

-- DAMEN --

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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Damen, Jan Jansen

Jan Jansen Damen
son of
d. 18 June 1651

m. about 1634
New Amsterdam

Adrienne Cuvellier
(widow of **Ghislain/Guleyn Vigne**)
d. 1655

He was a Walloon who had first come to Virginia with the English, and later, in 1624, came north to the Dutch settlement.²

He was elected one of the Twelve Men and also of the Eight Men. He amassed a considerable wealth and was one of the owners of the privateer *La Garce*. His brothers were Cornelis Janse Cuyper, Cornelis Jansen Damen, and Willem Jansen Damen.³

Jan Jansen Damen adopted as his son, **Jan Cornelis Buys** (who was also known as Jan the Soldier, and Jan Damen) and who was also, as son of Hendricktje Jans Damen, Jan Jansen Damen's nephew.

The following declarations are from a lawsuit that Anthony Jansen [Van Salee] and Grietje Reyniers brought against Jan Damen's assault on Anthony's wife Grietje. The following were declarations for Jan Damen. It seems that they were trying to tear down Grietje's character. I believe they were at the house of Hendrick Jansen and that there was a lot of drinking going on.¹

Declaration of adam Roelantsen respecting the behavior of Grietje Reyniers, dated 13 Oct. 1638. Adam Roelantsen, aged 32 declared that in 1633 hat he was with Grietje Reyniers at the Strand, near the late warehouse of Cargoes, he heard the sailoors of thh ship "De Southberg" then lying in the roadstead, cry out to Grietje aforesaid, W____ W____, where upon she lifted her petticoat and slapped her backside, saying "Blaes en daer gchterin"¹

Document concerning Anthony Jansen and his wife Grietje Reyniers -- Declaration of Lysbeth Dirck, a midwife, as to her conversation with Grietje Reyniers respecting the father of her new born child. Grietje asked the midwife, Lysbeth Dircks, "Whom did the child resemble, was it like Andries Hudde or her husband, Anthony Jansen" and Lysbeth answered "If you do not know who the father is how should I know? However, the child is somewhat brown."¹

---Sources:

- [1] Information online June 1999 from <WayneLII@aol.com> citing Van Laer, *New York Historical Manuscripts, Dutch*, p. 63, 65;
[2] Sebring, Walter Wilson. *Sebring Collections*. Yearbook House, Inc. Missouri, 1975, p. 158;
[3] Totten, John Reynolds, "Jan Cornelise Buys (alias Jan Damen) and his Three Wives: Eybe Lubbertse, Phaebea Faelix (alias Phebe or Femmetje Jans), Willemtie Thyssen; Teunis Nyssen (or DeNyse) and his wife Phaebea Faelix (alias Phebe or Femmetje Jans); Roelof Willemszen and his wife Willemtie Thyssen" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Redorc*, July 1935 (Vol. 66, No. 3), p. 225;
Zabriskie, George Olin, "The Van Blarcom Family of New Jersey" in *NYG&B Record*, July 1968, p. 148; Information online January 1998 from Dorothy Koenig <doortje@wco.com>

Damen, Jan Claeszen

Jan Claeszen Damen

Jan Claeszen Damen, along with Diever Cornelis, Corn. Corneliszen, witnessed the baptism 25 June 1648 NYC Ref Ch, of Hellemeg, son of Roelof Corneliszen & Gerritje Van Nes.

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

Damen, Jan Cornelis

Jan Cornelis Damen

m.

Fytje Martens (Sophia)

Deed dated 9 April 1707, made by Michael Parmentier of Dutchess Co. and Nelyte his wife; Martha Simpson of Flatbush; Peter Uziell and Cornelia, his wife, of Dutchess Co.; Samuel Phillips and Aelkie, his wife, of New York; Lucas Skermerhorne and Elizabeth, wife, of Dutchess Co.; Frans Konin and Selia, his wife, of Dutchess Co.; Philip Cazier of Richmond Co. heir to his mother Lyshie. Russia Damon of Flatbush...to Daniell Remsen. Said Nelyte, Martyha, Cornelia, Aelkie, Elizabeth, Selia, Lyshie and Russia being daughters and co-heirs of John Damon, late of Flatbush, deceased.

