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The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

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 evolution 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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**Brass, Abraham**

Abraham Brass  
son of

m. 19 April 1801  
Second River Ref Ch

**Sophia Christie**

dau. of (poss) James D. Christie &  
(1) Gertrui DeGraw  
b. 15 Sep 1783

b.

*---children of Abraham Brass & Sophia Christie:*

- **Gitty Bras**, b. 1 March 1802; bp. 18 April 1802 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Anna Maria Bras**, b. 7 June 1804; bp. 10 June 1804 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Henry Brass**, b. 27 Feb 1807; bp. 26 April, 1807 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Register of baptisms, births, marriages, membership of the Dutch Reformed Church at Second River, New Jersey, 1794-1848, Newark, N.J.: Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., 1929 (Online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library)

**Brass, Adolph**

Adolph Brass  
son of Gerret Bras &  
Catharina Hardenbroek

m. 12 Aug 1733  
NYC Ref Ch  
(banns 10 Aug 1733  
NYC Ref Ch)

**Maritie Kersteng** (Christyn)

(widow of **-?- Isles**)  
dau. of Gideon Carstang &  
Catharine/Tryntje Cockever  
bp. 1 June 1708 Tarrytown Ref Ch  
d. 26 Nov 1774 NYC  
buried

bp. 24 Feb 1703 NYC Ref Ch  
d. April 1765  
buried 20 April 1765 NYC

In his will, he wrote: ....I, Adolph Brass, of New York, shoemaker, being at present sick. I leave to my son Adolph £5, in full bar to all claim as eldest son. I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Maritie during her widowhood to bring up our children till they are of age. After that all is to go to my children, Adolph, Geritt, Catharine, Mary, Janettie, and Gertie, "and the child that my wife now goes with, when born." I make my wife and my son Adolph and my brother, Hendrick Brass, ex-ecutors. Dated April 3, 1751. Witnesses, Amos Pain, John Vredenburgh, Lambert Moore. Proved, October 1, 1765.

---children of Adolph Brass & Maritie Kersteng:

- **Adolph Brass**, bp. 2 June 1734 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gideon Carten and h.v. Catharina Kokkever); d. 11 Oct 1764 NYC; m. (1) 14 April 1757 NYC Ref Ch, **Sara Basset**; m. (prob) (2) before April 1763, **Agnietje Tingly**
- **Geritt Brass**
- **Catharine Brass**, bp. 25 Jan 1736 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Bras & Margrietje Helling, z.h.v.); d. after 22 March 1797; m. 6 Dec 1757 NYC Ref Ch., **Richard Yates** (Dirk Jets)
- **Maria Bras**; bp. 13 April 1740 NYC Ref Ch (wit: George Gardon, Geertje Bras, syn h.v.); m. (1) 19 May 1760 NYC Ref Ch, **James Harvey** (Hervey); m. (2) **Robert Robinson**
- **Jannetje Bras**, bp. 9 Oct 1745 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gideon Carstengh, Judith Carstengh, h.v. van Harmanus Benson); apparently d.y.
- **Jannetie Brass**, bp. 4 Oct 1747 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gideon Carsteng, Margarieta Gardon, j.d.); d. after 2 Aug 1792; m. 12 Aug 1772 NYC Ref Ch, **William Wisesham** (Wysham)
- **Geertje Brass**, bp. 4 April 1750 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Petrus Bargne, Marytje Bras, j.d.). She was unmarried 2 Aug 1792.
- **Margareta Brass**, bp. 26 June 1751 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Abraham de Peyster, Annatje Van Cortland, h.v. Van John Chambers)

---Sources:

[1] Kerr, John Clapperton, "Gideon Carstang (168?-1759) and Some of His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 3), p. 225; [2] Randolph, Howard S. F., "The Hardenbrook Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 70, No. 4, Oct 1939, p. 376; 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. VI, 1760-1766, p. 412 (will of Adolph Brass); *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

