

-- CODWISE --

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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**Codwise, Christopher**

Christopher Codwise m.  
son of Jan Koenraet Codwys &  
Margrita Elisabeth StelwagenStillwagen:

**-?- Beekman**  
dau. of

He served as Adjutant in the Kings Co. Militia in 1722; field officer in 1728; and county judge of Kings Co., NY in 1738-42.

*---children of Christopher Codwise & -?- Beekman:*

**• George Codwise.**

---Sources: Pelletreau, William S., *Family History of Southern NY, Vol. III, Southern New York Family Histories*, p. 918;

**Codwise, Christopher**

ChristopherCodwise

Bill of sale for a slave: "Know all men by these presents, That I, Christopher Codwise, of the Ferry in King's county upon Nassau Island in the province of New York for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty-eight pounds current money of the province aforesaid, to me in hand paid at and before he ensealing and delivery of these presents, by Petrus Stoothof of the same county, Island and province aforesaid, yeoman, the receipt whereof I do acknowledge and myself to be therewith fully satisfied and paid, and thereof and every part thereof do hereby acquit and discharge the said Petrus Stoothof, his executors, administrators and assigns, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do fully, clearly and absolutely grant, bargain and sell unto the said Petrus Stoothof, a certain negro boy called Port Ryall: To have and to hold the said negro slave unto him, the said Petrus Stoothof, or his executors, administrators and assigns forever; and I, the said Christopher Codwise,

for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns, do warrant and defend the sale of the above named negro slave against all persons whatsoever. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of January Annoq. Domini. 1723/4. "Christopher Codwise [SealL]. "Sealed and delivered in presence of "Coort A. Van Voorhies "William Van Voorhies."  
 ---Sources: Somerset County Historical Quarterly Vol VI, p. 311 (Bill of Sale of a slave)

**Codwys, Christoffel**

Christoffel Codwys  
 son of

m. before about 1734

**Petronella Van Giesen** (Nellie; Penelope)  
 dau. of (poss) Jacob Van Giesen &  
 Rusje Pluvier

bp. 13 Nov 1698 NYC Ref Ch  
 d.

bp.

d. (poss) before 8 Dec 1741

Christoffel Cadwys, Pieterella Van Giesen witnessed the bp. 1 Sep 1725 NYC Ref Ch of Annatje, dau. of Sybrant Brouwer & Sara Webbers.

Christoffel Codwise, Nellie Van Giesen, syn h.v. witnessed the baptism 27 May 1741 NYC Ref Ch, of Rusje, dau. of Abraham Lanoy [de la Noy], Jr. & Hester Koning.

George Clarke, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor. Whereas, Christopher Codwise, of Kings County, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife Penelope, December 8, 1741.

---*children of Christoffel Codwys & Petronella Van Giesen:*

• **George Codwise**, b. about 1734 (calc. from age at death); m. 20 July 1760 NYC Ref Ch, **Anna Maria Van Ranst**, dau. of Lucas Van Ranst & Elizabeth Beekman.

• **Sara Codwys**, bp. 24 Jan 1742 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Hopson, Elisabeth Codwys, h.v.v. Wm. Neblet)

---Sources: *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); 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 III 1730-1744, p. 355 (estate of Christopher Codwise)

**Codwise, Christopher** (Christopher Codwise, Jr.)

Christopher Codwise

m.

**Debora Huson**

---*children of Christopher Codwise & Debora Huson:*

• **Christopher Codwise**, b. 20 July 1784; bp. 12 Nov 1784 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Christopher Codwise, Penelope Codwise)

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

**Codwise, Christopher**

Christopher Codwise

Robert Gilbert Livingston, in his will dated 20 Aug 1789, proved 4 Sep 1789, mentioned: "...the two houses and lots in Brooklyn, Long Island, which I bought of Christopher Codwise..."

---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. Vol XIV, 1786-1796, p. 162 (will of Robert Gilbert Livingston)

**Codwise, Christopher**

Christopher Codwise

son of George Codwise &  
 Maria/Anna Maria Van Ranst

m. 1786

Santa Cruz, Danish  
 West Indies

**Elizabeth Rogers**

dau. of

b. 19 Sep 1767

bp. 4 Oct 1767 NYC Ref Ch

d. 4 May 1849

b. 1771

bp.

d. 1864.

