

-- **BACKER** --

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Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolvement of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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**Backer**

See also separate files: Baker, Becker, Packer

**Bachker, Adam**

From *The Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey from 1725 to 1744*, Perth Amboy (Re: Ramapo Tract; paraphrased unless in quotes)  
(Vol. III, p. 404, chart)...19 August 1763...Board executed lease at Romopock to Adam Bachker, lot no. 152, 140.44 acres at 30 s, 13 August 1763.

**Backers, Anthony**

Anthony Backers  
son of

m. 21 Jan 1672  
NYC Ref Ch

**Mayken Arta**  
dau. of

In the marriage record they (or the marriage) were of or at "Stuyvesants bouwereye."

---Sources: *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City, 1940* (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society)

**Backer, Claes Jansen** See also: Backer, Nicholas Jansen

**de Backer, Claes Jansen** (aka **Claes Janszen Kust** (Rust); Claes Jansen; Claes Jansen Van Emden) (m. (1)

**Aechtje Cornelis Cool**; m. (2) 21 July 1647, at NYC Ref Ch, **Geertie Nonnineks** (Nannings), widow of **Tjerck Hendrickszen & Abel Reddenhausen**) See: Van Emden, Claes Jansen

**Backer, Claes Jansen** (Nicholas Jansz Backer)

Claes Jansen Backer m. -?-

*---children of Claes Jansen Backer*

• **Johannes Claeszen Backer**, bp. 27 Oct 1652 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Michiel Janszen, Thomas Hal, Sytie Hackmans) (father's name in bp. record: Claes Janszen Backer; no mother's name in bp. record)

---Sources: [Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York \[City\]](#), 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III);

**Backer, Claes** (m. before 1671 Marritie Frans) See: Backer, Nicolaes Jansz.

**Backer, Hendrick Westercamp** (m. Femmetje Alberts) See: Westercamp, Hendrick

**Backer, Hendrick Janszen**

Hendrick Janszen Backer m. **Sara Thomas**

*---children of Hendrick Janszen Backer & Sara Thomas:*

• **Lysbeth Hendricks Backer**, bp. 7 April 1675 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Thomaszen, Willem Hendrickszen, Appollonia Cornelis)

---Sources: [Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York \[City\]](#), 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

**Backer, Hendricus**

Hendricus Backer m. -?-

*---children of Hendricus Backer &*

• **Nicolaas Backer**, bp. 21 Oct 1797 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Johannes Van Pelt, Sara Van Pelt)

---Sources: [Staten Island Church Records](#), Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. IV, 1909

**de Bacher, Hans** (m. Barentje Stratsman) See: Coenraetsen, Hans

**Backer, Jacob** (Jacobus)

Jacob Backer m. **Margaret Stuyvesant**  
son of (banns: 30 Oct 1655 dau. of (Rev.) Balthazar Stuyveant & [Styntje Pieters?])  
NYC Ref Ch)

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage intentions, they were: Jacobus Backer, Van Amsterdam, en Margariet Stuyvesant, Van Delfs ziel.

Jacob Backer of Amsterdam had been a leading merchant in this city, where he married, Oct 1655, Margaret, dau. of Rev. Balthazar Stuyvesant of Delfzyl in the province of Groningen, and step sister of Gov. Peter Stuyvesant. By this lady, he had four children. Mr. Backer was Schepen of this City in 1660 and 1664, in which later year he returned to Holland, after the surrender, leaving his affairs in the hands of his wife, who being unable to discharge a mortgage on his property on the east side of Broad Street, south of Beaver Street, sold the premises Feb 2, 1670/01 to Balthazar de Haert, to whom she bore a son, Daniel, bp. Sep 1, 1671. --*Murphy's Anthology*, 182; *N.Y. Deeds*, Lib. A, 124; *N.Y. Wills*, i, 385. March 11, 1677/8, she married Hendrick Droogestradt, of Elizabeth, N.J.--O'C.<sup>1</sup>

Margaret was the half-sister of Peter Stuyvesant, Governor of New Amsterdam.