### Bras, Adolph

Adolph Bras  
son of Adolph Bras &  
Maritje Carstang  
b. New York  
bp. 2 June 1734 NYC Ref Ch  
d. 11 Oct 1764 NYC

m. (1) 14 April 1757  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

**Sara Besset** (Basset)  
dau. of (prob) Stephen Basset &

b. Wesel  
bp.  
d. 6 Jan 1760 NYC

m. (2)

**Agnietje Tingly** (Tingly; Tinglie)

---children of Adolph Bras & (1) Sara Bessit:

- **Antje Bras**, bp. 26 March 1758 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Dirk Jets, Antje Bessit, j.d.)
- **Maria Bras**, bp. 28 Nov 1759 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Adolph Bras, Maria Christyn, h.v.); d.y.

---children of Adolph Bras & Agnietje Tingly:

- **Maria Bras**, bp. 10 April 1763 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Adolf Bras, Maria Christyn, z.h.v.)
  - **Adolph Bras**, bp. 16 Sep 1764 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Tinglie, Maria Carsting, h. v. Adolph Bras, Senr.)
- Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977* (reprinted 1992); *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

### Brass, Adolph

Adolph Brass  
son of  
  
b. Acquackanonk

m. 5 July 1778  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch  
(banns: 20 June 1778  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch)

**Margrietje Vanderhoff** (Van Der Hoef)  
dau. of  
  
b. Gansegat

---children of Adolph Brass & Margrietje Vanderhoff:

- **Thomas Brass**, b. 21 June 1779; bp. 8 Aug 1779 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Catharina Brass**, b. 1 Jan 1781; bp. 25 March 1781 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Egbert Rix, Catharina Outwater)
- **Jacobus Brass**, b. 2 Oct 1783; bp. 16 Nov 1783 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977* (reprinted 1992)

### Bras, Adriaan

Adriaan Bras

m.

**Elizabeth Bries**

---children of Adriaan Bras & Elizabeth Bries:

- **Hendrik Bras** (Hendrick), bp. 2 Sep 1764 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter van Deursen, Maria Eldrith, z.h.v.)

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

### Bras, Gerrit Hendricksen

Gerrit Hendricksen Bras  
son of Hendrick Pieterszen &  
(1) Geertje Everts

m. 16 June 1689  
NYC Ref Ch  
(banns 25 May 1689  
NYC Ref Ch)

**Catharina Hardenbrook**  
(widow of **Hendrick Arentszen Rynearsen**)  
dau. of Johannes Hardenbroek &  
Urseltje Duytsman  
b. about 1658 Elberfeld, Germany<sup>1</sup>

b.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their banns and marriage, they were: Gerrit Hendrickszen Brassier, j.m. Van N. Amersfort, en Catharina Hardenbroeck, Wede. Van Hendrick Arentszzen. de Eerste wonende tot N. Amersfort en tweede alhier.

---children of Gerrit Hendrickszen Bras & Catharina Hardenbrook:

- **Hendrick Brassier**, bp. 6 Dec 1691 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Evert Brassier, Metioe Hardenbroeck); m. **Margrietje Helling**, dau. of Hendrick Teunisse Helling & (1) Gritie Samuelse
- **Gerrit Bras**
- **Geertje Bras**, bp. 1 April 1694 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Hardenbroeck, Sara Hardenbroeck); apparently d.y.
- **Geertje Bras**, bp. 1 Sep 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Hardenbroeck, Annetje Hardenbroeck); m. (1) 23 May 1713 NYC Ref Ch, **Abraham Barsjo** (Barsjow; Bargeau); m. (2) (poss) **George Gordon**
- **Johannes Bress**, bp. 27 March 1698 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Hardenbroek & Sara Van Laar, h.v. van Joh. Hardenbroek)
- **Petrus Bras**, bp. 21 Feb 1700 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Hardenbrook, Annatje Bos s.h.v.); m. (1) **Marytje Cadmus**; m. (2) 11 Nov 1738 Acquackanonk Ref Ch, **Rachel Phillips** (Filps; Fillipse)
- **Adolphus Bras**, bp. 24 Feb 1703 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Van Kortlant, Catharina Cortlant); m. 12 Aug 1733 NYC Ref Ch, **Maria Carstang**, widow of **-?- Isles**, dau. of Gideon Carstang & Catharina Cockever