---*children of Christopher Codwise & Elizabeth Rogers:*

• **William Farrington Codwise**, b. 2 March 1795; bp. 1 May 1795 NYC Ref Ch (no wit)

• **Edward Codwise**, b. 6 July 1799; bp. 8 March 1800 NYC Ref Ch (no wit)

• **Elisha Rogers Codwise**, b. 29 July 1815; d. 1 July 1872; m. 21 June 1848 **Harriet Matilda Spencer Salter**, dau. of

Thomas Salter & (3) Susan Genrietta Williamson. She was b. 17 Dec 1820; d. 18 July 1883.

---Sources: *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Pelletreau, William S., *Family History of Southern NY, Vol. III, Southern New York Family Histories*, p. 918;

**Codwise, George**

George Codwise

son of Christopher Codwise &  
 Petronella/Penelope Van Giesen

m. 20 July 1760

NYC Ref Ch  
 (with license 19 July 1760)

**Maria Van Ranst** (Anna Maria Van Ranst)

dau. of Luke Van Ranst &  
 Elizabeth Beekman

b. about 1734

bp.

d. 19 Oct 1814 age 80, Brooklyn, NY<sup>3</sup>

b. 1740

bp. 8 Oct 1740 NYC Ref Ch

d. 27 Aug 1805 age 64<sup>3</sup>

George Codwise was a NYC merchant. He was a mariner and ship owner who traded between New York and Santa Cruz<sup>1</sup>. He was a wealthy New York and West Indian merchant became closely connected with the house of Van Rensselaer & Kane.<sup>2</sup>

George Codwise was a soldier in the Revolution, a member of the Thord New York Regiment, from 1778 to 1781.

Portrait by John Trumbull hangs in the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT. Available online at

www.mattatuckmuseum.org

Luke Van Ranst, of New York City, in his will dated 16 June 1788, probated 6 Sep 1788 NY, mentioned "...my daughter, Anna Maria Codwise, wife of George Codwise, of New York City, merchant..." and "...grandson, David Codwise (who is the youngest child of my said daughter)... and "grandsons, George, Christopher, Luke, James, and David Codwise, and my granddaughters, Elizabeth Starr (wife of Ezra Starr, of the state of Connecticut), Maria Codwise, and Cornelia Codwise (all of them children of the said George and Anna Maria Codwise)..."

George Codwise left a will dated 7 Oct 1814, proved 24 Oct 1814.<sup>3</sup>

---*children of George Codwise & Maria/Anna Maria Van Ranst:*

- **George Cadwise**, b. 16 May 1765; bp. 16 June 1765 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Christoffel Cadwise, Ruth Cadwise, j.d.); m. 27 Feb 1790 NYC Ref Ch, **Mary Byvanck**
- **Christoffer Codures** (Christopher Codwise), b. 19 Sep 1767; bp. 4 Oct 1767 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Nicholaas Roosevelt, Jr., Sara Van Ranst, z.huis v.); d. 4 May 1849; m. 1786 Santa Cruz, Danish West Indies, **Elizabeth Rogers**. She was b. 1771; d. 1864.
- **Luke Codwyse**, bp. 16 July 1769 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Dirk Brinckerhoff, Jr., Rachel Van Ranst, z.h.v.)
- **Penelope Codwise**, m. 1759 **Samuel Gilford** [Gifford?]
- **Elizabeth Codwise**, m. (1) **Venir Leaycraft**; m. (2) **Ezra Starr**
- **James Cadwise**, bp. 23 Feb 1772 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Charles Atkin, Helena Van Wyck, h.v. Herry Bogert)
- **David Codwise**, m. **Martha Livingston**, dau. of Gilbert R. Livingston & Martha de Lancey Kane
- **Maria Cadwise**, bp. 14 April 1775 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerhardus G. Beekman, Cornelia Van Cortland, h.v. G. Beekman, Jr.); m. 20 Nov 1793 NYC Ref Ch, **John Kane**
- **Cornelia Codwise**

---Sources:

[1] Aitken, William B., *Distinguished Families in America Descended From Silgelmus Beekman and Jan Thomasse Van Dyke*, 1912, p. 123;

