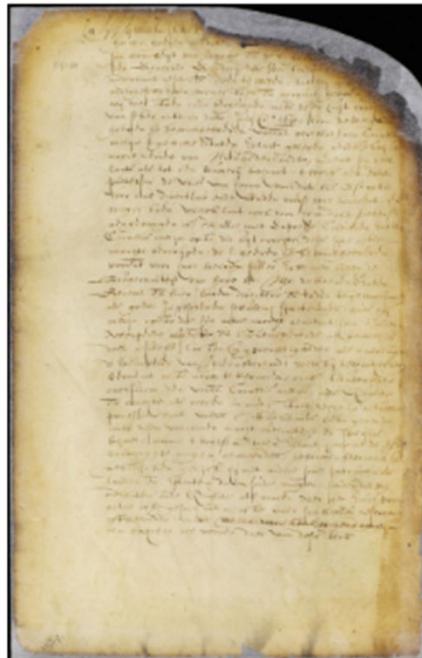
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## Patent of Cornelis Melyn for Staten Island



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Patent. Cornelis Melyn; Staten Island, except so much as has already been granted to David Pietersen de Vries for a bouwery.

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### Date

March 28 1642

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II 35a CONVEYANCE TO THOMAS HALL FROM GERRITT JANSEN VAN  
OLDENBORGH

Appeared...before us, ... Gerritt Jansen van Oldenborgh, citizen and inhabitant of New Netherland; and declared to have conveyed to Thomas Hall a certain piece of land according to the patent thereof dated 17 February 1646; containing in all 25½ morgens and 125 rods; together with a marsh which has always been used by the farm called the Pannebackers, or farm No. 5 etc.

Done at New Amsterdam, 18 June 1653. This is the mark of Gerret Jansen van Oldenborgh; La Montagne, Brian Newton. 

II 35b ADDITION TO HANS KIERSTEDÉ'S LOT

To the lot of Dr. Hans Kierstede, at the end thereof, there is added and granted by order of Petrus Stuyvesant a small piece; in length on the west side 7 rods, 5½ feet; on the east side 8 rods and 9 inches; located between the Company's warehouse and the lot of Rooloff de Haes.

Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, 18 July 1653.

II 36 CONVEYANCE TO ADRIAEN KEYSER FROM ISAAC FOREEST

Appeared...before us, ... Isaac Foreest, inhabitant of this city; and declared to have conveyed to Adriaen Keyser a house and lot located on Pearl Street; adjoining Michiel Tadena on the west side and Claes Bordingh on the east side, according to the patent thereof and that by virtue of a conveyance obtained by Isaac Foreest from Jan Snediger, dated 17 May 1653 etc.

Done at New Amsterdam, 22 July 1653. Isaack de Foreest, La Montagne, Brian Newton.

II 37 CONVEYANCE TO ARIAEN KEYSER FROM BORGERT JORYSSEN

Appeared...before us, ... Borgert Joryssen, inhabitant of this city; and declared to have conveyed to Ariaen Keyser a house and lot located at the water side between Dr. Hans, surgeon, and Pieter Cornelissen; contents according to the patent thereof and that by virtue of a purchase and conveyance of the patent made to him, Borgert, by Rooloff de Haes etc.

Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, 28 July 1653. Burger Jorsz, La Montagne, Brian Newton.

# Land Records

- *Index to the Public Records of the County of Albany, State of New York, 1630-1894*
  - Grantees, Grantors, Mortgagors, etc.
  - [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org)
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  - Available on [Archive.org](http://Archive.org)

# Orphanmasters Court

- Protected interests of orphaned children
- Records provide parentage and property owned by family
- *Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, 1655-1663*
  - FamilySearch
  - New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
    - Searchable database

# Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens

- Court of Burgomasters and Schepens comprised of officials
  - Burgomasters – Chief administrator
  - Schepens – Judicial authority
  - Schout – City attorney
- Berthold Fernow, *The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674*, (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897)
  - Ancestry.com

# Passenger Lists

- Harold Lancour, *A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825*, (New York: New York Public Library, 1963)
  - Also includes many settlers lists, particularly for Rensselaerswyck
- Available on [Archive.org](https://archive.org)

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1600-1700

Joel N. Eno, "New York 'Knickerbocker' Families; Origin and Settlement," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* XLV (1914) 387-391  
72

A list of Dutch immigrants to New York during the seventeenth century, giving place of origin in Holland and settlement in North America.  
No ship mentioned.