---Sources:

- [1] Kerr, John Clapperton, "Gideon Carstang (168?-1759) and Some of His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 3), p. 224;  
 [2] Randolph, Howard S. F., "The Hardenbrook Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 70, No. 4, Oct 1939, p. 376;  
*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

### Bras, Gerret

Gerret Bras  
son of

m. 1 July 1715  
NYC Ref Ch  
(license 30 June 1715)

**Helena Post**  
(widow of **Hartman/Hermanus Meyer**)  
dau. of Elias Lodowycksz Post &  
(2) Marretje Cornelis Egmont  
bp. 29 Sep 1680 NYC Ref Ch

bp.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Gerrit Bras & Helena Meyer.

---children of Gerret Bras & Helena Post:

- **Marytje Bras**, bp. 8 April 1716 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Bras, Orseltje Arents); apparently d.y.
- **Maria Bras**, bp. 18 May 1718 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Bras, Orseltje Arents)
- **Elias Bras**, bp. 10 April 1721 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Casparus Blank, Margrietje Bras)
- **Gerret Bras**, bp. 20 Jan 1723 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Petrus Bras, Angenietje Blank)
- **Helena Bras**, bp. 23 Sep 1724 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Adolphus Bras, Marytje Elsworth)
- **Jacob Bras** (twin), bp. 21 July 1726 NYC ref Ch (wit: Willem Elsworth, Piernella Romme, s.h.v.)
- **Rachel Bras** (twin), bp. 31 July 1726 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Blank, Judith Van Seysen)

---Sources:

- [1] Randolph, Howard S. F., "The Hardenbrook Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 70, No. 4, Oct 1939, p. 375;  
*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

### Bras, Gerrit

Gerrit Bras  
son of

m. 13 Oct 1759  
Second River (Belleville)

**Antie Janse** (Antje Johnson)  
dau. of

In the m. record they are "Gerrit Bras and Antie Janse, both living at Second River, witness Jan Haal."

---children of Gerrit Bras & Antie Johnson:

- **Catharina Brass**, b. 15 May 1763; bp. 5 June 1763 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Outwater, Catharina Brass)
- **Petrus Bras**, b. 7 Aug 1767; bp. 31 Oct 1767 Second River RefCh (Belleville) (wit: Hendrik Helm; Catrina Helm)

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk*, 1977 (reprinted 1992); "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Oct 1928, p. 92; Nelson, William, *New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800*, 1900, reprinted 1973 by Genealogical Publishing Co., p. 606

### Bras, Harmen

Harmen Bras  
son of Hendrick Pieterszen (Van Wesel) &  
Geertje Everts

m. (1) 10 Jan 1682  
NYC Ref Ch

**Anna Winaert**  
dau. of Cornelis Wynaert &  
Catharina Pells

b.  
bp. 17 Aug 1653 NYC Ref Ch  
d. before 16 March 1714

m. (2) 5 Oct 1695  
Hackensack Ref Ch

b. Amsterdam  
bp.  
d. before Oct 1695  
**Geertie Koemans** (Coeymans)  
dau of Lucas Pieterse Koemans &  
Ariaentje  
d. before 3 May 1707

m. (3) 3 May 1707  
Hackensack Ref Ch

**Geertie Egberts**  
(wid. of **Louwerens Ackerman**)  
dau. of

In the (1) NYC Ref Chg marriage record, they were: "Harmen Hendrickszen Bas [should be Bras as is evident from all the other records concerning him], j.m. from Brooklyn and Anna Wynhert, j.d. from Amsterdam, beyde won. tot New Yorke."