[2] Pelletreau, William S., *Family History of Southern NY, Vol. III, Southern New York Family Histories*, p. 918, 1153;

[3] *National Genealogical Quarterly*, Volume 74, Hoff, Henry B., "Some Americans in The Danish West Indies," p. 28, citing Barber, Gertrude A., *Abstracts from the New York Evening Post*, (typescript, Deaths, 1:59 and 2:69;

*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; Information posted online at Ancestry.com, Jan 2003, by Scott D. Furman <sdfurman@aol.com>; 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 XIV, 1786-1796, pages 145 & 146 (will of Luke Van Ranst)

### Codwise, George (Capt.)

George Codwise

m.

-?-

He removed from NY to Ridgefield, CT. On May 26, 1779, he petitioned the CT Gen. Ass'y for relief from taxation and Military service, which was granted. Before leaving the City, in 1776, the window leads were removed from his house. In 1781 he was recommended, by Capt. John Grinnell, as a proper officer to resist the plunderers on L.I.

---*children of George Codwise*

- **George Codwise**, b. 12 Sep 1792

---Sources: , Fernow, Berthold, *New York in the Revolution: Refugees from Long Island to Connecticut, 1776*, Refugees from New York., p. 666

### Codwise, George (Capt.) (George Codwise, Jr.)

George Codwise

m. 27 Feb 1790

**Maria Byvanck**

son of George Codwise &

by Rev. Livingston

dau. of John Byvanck &

Maria/Anna Maria Van Ranst

NYC Dutch Ref Ch

(2) Mary Schermerhorn

b. 16 May 1765

(Ladies Weekly Museum,

b. 7 April 1772

bp. 16 June 1765 NYC Ref Ch

6 March 1790) (both of

bp.

d. 16 Aug 1816

NYC)

d. 12 Aug 1855

---*children of George Codwise & Mary/Maria Byvanck:*

- **Jane Codwise** (Matilda Jane Byvanck Codwise), b. 30 Dec 1790; bp. 8 Feb 1791 NYC Ref Ch (no wit); d. 20 Jan 1831.
- **George Van Ranst Codwise**, b. 14 Sep 1792; d. 31 Jan 1812.
- **John Byvanck Codwise**, b. 4 Jan 1796; m. **Eliza C. Creed**
- **James H. Neilson Codwise**, b. 12 July 1798; d. Nov 1835 unmarried.
- **Charles F. Codwise**, b. 17 Feb 1800; d. 24 Nov 1880; m. **Jane Randolph**
- **David Augustus Codwise**, b. 10 Jan 1802; d. 10 June 1824.
- **Alexander Hamilton Codwise**, b. 1804; d. 1826.
- **Theodore Octavius Codwise**, b. 22 June 1806; d. 12 Sep 1828.
- **Anna Maria Codwise**, b. 2 Feb 1808 Jamaica, L.I.; m. **-?- Dickinson** (of Ohio)
- **Cornelia Josepha Codwise**, b. 1 Feb 1810 Jamaica, L.I., NY; d. 5 Jan 1890 New Brunswick, NJ; m. 17 May 1838 Church of the Ascension, NYC, **John Cullen Van Rensselaer**, only son of James Van Rensselaer, Jr. & Susan de Lancey (Cullen).<sup>1</sup>
- **Georgianna Louisa Codwise**, b. Feb 1813; d. 18 Jan 1840.

---Sources:

[1] Pelletreau, William S., *Family History of Southern NY, Vol. III, Southern New York Family Histories*, p. 1153, 1161;

New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at genealogy.com; *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; Information posted online at Ancestry.com, Jan 2003, by Scott D. Furman <sdfurman@aol.com>; Duyckinck, Whitehead Cornell, *The Duyckinck and Allied Families*, New York, 1908 (online at Ancestry.com), p. 22