3 Oct 1662 -- Fiscal Nicasius de Sille appears in Court with Jan van Cleef and Titus Cyre stating, that they bought Jacob van Couwenhoven's horse mill and that Titus Cyre sold his share to Jan van Cleef, who sold it to Albert Albertsen Lintwever [Terhune]; on which aforesaid horse mill he paid and disbursed above his just third part the sum of two hundred and ten guilders, and that he and Albert Albersen again sold the mill, as they bought it, according to agreement therefor, to Jacobus Backer, Govert Loockermans, Jacques Cosseau, and Hendrick van de Water, and that the aforesaid Albert Albertzen has given an assignment of four hundred guilders on the abovenamed van de Water, which remarking a fearing, that he should not get his own, he directed the Court Messenger to attach the money, which being done requests the attachment to be declared valid, until it shall be found to whom the most is belonging. The Worsh. Court declares the attachment valid.<sup>1</sup>

Jacob/Jacobus Backer, from Amsterdam, was a merchant in NYC. He was Schepen of this City in 1660 and 1664 in which later year he returned to Holland after the surrender, leaving his affairs in the hands of his wife, who being unable to discharge a mortgage on his property on the east side of Broad street, south of Beaver Street, sold the premises Feb 24, 1670/1 to Balthazar de Haert to whom she bore a son, Daniel bpt 1 Sept 1671.

27 Sep 1670 -- Jacques Cousseau, pltf. v/s Margriet Backers, deft. Pltf demands by virtue of a mortgage on the house and lot of deft's husband Sieur Jacob Backer, dated 9 Aug 1666, sd. sum of eight thousand pounds of tobacco and requests, that the aforesaid house and lot may be sold in satisfaction of the aforesaid sum, unless deft. desires to pay him from some other property. Deft. says, she acknowledges the justice of the aforesaid debt and has no effects eherewith to pay it. The W: Court,

having heard parties, condemn deft. to pay the aforesaid debt to the pltf. or in default thereof they order the house and lot, [ledged by the aforesaid mortgage, to be sold by execution in payment of the aforesaid eight thousand pounds of tobacco, with costs.<sup>2</sup>

"Whereas the petition of Margaret Backer, referred to the Court of Mayor and Aldermen, setting forth that her husband Jacob Backer, about eight years since, departed from her leaving her with three small children, in a very poor condition, without making any provision for payment of his debts or for the maintenance of his family, and that now Mr. Geritt Van Tright, one of ye creditors hath sued her for his debt, which will undoubtedly provoke the rest of ye creditors to doe ye lyke." And that "she very much doubts of his life, not having in several years had any letter or advice from him, but various reports of his death, since his departure from Holland to the East Indies." Upon her petition Letters of Administration were granted July 27, 1677.

Margaret Stuyvesant was involved with **Balthazar de Haert**, to whom she bore a son, Daniel, bp. Sep 1, 1671. (De Haert purchased the mortgaged property of Margaret's first husband, Jacobus Backer. Margaret m. (2) 11 March 1678, **Hendrick Droogestratt**, of Elizabeth, N.J. In New Jersey, on 11 Mar 1678, was recorded a covenant of marriage "between Hendrick Droogestratt and Mrs. Margarita Stuyvesant, both of Elizabeth Town, in which Hendricus, Nicolaes, and Abraham Backer are named as her children.

---children of Jacobus Backer & Margaret Stuyvesant:

- **Child Backer**, bp. 25 March 1657 NYC Ref Ch (wit: de Hr. pieter Stuyvesant, Generl, Nicolaes Verleth, Anna Stuyvesant) (no child's name in bp. record)
- **Balthasar Backer**, bp. 18 Sep 1658 NYC Ref Ch (wit: De Hr. Pieter Stuyvesant en syn huisvr; Nicolaes Verleth); apparently d.y.
- **Hillegond Backer**, bp. 7 Sep 1659 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Adolphszen, Hillegond Megapolensis)
- **Henricus Backer** (Henry Baker), bp. 26 Sep 1660 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Govert Loockermans, Margareta Rieners); m. (1) **Susannah Winans**, dau. of Jan Winans (Wynants) & Susannah Melyn; m. (2) **Lydia -?-**.
- **Nicolaes Backer**, b. about 1663/4; m. (1) **Catherine Croesen**; m. (2) **Tryntje Matthys Flierboom**.
- **Abraham Backer**, bp. 23 Nov 1664 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Govert Loockermans, Jacques Casyou)

---Sources:

