

-- **BRIES, BRESSEE, BRESSER** --

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.

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**Bries**

The Albany Bries family is totally unrelated to the Long Island/Raritan Bries Family.

**Bries, Antoni** (Anthony)

Antoni Bries  
son of Hendrick Bries &  
Maria De Hooges  
b.  
d. 22 Nov 1704<sup>1</sup>

m. 21 Sep 1692  
Albany Ref Ch

**Catarina Rykman**  
dau. of Albert Janse Ryckman &  
Neeltje Quackenbush  
b. about 1674  
d. 2 Nov 1759

His will was written 22 November 1705 (1703?); probated 9 February [1706?]. In his will, Anthony Bries of Albany City, yeoman, mentions his wife Catharina; Margrett and Eva. Wife sole Executrix. Her father, Albert Ryckman, and Anthony Rutgers as Tutors. Witnesses: Johannes Lydius, David Schuyler, Justice, Rt. Livingston.

---children of Antoni Bries & Catrina Rykman:

- **Maria Bries**, bp. 25 Aug 1693 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Harme Rutgersz, Albert Rykman, Maria Bries)
- **Nelletje Bries**, bp. 17 March 1695 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jan Rykman, David Schuyler, Nelletje Rykman)
- **Hendrik Antonisz Bries**, bp. 31 Oct 1697 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Lookerman, Pieter Rykman, Elsjie Schuyler); m. 13 Jan 1726, **Wyntie Van Vechten**
- **Catharina Bries**, bp. 5 Jan 1700 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Albert Rykman, Jr., Antoni Rutgers, Catharina Rutgers)
- **Margarita Bries**, bp. 28 Sep 1701 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Harmen and Margarita Rykman); m. (prob) **Christopher Abeel**
- **Eva Bries**, bp. 17 Oct 1703 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Wessel and Catharina Ten Broek, Harmen Rutgers)

---Sources:

[1] Peckham, Harriett C. Waite Van Buren, *History of Cornelis Maessen Van Buren who came from Holland to the New Netherlands in 1631, and his descendants, including the genealogy of the family of Bloomingdale who are descended from Maas, a son of Cornelis Maessen*. New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1913, p. 242 (online at Heritage Quest); *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, New York 1683-1809*, Marriages, Baptisms, Members, Etc., excerpted from the Year Books of the Holland Society, NY,

reprinted by Clearfield Publishing Co., 1999; Randolph, Howard S. F., "Anthony de Hooges, Secretary of Rensselaerswyck, and His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 67, Jan 1936, No. 1, p. 6, 8

**Bresser, Bruyn Hendricks** (m. Lysbeth Oosterhout) See: Hendricks, Bruyn

**Bresie, Christoffel**

Christoffel Bresie m. **Agnes Rossman**

---children of *Christoffel Bresie & Agnes Rossman*:

• **Engeltie Bresie**, bp. about 1738 Vedder Ch, Mt. Ross; m. **Lambert Burghardt**, son of Hendrik Burghardt.

---Sources: Information online July 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Otto Burgett <mottob@att.net>

**Bries, Cornelis Hendrickszen**

Cornelis Hendrickszen Bries m. **Sara Skillman** (Saartje Paulus; Schilmans)  
son of dau. of (prob) Thomas Skillman &  
Sara Petit  
b. about 1675

b. ---children of *Cornelis Hendrickszen Bries & Sara Skillman*:

• **Marritje Corneliszen [Bries]**, bp. 7 Aug 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Kock, Lysbeth de Boog)

• (prob) **Geertje Corneliszen [Bries]**, b. about 1698

• **Hendrick Corneliszen Bries**, bp. 19 May 1700 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Folkert Bries and Lysabeth his wife)

• **Johannes Corneliszen Bries**, bp. 30 March 1703 Jamaica Ref Ch

• **Sara Corneliszen Bries**, bp. 3 July 1705 Jamaica Ref Ch

• (prob) **Thomas Brees**, bp. 2 Aug 1710 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Brocka, Merritien Buys) (no mother's name in bp. record)

• **Cornelis Cornelisz Brees**, bp. 20 July 1718 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Cornelis Jansz, Susanna du Tes)

---Sources: "First Reformed Church, Raritan [NJ] (Somerville) Baptisms" in *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, (edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman), Vol. 2, 1913, No. 2, p. 138; *Staten Island Church Records*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. IV, 1909; Information posted Sep 2007, Dutch-Colonies List, by "Pamela J. Sears" <pjssears@stratos.net>; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); van der Linde, A.P.G. Jos., *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York First Book of Records, 1660-1752*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983

