

-- CHAMBERS --

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.

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Chambers, Abraham Gasbeek See: Gasbeek, Abraham (Chambers)

Chambers, Cornelius

Cornelius Chambers

m.

Elizabeth Vernoy

---children of Cornelius Chambers & Elizabeth Vernoy:

- **Maria Chambers**, bp. 13 Nov 1774 Wawarsing, NY Ref Ch (wit: Abram Du Puy; Maria Chambers)
- **Sara Chambers**, bp. 27 May 1777 Wawarsing, NY Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Elizabeth Shammers**, bp. 23 April 1780 Wawarsing, NY Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, ed. *Wawarsing, New York Reformed Dutch Church Records*, online at Ancestry.com

Chambers, John

John Chambers
son of

m. 26 March 1737

Anne Van Cortlandt

dau. of Jacobus Van Cortlandt &
Eve Phillips

d. 10 April 1764, in 65th yr.
buried

d. 14 April 1774, in 74th yr
buried Van Cortlandt Vault, Lower Yonkers

John Chambers was a Justice of the Supreme Court.

John Chambers was one of the most prominent citizens of New York in his time, and by his marriage was connected with the first families in the city. His dwelling house is now Nos. 17-19 Broadway. The house and lot that he called his "office" is next north and is No. 21. This latter lot was sold by Adolph Phillipse to Frederick Phillipse and John Cruger, the former having 2/3 and the latter 1/3. Frederick Phillipse left it to his youngest daughter Margret, who died when a young girl, and it fell to her eldest brother, Frederick Phillipse, as heir at law. The children of John Cruger were John Cruger, Jr., Ann, Sarah, Mary,

and Rachel. These all and Frederick Phillipse sold to John Chambers. The lot is now the south part of the Stevens House or Hotel. The lands in Montgomerie Ward are a part of the "Cripple Bush" or Swamp and in the vicinity of Jacob street. The tract of land called "Chesecoaks" includes the Highland Mountains, in Rockland County. John Chambers was member of Council and one of the Justices of the Supreme Court. This position he resigned on account of failing health. He died after a lingering illness April 10, 1764 in the 65th year of his age.--W. S. P.

In his will, he wrote: ...I, John Chambers, of New York, Esquire, being at this present time weak and indisposed in body but in sound and perfect mind. "After the death of my wife, and not before, I leave to the Rector and Inhabitants of New York in Communion with the Church of England as by Law Established, £1,000. In Trust nevertheless, that they shall in a Husbandlike manner, apply and lay out the same towards the support and carrying on the Charity School in New York now under their care." I leave to Augustus Van Cortlandt, whom I brought up, 1/2 of all my Law Books and Manuscripts. The other half I leave to John Jay, son of Peter Jay, my brother-in-law. I leave to my dear wife, Ann Chambers, all my messuages, lands, tenements and real estate during her life. I also leave to her and to her heirs and assigns forever all my lands and tenements in Orange County called Cheesecoaks, which I purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Denn. Also all the lands and tenements that I am entitled to in right of my wife from her father, Colonel Jacobus Van Cortlandt, by his will or otherwise. After the death of my wife I leave to Augustus Van Cortlandt all that my messuage and dwelling house where I now live, with the ground and water lot and appurtenances, to him and his heirs, and in default of issue then to his right heirs in fee simple. I also leave to him after the death of my wife all that messuage, tenement, and ground adjoining to the house where I now live, called my office, as I purchased the same from Colonel Frederick Phillipse and the children of John Cruger, Esq., with the stable and appurtenances. To him and his heirs, and for lack of issue to his right heirs in fee simple. I also leave to him all that dwelling house, messuage, and lot where he now lives in the West Ward, according to a certain deed of trust I made to him. I also leave to him and his sister, Mrs. Eve White, and to Ann, daughter of said Eve White, all my lands and tenements in Montgomerie Ward during their lives and to the survivor in fee simple. I leave to James Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Cortlandt, and Frederick Van Cortlandt, after the death of my wife, all the rest of my lands and tenements and all real estate to them and their heirs and assigns as tenants in common. I leave to my wife, Ann Chambers, all my household stuff, wrought plate, money, negroes, Book debts in England, and all other personal estate except so much as will pay my legacy to Trinity Church. I also leave to Colonel Vincent Matthews £300. To Mr. John Bartow, of Westchester County, who lived with me, £50. To Lambert Moore £50. These to be paid after the death of my wife. I make my wife, Ann Chambers, sole executrix during her life, and then my brother-in-law, Peter Jay, and my nephew, Mr. John Livingston, of New York, merchant, and my nephews, James Van Cortlandt and Augustus Van Cortlandt, desiring them to assist my wife in managing the estate. Dated January 20, 1764. Witnesses, Richard Nichols, Esq., John Kelly, Esq., Benjamin Helme, Gent. Proved, May 1, 1764.