Harme Bras was accepted as a member of the Hackensack Church 29 July 1686. In the record of his second marriage, Herman Bras and Geertie Koemans are "from Albany." In the record of his third marriage, they are "Harman Bras, w. of Geertie Koemans, and Geertie Egbers, w. of Louwerens Ackermans."

5 June 1714 Bergen Co., NJ, Harman Bras, Bond of John Bardan (Bradán), as administrator of the estate of, with Jan Terhunen and Paulus van der Beeck as fellow bondsmen. 16 Mar 1713-4 Inventory of the estate, made by Paulus van der Beeck and Matys Hoppe; mentions outfit of Elisabeth Hoppe at her marriage, Aerdie Braes, Areiaenie Braes and Geerie Braes.

*---children of Harmen Hendrickszen Bras & (1) Anna Winaert:*

- **Aertie Bras**, m. (or banns) 11 April 1713 Hackensack Ref Ch, **Sian Reyt** [John Reyt; John Wright]
- **Elizabeth Bras**, m. 12 Aug 1710 Hackensack Ref Ch, **Andries Matthys Hopper**.

*---children of Harmen Hendrickszen Bras & (2) Geertie Koeymans:*

- **Adriaentje Bras**, bp. 15 Nov 1696 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Lucas Koemans, Ariaentie Koemans, his wife); m. **Edo Merselis**.
- **Geertie Bras**, bp. 26 Nov 1699 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van ———[poss. Van Emburgh?]); prob. the Geertje Bras who m. (1) 17 June 1721 Hackensack Ref Ch, **Abram Spier**; m. (2) 3 Nov 1727 Acquackanonk Ref Ch, **Thomas Ager**; m. (3) 4 April 1734 Acquackanonk ref Ch, **Abraham Cadmus**
- (poss) **Henry Bras**. Prob. identical to Henry Bross of Bound Brook, NJ; his will was dated 1766.
- **Lucas Bras**, bp. 14 Sep 1701 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Andries Tibout, Maritie, his wife); apparently d.y.
- **Lucas Bras**, bp. 31 Oct 1703 Hackensack Ref Ch; m. (prob) 6 April 1728, **Lena Rycken**
- **Pieter Bras**, bp. 17 Jan 1706 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Koemans, Jannetie Koemans)
- (poss) **Adolph Bras**

---Sources: Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack...., 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I); Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. I 1670-1730, p. 58 (Estate of Harman Bras)

### Brass, Hermanus

Hermanus Brass  
son of

m. (1)

-?-

dau. of

m. (2) 4 Jan 1778

**Cornelia Smith**

Acquackanonk Ref Ch

dau. of

b. Paramus

In the (2) marriage record (Acquackanonk), he was a widower, living at Hackensack; she was a j.d., b. Paramus, living New Barbadoes Neck.

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

### Brass, Harmanus

Harmanus Brass

m.

**Antje Eler** (Eller; Ellen; Allen)

On 1 April 1795, Jacob and Margaret Snyder, of Saddle River Precinct, conveyed to Harmanus Brass, yeoman, of the same place, for £88, 17.6 acres. Signed by Jacob Snyder, Margaret Snyder (her mark). Witnessed by Henry Van Allen, Thomas Snyder.<sup>1</sup>

On 23 March 1796, Harmanus and Ann Brass, of Saddle River Precinct, conveyed to Richard DeGraw of the same place, for £90, 17.6 acres bounded by Francis Van Winkle, Andrew Snyder, and Garrabrant Garretson. Signed by Harmanus Brass, Ann Bross (her mark). Witnessed by Jacob Snyder, Margaret Snyder (her mark).