1610-1664

"Deutsche Einzeleinwanderer und Familien in Neu-Niederland," *Jahrbuch für Auslandsdeutsche Sippenkunde* 1 (1936) 45-53  
73

Appended to an article on p 44-45 by Otto Lohr entitled "Amerikadeutsche Familien des 17. Jahrhunderts."  
Gives names of German individuals and families in New York during the period covered, with place of origin frequently indicated.  
No ship mentioned.

1620-1664

Richard Schermerhorn, Jr, "Representative Pioneer Settlers of New Netherland and Their Original Home Places," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* LXV (1934) 2-12  
74

An alphabetical list of New Netherland settlers, 1620-1664, with their original places of residence in Holland, Belgium and Germany.  
Contains a table of localities from which they came.  
No ship mentioned.

1630-1646

"Name of Settlers in Rensselaerswyck from 1630 to 1646; Compiled from the Books of Monthly Wages and Other MSS." (In Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan *History of New Netherland; or, New York under the Dutch*, New York, D. Appleton & Co 1846, 1 433-441)  
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Settlers listed chronologically, with brief sketches of their immigration and later lives given when known.

Also printed in 75A "Settlers in Rensselaerswyck from 1630 to 1646, Compiled from the Books of Monthly Wages and Other mss," *Year Book of The Holland Society of New York* (1896) 130-140.

See note for no 76.

*A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists,  
1538-1825*

# WIC Account Books

- Appears in Volume 14 (Correspondence) of *Dutch/New Netherland Document Series*
  - Incomplete lists
  - Name of ship
  - Captain
  - Head of household
  - Date
- Records passengers coming on credit

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  - Expanded to 1990
  - <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/searching-nygb-record>

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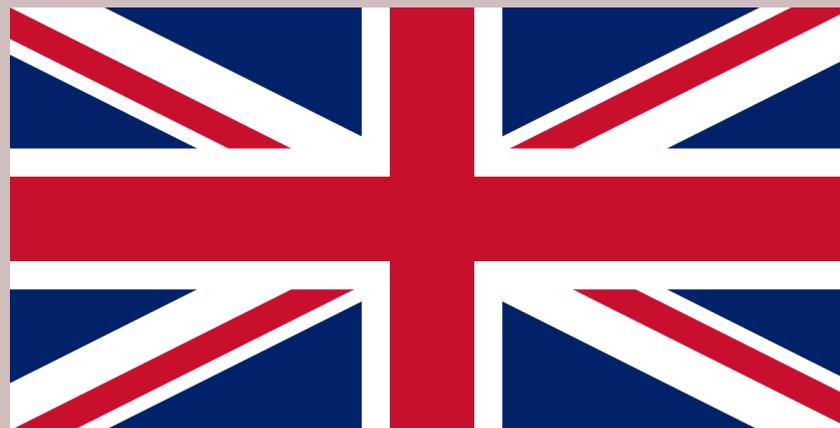


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# English Control

- British take control of New Netherland in 1664
  - 1673-4 – Dutch reclaim colony for one year
  - 1674 – British take back New Netherland permanently



# English Judicial System

- Established in 1665
  - Court of Assizes: Ruled over inferior courts
  - Courts of Sessions: Criminal and civil cases
  - Mayor's Court of New York: Continuation of Court of Burogmasters and Schepens
- System lasted until 1683
- [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)
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# Land Records

- Post-English rule - 1664
  - Manors and Patents granted to proprietors
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## Conveyances, 1654-1866

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[New York. County Court \(New York County\)](#)  
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Physical: 448 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