In her will, she wrote: ...I, Anne Chambers, of New York, widow of John Chambers, late of New York, Esq., being in perfect health. "My Body I commit to the Earth to be buried in my Brother's family vault at the Lower Yonkers, in Westchester County." "I leave to the Rector and Inhabitants of the city of New York, in communion with the Church of England as by Law established, £500 to be put at interest and the interest used for the support of the girls only, belonging to the Charity School, and for the rewarding such of the girls on their leaving School, as they judge deserving, which I intend as an encouragement of their Diligence." I leave to my nephew, Mr. Augustus Van Cortlandt, my negro wench and my negroes Dinah and Robins, and my chariot and horses. I leave to my niece Eve, wife of Mr. Henry White, all my household furniture and wearing apparell, and 3 negro men. I leave to Anne White, daughter of said Eve White, £1,000 and my gold watch and jewels. I leave to my niece, Eve De Peyster, and my Goddaughter, Mary Read De Peyster, daughters of my nephew, James De Peyster, and to my nephew, John Jay, each £500. I give all my plate to my sisters, Margaret De Peyster and Mary Jay, and my niece, Eve White. "If they die in my life time it is to go to their children, except that Augustus Jay, son of my sister Mary Jay, shall have no part of his mother's share." I leave to Margaret, daughter of James De Peyster, £300. To James De Peyster, Jr., £200. To my Godson, John Moore, son of Lambert Moore, £200. To Anne, daughter of Augustus Van Cortlandt, £500. I leave to my nephew, Mr. James Van Cortlandt, my house and lot in the Dock Ward, in which Richard Yates now lives. I leave to my nephew, Sir James Jay, all my lands at Hackensack, New Jersey, adjoining the lands of his brother, Peter Jay. I leave to my nephew, Peter Jay, Jr., and Maricka Jay, the two blind children of my sister, Mary Jay, all my house and double lot of ground fronting Little Queen street, in New York, and now in possession of Peter Roseboom, during their lives, and then to their heirs. I also leave them £500. I leave to my nephew, Augustus Van Cortlandt, John Jay, Mr. David Matthews, attorney at law, and John William Livingston (who married a daughter of my sister, Margaret De Peyster), all my land in Cheesecock Patent, in Orange County, purchased of Elizabeth Denn by my husband, and by him left to me. I leave to my nephews, Frederick De Peyster, John Jay, and Frederick Jay, each 1/4 of all my lands in Bedford, and the other 1/4 to Peter Jay. I make James Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Cortlandt, and John Jay, my executors, In Trust for the education and support of the children of James De Peyster. I leave to my nephew, Frederick De Peyster, all my land in Ulster County. Of all the rest of my personal estate, I leave 1/3 to the children of my brother, Frederick Van Cortlandt, subject to the payment of £100 a year to my sister-in-law, Frances Van Cortlandt, and 1/3 to my sister, Margaret De Peyster, and her husband, Abraham De Peyster, and 1/3 to my brother-in-law, Peter Jay, during his life, and then to his children. "This all written on six sides of two sheets of Paper, stitched together." I make my brother-in-law, Peter Jay, and my nephews, James Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Cortlandt, and John Jay, executors. Dated June 11, 1767. Witnesses, Benjamin Kissam, Samuel Kissam, Lindley Murray. Codicil.--I leave to John Chambers White, son of Henry White, all that part of my lands in Bedford left to Frederick De Peyster, now deceased. I leave to Eve, wife of Henry White, my chariot and horses, my silver Tankard, linnen and books, and a silver Tea kettle and lamp. I leave to Elizabeth, widow of Matthew Clarkson, the £300 which I left to Margaret De Peyster. I leave to Mary Banker, who lives with me, £150. Dated April 9, 1774. Witnesses, Benjamin Kissam, Robert Tout, Andrew Bell. Proved, April 19, 1774, before Carey Ludlow, Esq. [NOTE.--Mrs. Ann Chambers was daughter of Jacobus Van Cortlandt. She died April 14, 1774, in her 74th year, and was interred in the Van Cortlandt vault at the Van Cortlandt mansion, in Lower Yonkers.--W. S. P.]