On 6 November 1804 (recorded 8 July 1805, Bergen Co. U:362) Hessel Jurianse of the Township of New Barbadoes, conveyed to Henry Kark of the same place, for \$80.94, two tracts (each of 2-31/100 acres) in New Barbadoes Township in Patent of Munoche in the wolf swamp, SW of where Harmanus Bross now lives; mentions land of Henry Berry; Nicausey Terhune; Jacob Terhune, Esq.; Gilbert Van Emberk. Signed by Hassel Yereance. Witnessed by Abraham Speer, Garrabrant Yuriance.<sup>2</sup>

*---children of Harmanus Brass & Antje Eler:*

- **Pieter Bras**, b. 30 Jan 1791; bp. 20 Feb 1791 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Ellen, Grietje Ellen)
- **Maragrita Brass**, b. 19 Aug 1794; bp. 19 Oct 1794 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Maria Brass**, b. 9 Jan 1798; bp. 28 Jan 1798 Schraalenburgh/Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Maria Allen) (mother's name in bp. record is Antje Allen)
- **Angonietje Brass**, b. 14 Feb 1802; bp. 14 March 1802 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Angonietje Ellis)

---Sources:

[1] Davis, John David, Bergen County New Jersey Deed Records 1689-1801, Heritage Books, Inc., 1995, p. 175;

[2] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell;

Kelly, Arthur, Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977 (reprinted 1992); Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack...., 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I, Baptisms & Marriages); Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of....Schraalenburgh, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II), p. 350;

**[Bras] Pietersen, Hendrick** See Pieterszen, Hendrick (m. (1) Geertie Everts; m. (2) Geertje Rutgers)

### Bras, Hendrik

Hendrik Bras  
son of Gerrit Hendricksen Bras &

m. 21 March 1713  
NYC Ref Ch

**Margrietje Helm** (Helling)  
dau. of Hendrick Teunisse Helling &

Catharina Hardenbrook (banns 27 Feb 1713 (1) Gritie Samuelse  
 b. NYC Ref Ch) b. about 1676 Bergen, NJ  
 bp. 6 Dec 1691 NYC Ref Ch bp.  
 In the NYC Ref Ch record of their banns and marriage, they were: Hendrik Bres, j.m. V. N. York, met Margritje Helm, j.d. V. Akkingsak.

---children of Hendrik Bras & Margrietje Helm:

- **Catharina Bras**, bp. 16 May 1714 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerret Bras en Catharina, zyn hs vrow); apparently d.y.
- **Catharina Bras**, bp. 26 Sep 1716 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerret Bras, Orseltje Arents); d. 22 Sep 1731<sup>1</sup>
- **Maria Bras**, bp. 1 July 1722 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Smith, Barentje Helling); apparently d.y.
- **Samuel Bras**, bp. 31 Oct 1725 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Bras, Geertje Bras)
- **Maria Bras**, bp. 4 Feb 1730 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerrit Roos, Orseltje Arents, z.h.v.); d. before 23 June 1778; m. 15 June 1773 NYC Ref Ch (license 14 June 1773), **Theophilus Elsworth**
- **Hendrick Bras**, bp. 15 Oct 1732 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendricus Meyer, Geertruyd Romme, s.h.v.); m. 4 Oct 1759 NYC ref Ch, **Mary Oakes**

---Sources:

[1] Randolph. Howard S. F. "The Hardenbrook Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 70, No. 4, Oct 1939, p. 375; *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); *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

### Brass, Henry

Henry Brass

On 11 Jan 1726, John & Aertje Wright, of New Barbadoes, Bergen County, New Jersey, conveyed to Abraham Varick of the same, a tract of land for £80, joining Jacob Brinkerhoff...on north by Henry Brass...on southwest by Henry Major.

---Sources: Bergen County Deed Book B

### Bras, Hendrick (Hendrik)

Hendrick Bras

m.

**Rachel Keyser**

---children of Hendrick Bras & Rachel Keyser:

- **Bruynis Hendriksz Bras**, bp. 1 Dec 1723 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Bruynis Bras, Aryaantjen Bras)

---Sources: Hoes, Roswell Randall, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston...*, 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

### Brass, Henry (Hendrick)

Henry Brass

m.

**Elizabeth**

son of Pieter Hendricksz Bras & Catharina (Bloemendaal?)

dau. of

bp. 23 July 1682 Flatbush Ref Ch bp.  
 d. before 21 Aug 1751 d.