- [1] Fernow, Berthold, ed., *Records of New Amsterdam, 1653-1674*, 7 Vols., 1897 (on CD), Vol. IV -- Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, January 3, 1662 to December 18, 1663, inclusive, p. 139;
- [2] Fernow, Berthold, ed., *Records of New Amsterdam, 1653-1674*, 7 Vols., 1897 (on CD), Vol. VI -- Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, May 8, 1666 to September 5, 1673, inclusive, p. 255, 255 footnote;
- Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City*, 1940 (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society), reprinted 1997 by Heritage Books; Pelletreau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol. 1, 1665-170, p. 42 (estate of Jacob Backer)

### Backer, Jacob

Jacob Backer  
son of

m. 6 Dec 1670  
Gravesend, L.I.  
"of New Utrecht"

**Barber Gysberts**  
dau. of

---Sources: Bergen, Tunis G., "Marriage Records, Gravesend, L.I." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1873, p. 199

**Backer, Jacob/Jacobus** (m. prob. Rebecca Staats) See: Baker, Jacob

### Backer, Jacob (Becker)

Jacob Backer  
son of

m. 22 Nov 1792  
Tappan Ref Ch

**Grietje Meseler** (Margaret) [Meseker?]  
dau. of

In the Tappan Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were "Jacob Beckker and Margaret Meseler both of Mesaunicus."

---children of Jacob Backer & Margaret/Grietje Meseler:

- **Jacob Backer**, b. 14 June 1793; bp. 25 Aug 1793 Paramus Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); Randolph, Howard S. F., and Russell Bruce Rankin, *Paramus...Reformed Dutch Church [Bergen Co., NJ] Baptisms...Together with Records from the Gravestones...*, 1935

### Backer, Jacob

Jacob Backer

m.

-?-

---children of Jacob Backer &

- **Susanna Jacobs Backer**, bp. 28 April 1708 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Laross and wife)
- **Lauwerens Backer**, bp. 27 April 1710 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Sebregge and wife)

---Sources: "First Reformed Church, Raritan [NJ] (Somerville) Baptisms" in *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, (edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman), Vol. 2, 1913, No. 1, p. 44; *Ibid.*, No. 2, p. 138

### Backer, Jacob

Jacob Backer

m.

**Maria Helm**

---children of Jacob Backer & Maria Helm:

- **Maria Backer**, b. 14 Aug 1814; bp. 20 March 1814 Hackensack Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert Stewart, and Arthur J. Goff, *Hackensack Reformed Church Records, 1801-1886*. Copied from Book Number Two of Records, 1943 [facsimile

reprint published 1996 by Bergen Historic Books]

**Backer, Jacobus** (Jacob) (m. Margaret Stuyvesant) See: Backer, Jacob

**Bakker, Jacobus** (m. Rebecca Staats) See: Baker, Jacob

**Backer, Jan Classen** (Jan Classen Backer Van Osanen)

Jan Classen Backer m. before 23 Nov 1663

son of

Jan Classen (Backer Van Osanen) husband and guardian of Lysbet Donneur (D'Honneur), widow of Pieter Jacobsen Van Rinsborgh, deceased, renounces claims upon the latter's estate, 23 Nov 1663 (Pearson, I:340).

Elizabeth Gerritz De Honeur contracts to hire out her little son Abraham Jansz, now about 10 years of age, to Gerrit Visbeeck, which term had begun on Amsterdam Fair Day 22 Sep 1677 ... etc. Signed with her mark 15 May 1679 (Pearson, 3:474).

Elizabeth Gerrits De Honeur contracts to hire out her son named Symon Jansz to serve Cornekis Stevensz Miller, for a whole year at Claverack, starting 3 Feb 1683 ... etc. Signed with her mark, 1 Feb 1682 (Pearson, 3:527)

---children of Jan Classen Backer & Elizabeth Gerrits D'Honneur:

• **Abraham Jansz**, b. about 1669?

• **Symon Jansz**

---Sources:

[1] Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, "The De Honeur (D'Honneur or D'Honneur) Family with the Allied Families of Keteltas, Beekman, Strong and Nicoll" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1932 (Vol. 63, No. 2), p. 178;

**Backer, Nicolaes Jansz.** (Backer; de Backer; Barker)

Nicolaes Jansz. Backer m. (1)

son of

m. (2)

(banns 23 July 1670

NYC Ref Ch)

He was a baker by trade, hence his name, Claes Jansen de Backer.