---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 VIII 1771-1776, p. 168 (will of Anne Chambers); Pelletreau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Histori-

cal Society, Vol VI 1760-1766, p. 315 (will of John Chambers)

Chambers, Thomas (Major)

Thomas Chambers
son of
d. 8 April 1694

m. (1) by June 1656

m. (2) 1681

Margriet

(widow of **Mattys Jansen [Van Keulen]**)
d.

Laurentia Kellenaar

(widow of Domine **Laurentius van Gaasbeeck**)

Major Thomas Chambers was Lord of the Manor of Foxhall.

In his will, he wrote: 5 April, 1694. I, Thomas Chambers, Lord of the Manor of Fox Hall, in the County of Ulster, being sick in body. I leave to my wife's daughter, Jacomintie Gaasbeck, and to her heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land, situate, lying and being in the Manor of Fox Hall, called and known by the name of Brandywynes Hoek, and likewise out of my estate herein bequeathed unto Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers, a corn mill is to be built for the use of her and her heirs, where I have already begun to make a dam. And all the water out of my meadow or Vly is to be drawn there to drive said mill. Also a free path to said mill and land. Also 2 acres of land to the southward of said dam, where it may be most convenient to build a house on. I leave to my wife's daughter, Maria Salisbury, and to her heirs and assigns, all that certain tract of land now in possession of Dirck Hendricks de Gayer, and commonly called and known by the name of Wiggwansinck. I leave to my wife's son Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers all my other estate, to wit, the Manor of Fox Hall, with all the appurtenances (except what is above bequeathed), likewise my mill and house at the Strand, with all that wood or upland as it is mentioned in my General Patent, for the Lordship of Fox Hall. And all the movable goods. My will is that the said estate shall be kept whole and entire, to the next heir of him the said Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers, (He and his heirs always using the surname of Chambers,) and to be entailed from generation to generation. In default of male heirs the estate is to go to his eldest sister Jacyntie Gaasbeck, with this proviso, that she take the name of Chambers, and whoever marries her shall take the name of Chambers. If she should die without issue, then the estate is to go to her sister, Maria Salisbury, on the same conditions. My wife is to remain in full possession of all the estate until her son Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers is of age, and then she is to have the use of one half for life. I will that Dirck Hendricks shall have the use of the tract of land called Wiggwansinck, he paying 65 scheppels of wheat yearly, as long as he or his wife lives. But if he goes off, then the house and barn are to be valued, and the value allowed to him. I will that Cornelius Wouterse shall have maintenance during his life, out of my estate, likewise lodging, and whatever else is needful for a man of his quality. I leave to my wife Laurentia my house and lot in Kingston, for life, and then to her children. I appoint my wife Laurentia executor, and William De Meyer, of Kingston, to be her assistant. In testimony I have set my hand and seal in Fox Hall. Witnesses, Henry Beekman, Wessell Ten Broeck, W. De Meyer. Sworn to by Colonel Henry Beekman, Captain Wessell Ten Broeck, Justice of the Peace, and Mr. William De Meyer, before Teunis Gorton, Judge of Common Pleas, May 18, 1694. Entered in Records of Ulster County, No. A, fol. 301-5 by me, W. De Meyer, Clerk. Proved before Governor Hunter, May 23, 1713, upon oath of Henry Beekman, the other witnesses being deceased, the original will being in the handwriting of William De Meyer, And Letters of administration are granted to Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers, the widow of Thomas Chambers having died without having proved the will.

Thomas Chambers had no natural children of his own.

Laurentia Kellenaar, widow of Thomas Chambers, m. (3) 26 Sep 1695 Kingston Ref Ch, **Wessel Ten Broeck**.

---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. II 1708-1728, p. 122-123; Information online Dutch-Colonies List from Peggy Dolan <outtolaunch@juno.com> citing The Early History of Kingston & Ulster Co., NY by Marc B. Fried; Information online Dutch-Colonies List Aug 1999 from "Lorine McGinnis Schulze" <lschulze@bconnex.net>; Van Gaasbeck, Cornelius H., Jr., "Dominie Laurentius Van Gaasbeck and His Descendants" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1894, p. 28

Unplaced Chambers Women:

Maria Chambers, m. before 1769, **Abraham DePuy**

Martha Chambers, m. (1) **Jan Manje**; m. (2) 11 Sep 1664 **Pieter Van der Linde**

Susanna Chambers, m. before 1763, **William DeWitt**