In his will, he wrote: ...December 28, 1749, I, Henry Brass, of Jamaica, in Queens County, yeoman, being in perfect mind. I leave all my estate, movable and immovable, to my wife Elizabeth, and I make her executor, with full power to sell. "I leave to my cousin (nephew) Adam, the eldest son of my eldest brother, John Brass, to take away all claim or demand as heir at law, one cow, to be delivered, if demanded by him or his special order under his hand and seal." I doe in my lifetime, and with the consent of my wife, give to my cousin, William Pettitt, 2 acres of land where his house stands, fronting the street, and the length of the lot running north, and bounded west by Johanes Williamsen. Witnesses, Philip Read, Johanes Snedeker, John Carlisle. Proved, August 21, 1751.

---Sources: 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 IV 1744-1753, p. 347 (will of Henry Brass)

### Bras, Hendrick

Hendrick Bras

m. 4 Oct 1759

**Maria/Mary Oaks (Oakes; Ooks)**

son of

NYC Ref Ch

dau. of

(License 1 Oct 1759)

---children of Hendrick Bras & Maria Oaks:

- **Hendrik Bras** (Hendrick), bp. 6 June 1762 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Bras (de ouse), Maria Bras, j.d.)
- **Thomas Bras**, bp. 19 Oct 1763 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Christoffel Duycking, Eva Burger, h.v.v. Thomas Ooks)
- **Gerrit Bras**, bp. 29 March 1766 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jakobus Van Varik, Catharina Bras, h.v. Richard Yeats)
- **Mary Bras**, bp. 24 July 1768 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Grove Bend, Mary Bras, j.d.)
- **Elizabet Brass**, bp. 29 April 1770 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerrit Oaks, Elizabet Oaks, j.d.)

---Sources: *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

### Brass, Henry

Henry Brass

son of Harmanus Bras &

His will was dated 1766, July 17. Brass Henry, of Piscataway Twsp., Middlesex Co., yeoman; will of. All real and personal to be sold. Brother, Luke, and his son, Henry, 5/8 of my estate. Sister, Elizabeth Hopper, the rest. Executor - friend Francis Brasier, of Raritan Landing. Witnesses: Henry Beekman, John Cowman, Charles Smock. Proved August 19, 1766. Lib. I, p. 52.

---Sources: New Jersey Colonial Documents. Calendar of Wills, p. 55

**Brass, Hendrick**

Hendrick Brass  
son of

m.

**Anneke Ryke**

dau. of Abraham Ryker &  
Maria Ricx

bp. 4 Mar 1747 Ganseगत (Fairfield)

bp.

children of Hendrick Brass & Anneke Ryke:

- **Antje Bras**, b. 23 Dec 1773; bp. Jan 1774 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Hendrik Oudwater; Catrina Bras)
  - **Abram Ryke Brass**, b. 18 Aug 1775; bp. 24 Sep 1775 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Abram Ryke; Maria Riks)
- Sources: "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, beginning Vol. III, No. 2, October 1927, p. 43

**Brass, Hendrick**

Hendrick Brass

m.

**Sarah Cole (Kool)**

---children of Hendrick Brass & Sarah Cole:

- **Maria Brass**, b. 3 Sep 1777; bp. 31 Aug 1781 Machackemeck Ref Ch, Deerpark, NY (no wit)
- **Henericus Brass**, bp. 5 May 1785 Machackemeck Ref Ch, Deerpark, NY (no wit)

---Sources: "Records of Baptisms of the Reformed Church at Machackemeck (Deerpark)" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1912 (Vol. 43, No. 2), p. 148, 151

**Bras, Jan**

Jan Bras  
son of Pieter Hendricksz Bras &  
Catharina (Bloemendaal?)  
b. 30 Sep 1680 Flatbush, NY  
d. 1722

m. 1701  
Jamaica, NY

**Sara Loyse**

dau. of Pieter Janszen Loyse [de Zeeuw] &  
Sara Colve/Kolfs

b. about 1684  
d.