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### Notes

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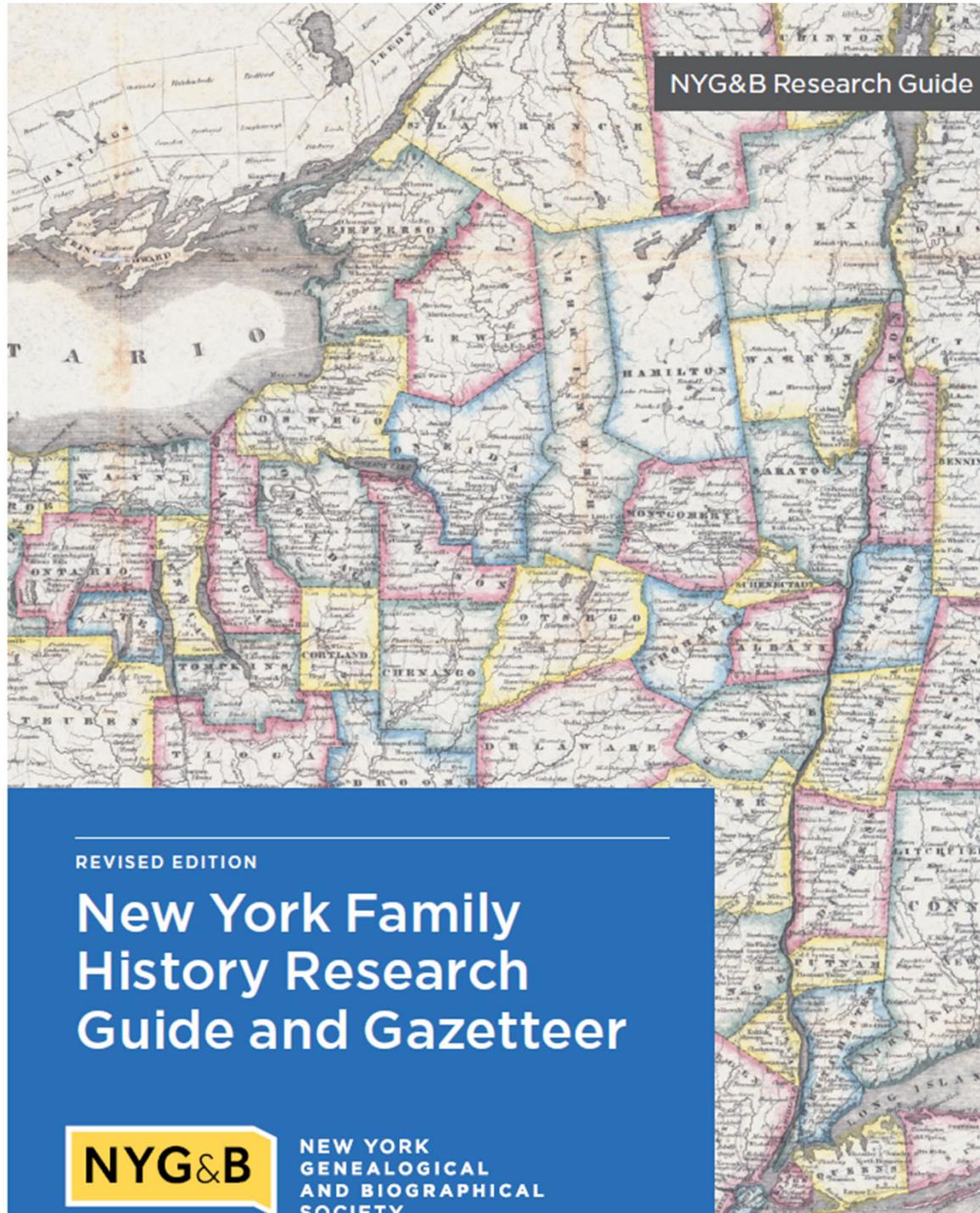
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- *Patents of the State of New York* - FamilySearch
  - Grantee index
- *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2015)
  - Best source