**Bries, Folkert Hendrickszen** (Bressee)

Folkert Hendrickszen Bries/Bressee m. (1) 31 Oct 1680  
son of Hendrick Volkertsen Bries & Brooklyn, NY  
Grietje Claesen (Van Schouw) (recorded Flatbush Ref Ch)  
(banns 10 Oct 1680  
Flatbush Ref Ch

b. 1655

bp. 15 Aug 1655 NYC Ref Ch

d. before 15 April 1712

m. (2) 4 June 1695  
Brooklyn Ref Ch  
(1695, by license)

**Neeltje Janse Van Huysem (Staats)**  
(widow of **Gerrit Dircksen Croeson/Kroesen**)  
dau. of Jan Pieterszen Staats &  
Grietje Jans Van Groeningen  
b. 1640  
bp.  
d. after April 1687

**Elizabeth Paulus [Huff]**  
(widow of **Paulus Michielse Vandervoort**)  
dau. of Paulus Dirckse [Van Lutsemburg/Huff] &  
Geertie Willemse

He was a farmer of Brooklyn. In the (1) marriage record, they were: betrothed the 10th Oct [1680], Volkerd Hendricksz, young man from Brooklyn, with Neeltje Jans, widow of Gerrit Croezen; both residing under Brooklymn; and married the 31st October at Brooklyn.

He appears to have settled, about 1699, at Three-Mile Run, in New Jersey, near New Brunswick. In 1717-21 he was a deacon at New Brunswick.

His second wife, Elizabeth Paulus was probably of an Albany family; he brother was Cornelis Pauluszen who married Jannetje Andries in 1696 at Brooklyn (rec. NYC Ref Ch).

In his will dated 15 May 1711, probated 15 April 1712, Folkcart Bressee, of Piscataway East Jersey, yeoman." He named his wife, Elizabeth, and children: (1) Hendrick; (2) Garbrant; (3) Neeltie; (4) Weintie; (5) Libshe; (6) Greetie, and (7) Vnon. Executors--the wife and brother-in-law, Johannes Poulse, of New York City, cordwainer.

Folkcart Bresse, 15 May 1711, Piscataway, E.J. [East Jersey], yeoman; will of. Wife Elizabeth. Children--Hendrick, Garbrant, Neeltie, Weintie, Libshe, Greetie and Vnon. Real and personal estate. Executors--the wife and brother-in-law, Johannes Poulse, of N. Y. City, cordwainer. Witnesses--Marten Meyer, Wm. Huddleston, Jos. Huddleston. Proved 15 Apr 1712.<sup>1</sup>

---children of *Folkert Hendricks Bries/Bressee & (1) Neeltje Jans Van Huysem [Staats]*:

• **Hendrick Folkerts Bries/Bressee**, m. **Hannah/Antje Field**, dau. of John Field of Piscataway, NJ. He was an early settler at Woodbridge, NJ; removed to Bensalem Twp., PA by 1732.

---children of *Folkert Hendricks Bries/Bressee & (2) Elizabeth Paulus [Huff]*:

• **Garbrant Folkerts Bries/Bressee**, bp. 15 Nov 1696 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Janse Staets, Annetje van Lent)

• **Neeltje Folkerts Bries/Bressee**, bp. 25 Dec 1698 Brooklyn Ref Ch (Michiel Hans and Jannetje Paulus); m. **Jacob Jacob Boice/Buys**, son of Jacob Janse Buys

• **Wijntje Folkerts Bries/Bressee** (Wyntje), bp. 8 June 1701 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Paulisse, Marrytje Paulisse)

• **Maria/Martje Bries**, m. **Cornelis Claessen**

• **Libshe Folkerts Bries/Bressee** (Elizabeth), bp. 19 Oct 1703 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Theunissen and wife); m. **Hendrick**

**Fisher** (Visscher), son of Hendrick Visscher. He was b. 1697 Lower Palatinate; d. 16 Aug 1779, His will was probated 15 May 1779.

- **Grietjen Folkerts Bries/Bressee**, bp. 30 April 1707 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Michiell Van Vechten and wife)
- **Vnon? Folkert Bries/Bressee** (Jurgen/Juriaen), bp. 26 Oct 1709 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Reyniersen, Angenietien Barentsen); m. -?-

---Sources:

[1] Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. I 1670-1730, p. 60 (online at Ancestry.com) (will of Folkcart Bressee); Monnette, Orra Eugene. *First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway and Woodbridge Olde East New Jersey*. The Leroy Carman Press. California. 1932, Part 5, p. 798; Information online Dec 1998 from Bruce Woodworth <brucewoodworth@home.com>; Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York*, 1936 (Reprinted 1968 as a softcover book by Dover Publications), p. 438; Voorhees, David William, *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Vol. I, 1677-1720*, Holland Society 1998; "First Reformed Church, Raritan [NJ] (Somerville) Baptisms" in *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, (edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman), Vol. 2, 1913, No. 1, p. 41, 44, 46; Information online Aug 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Elsie Wilson <ehwilson@mail.charter.net>; van der Linde, A.P.G. Jos., *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York - First Book of Records, 1660-1752*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983

**[Bries], Hendrick Folckertsz** (Hendrick Volckertsz of Jever in Oldenburg)

Hendrick Volckertsz  
son of

m.