---children of Jan Bras & Sara Loyse:

- **Adam Bras**
- **Catharina Bras**, m. **Aaron Firman** (Furman) of Newtown & Jamaica
- **Pieter Bras**, bp. 18 April 1705 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Loyse, Sara Loyse, his wife); apparently d.y.
- **Pieter Bras**, bp. 12 Oct 1714 Jamaica L.I. RefCh (wit: Hedrick Bras, Jannetje Looijse)
- **Jannetje Bras**, bp. 3 Mar 1717 Jamaica, L.I. RefCh (wit: Simon Looijse, Grietie Looijse)
- **Johannes Bras**, bp. 17 May 1719 Jamaica L.I. RefCh (wit: Jacobus Caljer, Annetje Caljer); d. 1749/50; m. **Sophia** -?- (Anna Sophia). She m. (2) -?- Hoffman
- **Doortie Bras**, bp. 17 June 1722 Jamaica L.I. RefCh (wit: doortie van de Waater)

---Sources: "Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Jamaica, Long Island (Baptisms)" in *NYG&B Record*, Oct 1974, p. 204; Jan 1975, p. 19, 25; April 1975, p. 91; Hoffman, William J., "The Founders of the Bars(s), Brassers, Bresser, Bries and Brazier Families in America," in *The American Genealogist*, vol 20, 140-148 and 215-228

**Bras, Lucas**

Lucas Bras  
son of Harmen Bras &  
(2) Geertie Koeymans  
bp. 31 Oct 1703 Hackensack Ref Ch

m. 6 April 1728

**Lena Rycken**

dau. of (prob) Ryck Rycke &  
Willemtje Clements

bp. 23 Oct 1711 Port Richmond, Staten Island

---children of Lucas Bras & Lena Rycken:

- **Harmanus Bras**, b. 10 Aug, bp. 6 Sep 1730 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Thomas Ager; Geertie Bras)
- **Ryck Bras**, b. 26 Apr, bp. 15 June 1735 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Ryck Rycke; Willemtje Clement); d. before 19 June 1759. On 19 June 1759 (Bergen Wills, 3170 B: Ryker Brass of Bergen Co.) the bond of Lucas Brass, father of Ryker Brass, as Adm'r. is recorded. Henry Brass of Perth Amboy, fellow bondsman.
- **Hendrikus Brass**, bp. 5 June 1741 Ganseगत Ref Ch (Fairfield) (wit: Ryck Rycke; Willempie Rycke) (bp. also rec. at Acquackanonk)
- **Willempie Brass**, bp. 17 Sep 1741 Ganseगत (Fairfield) (wit: Ryck Rycke; Catryntje Rycke) (bp. also rec. at Acquackanonk)
- **Geertje Bras**, bp. [about 1744] Pompton Plains Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Cool, Femmetje Cool)
- (prob) **Hermanus Bras**, bp. 30 March 1746 Pompton Plains Ref Ch (no wit) (mother's name in bp. record is Vrena)
- **Lena Bras**, bp. 10 July 1757 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Johannes Machiel Smit; Sara Volck)

---Sources: "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Oct 1927, p. 44; July 1928, p. 39; *Archives of the State of New Jersey*, First Series, Vol. XXXII (Vol. III Calendar of Wills), p. 39; "Ganseगत (Fairfield) Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, July 1930, p. 8; Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk [Passaic Co., NJ], 1777* (reprinted 1992); Reformed Dutch Church records of Pompton Plains, pages 1-210 : records of Montville, pages 211-258 : typescript, 1923, (online at HeritageQuest)

**Bras, Petrus**

Petrus Bras  
son of Gerrit Hendricksen Bras &  
Catharina Hardenbrook

m. (1) 17 Oct 1728  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

**Maria Kadmus** (Marytie Cadmus)  
dau. of Thomas Thomasen [Cadmus] &  
Sara Van Deursen

b.  
bp. 21 Feb 1700 NYC Ref Ch  
d.

b. about 1705  
bp.  
d. before Nov 1738  
**Rachel Phillips** (Filps; Fillipse)  
dau. of

m. (2) 11 Nov 1738  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

In the (2) marriage record, he is identified as "wid. of Mareytie Cadmus."

