

-- CARSTEN, KERSTEN --

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 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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Carstensen, Claes (Claes Carsten Van Sant)

Claes Carstensen m.
son of (banns 15 April 1646
NYC Ref Ch)
b. about 1607 Sant/Sande, Norway
d. 6 Nov 1679, ae 72

Helene Hendricks (Hilletje Hendricks)
dau. of
b.
d.

Among the early settlers of Long Island was Claes Carsten Van Sant, a Norman soldier in service of the Dutch West India Company. He obtained a patent for twenty-nine morgens of land, September 5, 1645. This was situated on the East River, in what is now Williamsburg. He soon sold this and took up fifty morgens near Constable's Hook, in Bergen, New Jersey. He joined the Dutch church at New Amsterdam (New York City), January 1, 1663.¹

Claes Carstensen came from Sant, in Norway about 1641, though he may have been there much earlier. He had command of the Indian language and was employed as interpreter as early as 30 Aug 1645.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage banns, they were: Claes Cartenzen, j.m. Uyt Noordtwegen, en Hilletje Hendricks.

He served in 1653 as corporal for the burgher corps at New Amsterdam, and was admitted to the small burgher right in 1657. After the English came to power, he removed to Harlem, where he was granted, on 2 March 1671, a small house lot for the term of his life.

---children of Claes Carstens [Van Sant] & Hilletje Hendricks:

- **John Claessen**
- **Peter Claessen [Van Sant]; m. Deborah -?-. Peter Claesen Van Sant, son of Claes Carsten Van Sant, resided at Gravesend,**

Long Island, where he sold his house and lot, October 23, 1693. He probably removed at once to Cape May, New Jersey, where he was residing September 25, 1694 at which time he sold his interest in allotments Nos. 8 and 12 on Gilbert's Island. His wife's Christian name was Deborah, and they had sons: Peter, Cornelius, and Hendrick.¹

---Sources:

[1] Van Ssnt Family information online at <http://www.user1.netcarrier.com/~muriel/VanZandtSociety/gene.htm>; Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem...* New York, 1904, p. 360, footnote; Evjen, John O., *Scandinavian Immigrants in New York 1630-1674*, Minneapolis 1916, reprinted 1996 by Clearfield Co., p. 51; *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

Karstens, Hendrick (Corsens)

Hendrick Karstens

m. 1644

Femmetje Coenraets (from Groningen)

dau. of

son of Karsten Hendricks

b.

b. 1610 Oldenbourg, Westphalia

They immigrated from Amsterdam to New Netherland and settled at Harlem, NY, where he farmed and was a mason.

His sons used the surname Boch, or Bouck.

Femmetje Coenraets m. (2) (banns 7 July 1669 NYC Ref Ch), **Lubbert Gerritsen [De Vries]**.

---*children of Hendrick Karstens & Femmetje Coenraets:*

• **Wybrecht Hendricks**, b. 1646 Amsterdam; m. **Harmanus Van Borsum**

• **Coenraet Hendricks**, bp. 20 Dec 1648 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Janszen, Claertje Abels). He used the surname Boch, probably derived from bourg, from Oldenbourg, his father's birthplace.

• **Jan Hendricks**, bp. 28 Aug 1650 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Herck Sibrts en syn huys vr.). He used the surname Boch, probably derived from bourg, from Oldenbourg, his father's birthplace.

---Sources: Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem...* New York, 1904, p. 251 footnote; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

Kersten, Hendrick

Hendrick Kersten

m.

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---*children of Hendrick Kersten*

• **Annetie Hendricks**, bp. 30 Sep 1663 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Elsje Ebels)

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

Charstenszen, Joost

Joost Chartstensen

m.

Styntje Jans

---*children of Joost Charstenszen & Syntje Jans:*

• **Catalyn Joostens**, bp. 10 Jan 1669 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Reymer Willemszen, Claertie Leydeckers)

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

Carstenszen, Laurens

Laurens Carstenszen

m.

Sara Burgers

---*children of Laurens Carstenszen & Sara Burgers:*

• **Catharyntje Laurens**, bp. 17 Aug 1659 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Carel de Beauvois, Sophia Van Lodensteyn)

• **Carsten [Laurenszen?]**, bp. 6 June 1661 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Bartholomeus Van der Schel, Annetie Willems)

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

Carsten, Meewes (Melchior Kerstensz)

Meewes Carsten

m.

Geertruyt Bartels (Balthus)

---*children of Meewes Carsten & Geertruyt Bartels:*

• **Balthus Kerstensz**, bp. 1 Dec 1672 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Caspar ---, Claertie Leydeckers)

• **David Meewes Carstens**, bp. 24 April 1689 NYCRefCh (wit: Aert Elbertszen, Grietje Wessels)

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

Carstenszen, Pieter (m. (2) Geesje Jans) See: Ostrander, Pieter Carstenszen

Kersten, Roelof

Roelof Kersten

m.

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---*children of Roelof Kersten &*

• **Roeloff Roelofs Kersten**, bp. 13 Dec 1685 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Gysbertsz, Anna Van Schayk) (no mother's name in bp. record) (note in bp. record says child was "bo. after his father's death")

---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

Karstensen, Teunis (Carstensens)

Teunis Carstensens

m.

Marritje Pieters Borsboom

son of
Marritje Pieters Borsboom m. (2) 26 March 1692 Albany Ref Ch, **Hendrick Willemszen Brouwer**.
dau. of Pieter Jacobsen Borsboom &

Carstens, Warner

Warner Carstens

son of

m. 8 June 1696

Albany Ref Ch

Anna Pruyn

dau. of

---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

Carstenszen, Wolfgang

Wolfgang Carstenszen

An entry in the NYC Ref Ch marriage records reads: [banns] 3 July 1660, Wolfgang Carstenszen, Van Wolffenbittel, Sol-daet, en Elsjie Jans Jans, Wede. Van Hendrick Janszen, en zyn gestut sonder voortganck te hebben (And have been stopped without proceeding any further).

---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), reprinted 1997 by Heritage Books