---*children of Jan Cornelis Damen & Fytje/Sophia Martens:*

• **Neeltje Janse Damen**, m. **Michael Parmentier**

• **Marta Janse Damen** (Martha; Metje), bp. 24 July 1661 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Michiel Tatens, Annetie); m. (1) **Jan Remsen** (VanderBeek); m. (2) about 10 Sep 1697 Bergen Ref Ch, **James Simse** (Sympson, Simpson)

• **Cornelis Jansz Damen**, bp. 11 Feb 1663 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Willem Gerritszen, Susanna Dubbels)

• **Lyshie Janse Damen** (Lysbeth, Lyske), d. before April 1707; m. 1 Jan 1680 (banns: 14 Dec 1679), **Jan Cazier** (Casier)

• **Elizabeth Janse Damen**, bp. 20 Sep 1676 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Adriaenszen, Lysbeth Jans); m. **Lucas Jacobse Schermerhorn**

• **Cornelia Janse Damen**, m. 6 April 1686 NYC Ref Ch **Peter Uzielle** (>Zeliff)

• **Aelkie Janse Damen** (Aaeltje), m. **Samuel Phillips**

• **Celitje Jans Damen** (Selia), bp. 7 Oct 1683 New Utrecht, rec. Flatbush Ref Ch (wit: Michiel Parmentier; Celitje van der Wall); m. **Frans Koning** (aka Frans LeRoy)

• **Russia Damen** (Risjen)

---Sources: Versteeg, Dingman, and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr., with contributions by Nicholas G. Vreeland, et. al., *Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788* (excerpted and reprinted from Year Books of the Holland Society of New York, 1913, 1914, 1915) Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976; reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc., 1990; McQueen, David, "Kings County, N.Y. Wills" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916, p. 165; *Mariages 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; Voorhees, David William, *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Vol. I, 1677-1720*. Holland Society 1998; 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

Damen, Jan alias Jan Corneliszen Buys (1656), q.v. Jan Corneliszen Buys, aka Jan Damen, was the nephew as well as the adopted son of Jan Jansen Damen.

[Damen], Jan Theuniszen

Jan Theuniszen

m.

Marie Jans

---*children of Jan Theuniszen & Marie Jans:*

• **Theunis Janszen**, bp. 5 March 1664 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Spiegelszen, Gerrit Lambertszen)

• **Johannes Janszen**, bp. 23 Jan 1677 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Susanna de Foreest)

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

Dam, Jan Teunissen (Cray?)

Jan Teunissen Dam

m.

Francyntje Hendricks

Will of Jan Teunissen Dam, dated 25 March 1695, mentioned deceased wife's daughter's daughter by name Alida Vonck. Deceased wife's daughter by name Magdalena Vonck. Guardians: Joseph Hegeman and Adriaan Ryerse. (Flatbush Town Records, Liber A, p. 207)

In his will, dated 25 March 1695, Jan Teunissen wrote: One half of estate to "my deceased wife's daughters daughter, by name Alida Vonck, the same being located in Midwout adjoining Cornelis Barentse and Mattys Piters and one half to my said deceased wife's daughter Magdalena Vonck and her children (not named). Proceeds from the sale of carpenter's tools to said Magdalena Vonck and all her children, among whom also her daughter Alida Vonck aforesaid is included." Guardians appointed are Justice Joseph Hegeman and Adriaan Ryerse. Wits: Joseph Hegeman, Adriaan Ryersz and Denys Hegeman.

---*children of Jan Theuniszen & Francyntje Hendricks:*

• **Marritje Jansen**, bp. 3 July 1661 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Theunis Cray, Marritie Lievens)

---Sources: McQueen, David, "Kings County, N.Y. Wills" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1916, p. 165; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

Damen, Jan Corneliszen

Jan Corneliszen Damen

m.

Sophia Martens (of Flatbush) (Sytje, Fytje)

---children of Jan Corneliszen Damen & Sophia Martens:

- **Lysbeth Damen**, bp. 20 Sep 1676 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Adriaenszen, Lysbeth Jans)
- **Jan Jans Damen**, bp. 28 Aug 1678 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Paulus Ritzart, Neeltie Jans)
- **Sophia Jans Damen**, bp. 8 Aug 1680 Flatbush Ref Ch (at Brooklyn) (wit: Lijsbeth Jans, Jean Casier)
- **Geesje Jans Damen**, bp. 1 Nov 1685 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Michiel --, Judityh Rapalje)
- **Risjen Jans Damen**, m. **Pieter Van Aaken**. They had a dau., Rusjen, bp. 25 Nov 1716 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Thomas Peersen, Grietjen Sanmers)

• (poss) **Celitje Jans Damen**, m. (poss) **Frans La Roy**

---Sources: Information online Aug 1999 from Lorine McGinnis Schulze <lschulze@bconnex.net>; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Voorhees, David William, Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Vol. I, 1677-1720, Holland Society 1998

Unplaced Damen Women:

Lysbeth Jans Damen, j.d. Van N. Breuckelen, woonende tot Boswyck, m. 1 Jan 1680 NYC Ref Ch, **Jan Casie**, j.m. Van Martenico op't Staten Eylt.

Maritie Damens, m. (1) **Dirck Van Eps**; m. (2) **Hendrick Andriess (Van Doesburgh)**; m. (3) 1664 **Cornelis Hendrickse Van Ness**

Maritie Damens, b. about 1627 Holland; m. 1664 **Roelof Cornelissen [Van Houten]**, widower of Gerritje Van Nes
Neeltje Janse Damen, m. **Michael Parmentier**.