---children of Petrus Bras & (1) Maria Kadmus:

- **Catharyna Bras**, b. 24 Oct 1729; bp. 2 Nov 1729 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Joris Gaardin [Gordon]; Geertje Bras)
- **Thomas Bras**, b. 7 March 1737/8; bp. 2 April 1738 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Evert Van Ess; Engeltje Kadmus)

---children of Petrus Bras & (2) Rachel Phillips:

- **Antje Bras**, b. 6 June 1740; bp. 29 June 1740 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Harmen Van Rypen; Hendrik Stymets)
  - **Hendricus Bras**, b. 28 Oct 1748; bp. 27 Nov 1748 Second River Ref Ch (Belleville) (wit: Abraham Cadmus; Geertje Bras)
- Sources: "Baptismal Register of Second River (Belleville) Dutch Reformed Church, 1727-1794" in *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Oct 1927, p. 43; Jan 1928, p. 125, 127; April 1928, p. 158; Information Oct 2010 from Pamela J. Sears, 11483 Hessler #6, Cleveland, OH 44106. <Pjssears@stratos.net>;

**Bras, Pieter**

Pieter Bras  
son of

m. 14 Apr 1734  
Second River Ref Ch  
(Belleville)

**Saartie Volck**  
dau. of

b. Hackensack

b. Second River

In the m. record they are "Pieter Bras, born at Hackensack, and Saartie Volck, born at Second River, both living there."

---Sources: Nelson, William, *New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800, 1900*, reprinted 1973 by Genealogical Publishing Co., p. 606

**Bras, Peter**

Peter Bras

m.

**Rebecca Youngs**

---children of Peter Bras & Rebecca Youngs:

- **John Thomas Bras**, b. 29 Dec 1796; bp. 19 Oct 1801 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Mary Ann Bras**, b. 1 June 1790; bp. 19 Oct 1801 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)
- **John Bras**, b. 11 Sep 1801; bp. 19 Oct 1801 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Register of baptisms, births, marriages, membership of the Dutch Reformed Church at Second River, New Jersey, 1794-1848, Newark, N.J.: Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., 1929 (Online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library)

**Brass, Thomas**

Thomas Brass  
son of

m. 7 Dec 1800  
Acquackanonk Ref Ch

**Maria Doremus**  
dau. of

---children of Thomas Brass & Maria Doremus:

- **Antje Brass**, b. 13 July 1801; bp. 16 Aug 1801 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (wit: Hillitje Doremus)
- **Nellie Brass**, b. 17 Aug 1803; bp. 2 Oct 1803 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, *Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977* (reprinted 1992)

**Brass, William**

William Brass  
son of

m.

**Deborah** (poss. Berrian)  
dau. of (poss?) Daniel Berrien &  
Merriam Wilson

b. about 1782

b.

In Jan. 1810 they participated in selling a lot of ground in NYC That was inherited from Deborah's father, Daniel Berrien.

**Unplaced Bras Women:**

**Anna Bras**, m. 17 April 1719 NYC ref Ch, **David Ballord**

**Catharina Bras**, bp. 30 Dec 1694; m. 14 Dec 1716 NYC Ref Ch, **Henry Shadwel**

**Catryntje Bras**, m. 23 Feb 1752 Second River Ref Ch, **Hendrick Outwater**

**Elizabeth Bras**, m. before 1736, **George Smith**

**Kesia Bras**, m. before May 1743, **Petrus Van den Burg**

**Sara Bras**, m. 9 Jan 1741 Second River Ref Ch, **Hans Michele Smit** (filed under Johannes M. Smit)

**Sarah Brass**, m. 29 June 1757 Acquackanonk Ref Ch, **Daniel Van Winkle**