# County Records

- County system established in 1683
- Creation of New York County
  - Land records
  - Surrogate's Court records (Probate)
  - County court records

# Where can I find records?

- [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.AmericanAncestors.org)
- [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- New York State Archives
- New York State Library
- New York Public Library
- New York Municipal Archives

# Common Problems and Strategies

# Language and Handwriting

- Use published transcriptions when possible
- Dutch Handwriting
  - [https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-dutch-documents-pages/du-overview\(English\)](https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-dutch-documents-pages/du-overview(English))
- Dutch Genealogist Word List
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Dutch\\_Genealogical\\_Word\\_List](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Dutch_Genealogical_Word_List)

# Varying Surnames

- Patronymics
  - Son of Jan = Jansen, Jansz (abbreviation)
- Nickname based on trade
  - de Smit = the Smith
- Nickname based on personality or appearance
  - de Jonge = the Young One
- Surname based on origins

# Pieter Adriaensz Van Woggelum

- First recorded as Pieter Adriaensz in 1652
  - Patronymics: Son of Adriaen
- Also referred to as Pieter Adriaensz Gemackelyck and Macklick
  - Personality: Easy going
- Later adopted surname of Van Woggelum
  - Origins: Likely reference to village of Woggelum in The Netherlands

# Varying Given Names

- Alternatives and diminutives often used
- Dutch names could be Anglicized
- English versions of Dutch given names
  - <https://www.dutchgenealogy.nl/english-versions-of-dutch-first-names/>

# Common Names

- Make timelines for each person
- Use sources to differentiate individuals
- Examine sources like Riker's *Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland, from 1613 to 1674*

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Women retained  
maiden names

# Maiden Names

- After marriage, Dutch women often retained maiden names
- Helps to accurately identify records for ancestors with common or varying names

# Naming Pattern

- First son named after paternal grandfather
- Second son named after maternal grandfather
- First daughter named after paternal grandmother
- Second daughter named after maternal grandmother
- Subsequent children named after deceased children

# Naming Pattern Caveats

- Your family may not be Dutch
- Not all Dutch families followed traditional naming patterns
- Not enough children born to establish a pattern

# Naming Resources

- Rosalie Bailey, “Dutch Systems in Family Naming: New York and New Jersey,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, (Washington, D.C.: National Genealogical Society, 1954), No. 12
- Kenn Stryker-Rodda, “New Netherland Naming Systems and Customs,” World Conference on Records and Genealogical Seminar (Salt Lake City: FamilySearch International, 1969)

# FAN Club

- Family
- Associates
- Neighbors
- Helps to identify your ancestor despite many common problems

# Family

- Analyze marriage and baptismal records to obtain sponsors
- Research each sponsor
  - Who are they?
  - How are they connected to my family?
- Did my ancestor serve as witness or sponsor?
- Brothers? Sisters?
  - Who did they interact with?

# Baptism of Elsje, 1671

	OUDERS.	KINDERS.	GETUYGEN.
den 5 Nov.	Jacob Abrahamszen, Isacq. Sytie Ariaens.		Charsten Lódrzen, Annetie Abrahams.
Eodem.	Laúrens Van der Spiegel, Sara Webbers.	Tobias.	de Hr. Gregorius Cortenes, Secretaris tot Montfoort; Bernardus Hassing, Anna Wallis, en Sara Wallis.
Eodem.	Thomas Beerman, Tietie	Súsanna.	Johan Smitvorst, Adriaen Scharp, Súsanna Geerlant.
den 12 dict.	Arend Jeuriaenszen, Belitje Lodowýcx.	Lodowýc.	Lodowýck Pos, Agnietie Boons.
Eodem.	Enoch Michielszen, Dirckje Jans.	Elsje.	Jan Dirckszen Maßer, Fýtie Hertmans.
den 1 Dec.	Franciscús Bastiaenszen, Barber Emanúel.	Emanúel.	Lucas Van Angola, Christina Van Angola.