(banns 26 Feb 1655  
NYC Ref Ch)

b. 1634 Jever, Oldenburgerlt.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage banns, they were: Hendrick Folckers, Van Jever in Oldenburgerlt., en Geertje Claes, Van N. Amsterdam.

---children of Hendrick Folckertsz/Volckertsz & Geertje Claes:

- **Volckert Hendrickszen [Bries]**, bp. 15 Aug 1655 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Corneliszen, Joris Jacobszen, Metje Herberts)
- **Jeuriaen Hendrickszen [Bries]**, bp. 5 Dec 1660 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Hermanus Van Bossum) (parents: Hendrick Volckerssen, Geertien Claese, "near the ferry"); d. 15 Dec 1660.
- **Jeuriaen Hendrickszen [Bries]**, bp. 6 Nov 1661 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Hermanus van Bossum, Trijntje Claes) (parents: Hendrick Volckerssen, Geertie Claes, "from the ferry"); m. (banns 8 Aug 1686 Albany Ref Ch), **Agnetje Barents** of New Amsterdam
- **Cornelis Hendrickszen [Bries]**, m. **Sarah Skillman**
- (poss) **Suybroech Hendrickszen [Bries]**
- **Hillegont Hendricks [Bries]**

---Sources: Information online Aug 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Clea White <brianclea@pcrealm.net> citing William Hoffman, "Founders of the Bras(s), Brasser,Bresser, Bries and Brazier Families in America." TAG, Vol. 20 No. 3 (Jan. 1944); 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; van der Linde, A.P.G. Jos., *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York - First Book of Records, 1660-1752*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

**Bries, Hendrick** (Bressee)

Hendrick Bries  
son of

m.

**Maria de Hooges**

dau. of (prob) Anthony de Hooges &  
Evaatje Alberts Bradt

d. before 21 Aug 1696

Hendrick Bries was a shoemaker at Albany in 1666.

Henderik Bries witnessed the baptism 28 April 1689 Albany Ref Ch of Jonas, son of Jan Bronk. The child was presented by Marretje Bries.

Maria de Hooges m. (2) 21 Aug 1696 Albany Ref Ch, **Jacob Loockerman**, widower of Tryntje Claasen.

---children of Hendrick Bries & Maria de Hooges:

- **Antoni Bries** (Anthony), buried 30 Dec 1704 Albany, NY; m. 21 Sep 1692 Albany Ref Ch, **Catarina Rykman**, dau. of Albert Janse Rykeman & Neeltje Quackenbush.
- (poss) **Daughter Bries**, m. **Fredrick Gerritse**

---Sources: Monnette, Orra Eugene. *First Settlers of Ye Plantations of Piscataway and Woodbridge Olde East New Jersey*. The Leroy Carman Press. California. 1932, Part 5, p. 798; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, New York 1683-1809*, Marriages, Baptisms, Members, Etc., excerpted from the Year Books of the Holland Society, NY, reprinted by Clearfield Publishing Co., 1999; Randolph, Howard S. F., "Anthony de Hooges, Secretary of Rensselaerswyck, and His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 67, Jan 1936, No. 1, p. 6, 8

**Bries, Hendrick Folkertsz**

Hendrick Folkertsz Bries  
son of Folkert Hendrickszen Bries &  
(1) Neeltje Jans van Husum/Staats  
d. before 28 Feb 1738

m.

**Hannah/Antje Field**

dau. of John Field of Piscataway, NJ &

He was an early settler at Woodbridge, NJ. He removed to Bensalem Twp., Bucks Co., by 1732, buying 200 acres of land there, for £500 on 17 November 1737, in the same township as his half-first cousin, Pieter Petersen Staats, who had moved there from Staten Island about 1723.

His will, dated 2 Feb 1736, probated 28 Feb 1738, named Philip Tillyer of Bayberry, Philadelphia Co., PA, as co-executor with the widow Hannah, and guardian of daughters Sarah and Hannah Bries. His children named in the will were sons Henry and John, daughters, Nealcha, Create (no doubt Grietje), Sarah and Hannah. Witnesses were Abraham Messer, Mary Staats and Peter Staats. [Davis: Bucks Co. PA Deed Records 1684-1763, pp 185, 228-29].