### Codwise, James

James Codwise

m. Nov 1797

**Rebecca Rogers**

son of

dau. of (prob) John Rodgers &

Rebecca may have been the Rebecca Rodgers mentioned in the following will: I, Richard Rodgers, of the Island of St. Croix, but at present in the City of New York, in America, being very sick and weak, April 9, 1785. I give and bequeath unto the Danish Church in the Island of St. Croix "five pieces of eight," and to the English Church in said Island the like sum. Of the rest of my estate one third to my brother William, resident at Anguilla, one third to brother Manning, also at Anguilla, one third to sister, Elizabeth Gumbes. Executors, said William, Manning and Elizabeth. (Signed) Richd Rogers. Witnesses, George Codwise, merchant, of N. Y. City; A. W. D. Peyster, Christopher Codwise. Codicil. I bequeath to Rebecca Rodgers, daughter of my uncle, John Rodgers, of the Island of St. Croix, £100. Dated June 18, 1785. Witnesses to Codicil, John Augustus Graham, of N. Y. City, Physician; Christopher Codwise, A. W. D. Peyster. Proved, September 3, 1785.

James Codwise took the oath of allegiance on 9 Feb 1798.

They were listed on the 1815 census of St. Croix, living there with their three children: Caroline, Cornelia D., and David.

---children of James Codwise & Rebecca Rogers:

• (poss) **James R. Codwise**, b. about 1800

• **Caroline Codwise**

• **Cornelia D. Codwise**

• **David Codwise**

---Sources: Information online Nov 1999, Dutch-Colonies List, from Carolyn <GrandmaCC3@aol.com>; 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 XIII, 1784-1786 (will of Richard Rogers/Ridgers)

**Codwise, James R.** (poss James Rogers Codwise)

James R. Codwise

m.

**Martha -?-**

son of (poss) James Codwise &  
Rebecca Rogers

dau. of

b. 1800 (prob) St. Croix

b. South Carolina

James R. Codwise eventually settled (about 1840) in Bibb County, Alabama.

---children of James R. Codwise

---Sources: Information online Nov 1999, Dutch-Colonies List, from Carolyn <GrandmaCC3@aol.com>

**Codwys, Jan Koenraet** (John Conrad Codwise)

Jan Koenraet Codwys

m.

**Margrita Elisabeth Stelwagen** (Stillwagen)

d. before 1 June 1716

d.

In 1715 he was a school-master in NYC.<sup>1</sup>

John Conrad Codwise was a witness to the will of Wolfert Webber, dated 15 April 1715, proved 5 February 1717, at which time John Conrad Codwise was dead.

John Conrad Codwise also witnessed the will of Benjamin Oldes (dated 9 April 1713), Roger Mompesson (dated 28 July 1712), Bartholemew Le Roux (dated 10 July 1713), Joseph Waldron (dated 5 May 1715), Jan Hendrickse Brevoort (dated 28 Oct 1714).

Whereas, John Conrad Codwise, of New York, gentleman, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to David Provoost, Jr., and Dirck Benson, as principal creditors, June 1, 1616 [sic; this must mean 1716].

---children of Jan Koenraet Codwys & Margrita Elisabeth Stelwagen:

• **Jan Coenraet Codwys**, bp. 7 Oct 1705 Hackensack Ref Ch (wit: Dr. Johannes Van Inburgh, Martina Bertholf)

• **Christopher Codwise**, m. -?- **Beekman**. He served as Adjutant in the Kings Co. Militia in 1722; field officer in 1728; and county judge of Kings Co., NY in 1738-42.

---Sources:

[1] Collections of the New York Historical Society for the year 1885. A full Index of the names of all the Burghers Great and Small, the Freemen of all classes, the officers and magistrates conferring the Rights and Freedoms, and of the documents relating to the same, Freemen made in the Mayoralty of John Johnston Esqr. p. 94; Pelletreau, William S., Family History of Southern NY, Vol. III, Southern New York Family Histories, p. 918; Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack..., 1891 (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part I); Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Unrecorded Wills [NY], Vol XI, Prior to 1790, p. 33 (will of Wolfert Webber); Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Wills Vol II 1708-1728, p. 169 (estate of John Conrad Codwise)

### Unplaced Codwise Women:

**Catherine Codwise**, m. before Dec 1790, **Joshua Saunders Remsen**

**Elizabeth Codwise**, m. before Jan 1742, **William Neblet**

**Maritje Codwees**, m. 1762, **Folkert/Volkert Douw**

**Ruth Codwise**, m. 1 June 1746 NYC Ref Ch, **Abraham Man**

**Sara Codwise**, m. 12 Nov 1768m **Barent Ten Eyck**