# Baptism of Fytie, 1669

A <sup>o</sup> 1669.	OULDERS.	KINDERS.	GETUYGEN.
den 12 dicto.	Johannes Smedes, Lýsbeth Michiels Van der Schúúr.	Abraham.	Abraham de Lanoÿ, Marÿken de Lanoÿ.
Eodem.	Jacob Leÿdsser, Elsje Marÿ. Thÿmens.		Mr Hans Kierstede, Elisabeth de Potter.
den 19 dicto.	Gelÿn Verplancken, Samúel. Hendrickje Wessels.		Johannes Van Brug, Nicolaes de Carman, Marritie Verplancken.
Eodem.	Pieter de Nÿs, Gees- ie Idens.	Súsanna.	Govert Loockermans, Anna Elisabeth Massop, Willemtje de Nÿs.
den 25 dict.	Elias Michielszen, Fÿtie. Grietie Jacobs.		Balthazar Stúÿvesant, Dirckje Jans. 
den 26 dict.	Pieter Wesselzzen, Anna. Francÿntie Jans.		Jacob Schoenmaecker, Margareta de Riemer.

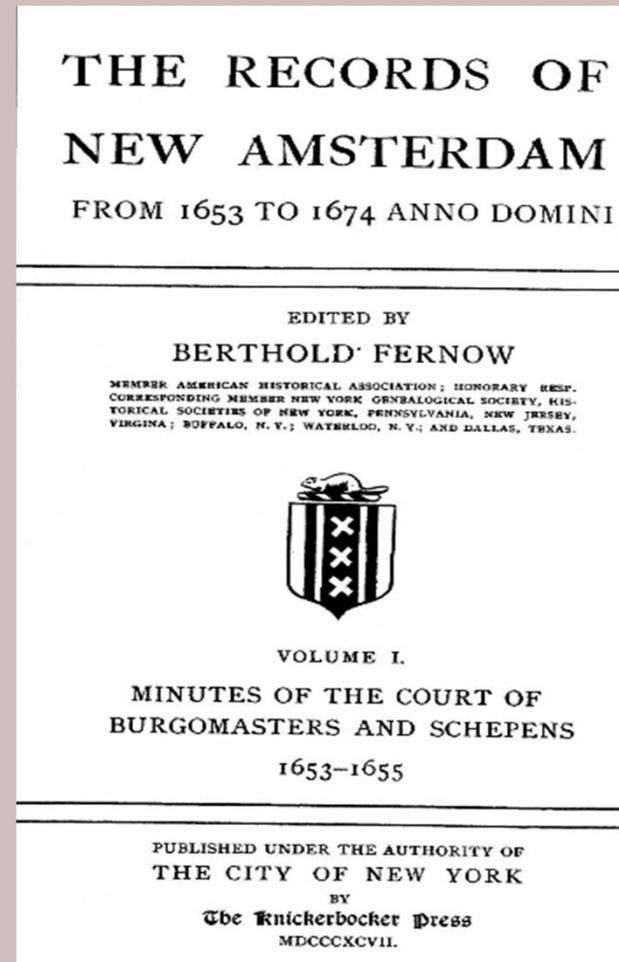
# Associates

- Who did your ancestor buy and sell land from?
- Do business with?
- Employers may have hired employees from home to work in New Amsterdam
  - Servants
  - Farmhands
  - Apprentices

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Check court records!

# Court Records

- Settlers of New Amsterdam were litigious!
- Can offer clues about associations
- Family disputes
- Rich record collection



# Neighbors

- May be family members
- Can help to identify your ancestor despite varying given names and surnames
- Neighbors' deeds can provide detail about your ancestor's property
  - Description
  - Prior ownership

# What about my non-Dutch ancestor?

- Always search Dutch Reformed Church records
- Identify record collections for other denominations
  - Use guides
  - When do they begin?
  - Where are they housed?
- Utilize same resources and strategies

# Conclusion

- Consult journals and published collections first
  - Has my family been highlighted?
- Use guides to identify relevant collections
- Use original sources and published sources together
- Identify FAN Club
- Stay organized



# QUESTIONS?

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*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**

*AmericanAncestors.org/chat*

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