---children of Hendrick Folkertsz Bries & Hannah/Antje Field:

- **Grietje/Margaret Bries**, m. 1732, **Jacobus Van Sandt**.
  - **Hendrick/Henry Bries**, bp. 3 April 1717 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: -?- Aertsen; wife Bries); m. 17 Dec 1742, Abington Presbyterian Ch, PA, **Margaret McCarty**.
  - **Neeltje Bries**, bp. 7 May 1721 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Leonaerd Smack; Elizabeth Bris); m. **John Rodman**.
  - **John Bries**, m. **Elizabeth Praul**.
  - **Sarah Bries**, bp. 2 Oct 1726, Readington RDC (not "of age" until 1747, according to father's will.).
  - **Hannah Bries**, bp. 2 Oct 1726, Readington RDC(not "of age" until 1747, according to father's will.)
- Sources: Information online Sep 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Margery <Emfreas@cs.com>

**Bries, Hendrick** (Bris)

Hendrick Bries m. **Antie/Hanna**  
 son of (poss) Juriaen Hendrickszen [Bries] & dau. of  
 Agenietje Barents

His wife was baptised on confession 27 Oct 1713 Raritan Ref Ch.

---*children of Hendrick Bries & Antie/Hanna*

- **Jannitye Bries**, bp. 5 April 1719 Raritan Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis and Antje Pouwelsen)
- **Jurisee Bries**, bp. 9 Feb 1724 Raritan Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Volckert Bries**, bp. 5 Feb 1727 Raritan Ref Ch
- **Ida Bries**, bp. 1732 Raritan Ref Ch
- **Antje Bries**, bp. 1737 Raritan Ref Ch
- **Antje Bries**, bp. 1739/40 Raritan Ref Ch

---Sources: "First Reformed Church, Raritan [NJ] (Somerville) Baptisms" in *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*, (edited by A. Van Doren Honeyman), Vol. 2, 1913, No. 2, p. 140; *Ibid.*, No. 3, p. 209, 211, 212, 214; Information Oct 2005, Dutch-Colonies List, from "Pamela J. Sears" <pjsears@stratos.net>; Information Oct 2005, Dutch-Colonies List, from "Margery Freas" <mfreas@earthlink.net>

**Bries, Hendrik**

Hendrik Bries m. **Dina du Secoy/Disosway**  
 son of dau. of Marcus Du Secoy/Disosway &

---*children of Hendrik Bries & Dina du Secoy:*

- **Henrik Henriksz Bries**, bp. 9 Sep 1722 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Cornelius Bries, Sarah Bries)
- **Sara Bries**, bp. 31 Jan 1725 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Gariel du Secoy, Sara Schilman [Skillman?])

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

**Breaser, Isaac** (m. 1690, Aeltje Colevelt) See: Brasier, Isaac

**Bries, Juriaan Hendricksz**

Juriaan Hendricksz Bries m. **Agnietje Barents**  
 son of Hendrick Volckertsz & dau. of Barent Mynderts &  
 Geertje Claes (banns: 8 Aug 1686 Eytie -?-  
 b. Albany Ref Ch) b.  
 bp. 6 Nov 1661 Brooklyn Ref Ch bp.

In the record of their banns, they were: Juriaan Hendricksz Bries, y.m., of L.I., and Agnietje Barents, j.d. of New Albany.

Agnietje Barents probably had sisters: Albertje Barents (who m. Johannes Jansz Quisthout [VanderLinden]) and Susanna Barents (who m. Pieter Jan Bosch).

---*children of Juriaan Hendricksz Bries & Agnietje Barents:*

- **Eytje Jurianse [Bries]**, bp. 13 Nov 1687 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Folkert Hendricksen, Albertje Barents)
- **Jannetje Jurianse [Bries]**, bp. 8 Dec 1689 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Elsje Prevoost, Ghijsbert Bogart); m. (prob) **Matty Goes**
- **Hendrick Juriaensz Briest**, bp. 9 Sep 1694 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Twisthout [Quisthout/Van de Linde], Susanna Barents)

---Sources: Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, New York 1683-1809, Marriages, Baptisms, Members, Etc., excerpted from the Year Books of the Holland Society, NY, reprinted by Clearfield Publishing Co., 1999; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Information online Aug 2001, Dutch-Colonies List, from Clea White <briancea@prealm.net> citing William Hoffman, "Founders of the Bras(s), Brasser,Bresser, Bries and Brazier Families in America." TAG, Vol. 20 No. 3 (Jan. 1944); van der Linde, A.P.G. Jos., Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York First Book of Records, 1660-1752, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983

**Presser, Valentyne**

Valentyne Presser m.  
 ---*children of Valentyne Presser &*

- **Pieter Valentines Presser**, bp. 8 Sep 1717 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Pieter Van Pelt and wife Sara)

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

**Unplaced Bresse. Bresser, Bries Women:**

**Catrina Bresser**, m. before 1712, **Jacob Ploeg**

**Jemima Bries**, m. about 1728, **Peter LaBoyteaux**