8 Nov 1656 -- Nicolaes Jansen Bakker requests by petition, whereas his by misfortune he is driven away from his place and his means have been burnt and lost, that he be permitted to tap and keep tavern and lodgings. Whereon was endorsed: Petitioner's request is granted.<sup>1</sup>

On 18 June 1663, Fytje Hartmans appeared with Nicholas Backer before the Director General and Council to request their settlement at Gemoenepa be enclosed with a palisade for protection.

Annetje Hartmans is listed as a witness at the baptism of Johannes Wessels, on 22 Apr 1668. Her husband, Nicolaes Janszen Backer, witnessed the baptism of Anna Wessels on 9 Feb 1670.

In the (2) marriage banns record, they were: Nicolaes Backer, wedr van Annetje Hermans, en Marritje Gerrits, Wede. van Frans Janszen.

---children of Nicolaes Jansz Backer & (2) Marritie Gerrits [Frans]:

• **Tryntie Claese Backer**, bp. 16 June 1671 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gelyn Verplancken, Annetie Pieters) (parents: Claes Backer & Marritie Frans)

• **Saertie Claese Backer**, bp. 21 Dec 1676 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hertman Wesselszen, Jannetie Francis)

• (prob) **Nicholas Backer**, m. **Catharina Croeser**

\*She was the sister of Fytje Hartmans who m. Michael Janszen Vreeland.

---Sources:

[1] Fernow, Berthold, ed., *Records of New Amsterdam, 1653-1674*, 7 Vols., 1897 (on CD), Vol. I -- Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, 1653-1655, p. 393; *Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City*, 1940 (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society), reprinted 1997 by Heritage Books; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Online information 22 April 1998 from "Myra E. Lane" <103412.3450@compuserve.com> citing Winfield: History of the Land Titles in Hudson County NJ 1609-1871, 1872

**Backer, Nicolaes**

Nicolaes Backer m.

son of Jacob/Jacobus Backer &

Margaret Stuyvesant

b. about 1663/4

d.

m. (2) before 1 Aug 1710

**Catharina Croesen** (Tryntje; Croeser; Corssen)

dau. of Garret Dirckszen Croesen &

Neeltje Jans [Van Husum; Staats]

b.

d. about 1709

**Tryntje Matthys Flierboom**

(widow of **Gerret Bastiaenszen (Ellis) &**

**Yellis Iniart**)

dau. of Matthys Servaes Flierboom &

Marritje Jacobs

b. about 1662 Albany

On 1 Aug 1710 Tryntje, as "Trencha Baker of Staten Island, formerly the widow and relique of Yelis Ingart deceased"

signed a release (by mark) for her part of his estate.

She appears as baptismal witness with Nicholas twice, 7 May 1719 and 30 Aug 1724 and with his son Jacobus twice, 21 May 1721 and 4 Jul 1725 all at Staten Island.

In his will, written 15 July 1726, proved 27 Aug 1726, he named his children: Neelkie, Elizabeth, Ann, Catherine, and Jacob. His daughter Margaret, listed in the census, apparently had died before 1726. Nicholas bequeathed the farm to his son Jacob and requested that as long as his wife Catherine remained a widow, she should live in the house and be maintained by the profits of the farm "peaceably and independent of my son Jacob," who was his executor.

*---children of Nicolaes Backer/Baker & (1) Catharina Croesen:*

- **Neeltje Backer**, bp. 3 April 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Volckert Hendricxen Bries, Maria Loockermans); d. 1761;  
m. **Peter Hagewout**
  - **Elizabeth Bakker**, m. **Philip Merrill**
  - **Margareta Bakker**, bp. 11 April 1697 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Nicholas Bayard, Maragreta Cortlant, h.v. van Samuel Bayard)
  - **Ann Backer**
  - (prob) **Tryntie Backer** (Catharine), bp. 22 April 1707 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Gerrit Kroessen & sister Neeltie) (no mother's name in bp. record), m. after 1728, **Jacobus Egberts**, widower of Catherine Dey
  - **Jacob Backer** (Baker), m. **Rebecca Staats**
- Sources: Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Staten Island Church Records, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. IV, 1909

### **Backer, Thomas**

Thomas Backer

m.

**Marritje Cornelis**

*---children of Thomas Backer & Marritje Cornelis:*

- **Rachel Thomas Backer**, bp. 26 April 1677 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes de Peyster, Tryntie Cregiers)
- Sources: Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)