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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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**De Key, Jacob** (Jacobus Theuniszen Key)

Jacob Theuniszen de Key m.  
son of

bp.  
d. before 6 Aug 1699

“Jacob Theuniszen de Key” along with Pieter Jacobsen Marius, Lysbeth Van de Water, wit. bp. 14 Feb 1663 NYC Ref Ch, of Aeltie, dau. of Corn. Van Langevelt & Marrantie de Jong.

“Jacob Theuniszen de Key, Marrantie Pieters” wit. bp. 26 April 1665 NYC Ref Ch, of Lysbeth, dau. of Ambrosius de Waran & Adriaentie Thomas.

“Jacobus de Key, Marrantie Lievens” wit bp. 4 June 1666 NYC Ref Ch, of Ariaentie, dau. of Herck Sibertszen & Wyntie Theunis.

“Jacob Theuniszen de Key, Susanna Bording” wit. bp. 15 July 1674 NYC Ref Ch, of Thomas, son of Thomas Laurenszen & Marrantie Jans.

Jacob de Key, en syn huysvr. Hillegond Theunis, were listed in the 1686 Dominie Selyns list of members of the NYC Ref Ch. They were living on Beurs Straet, ["Exchange Place"] (Whitehall Street). Lister before them were: Margarietje Pieters, h. v. Frederick Arentszen [Blom]; Jacob Teller, en syn huysvr. Christina Wessels. Listed after them were: Sara Bedlo, h. v. Claes Borger; Pieter de Riemer, en syn huysvr. Susanna de Foreest; Isaac de Riemer.<sup>1</sup>

In his will, he wrote: In the name of the Lord, Amen. The last will and testament of me, Jacob Teunis De Kay, made ye 13 day of April, 1688. Know all men by these presents who shall see this Instrument, and hear this my last will, that I, Jacob Te-

**Hillegond Theunis Quick**

dau. of Theunis Thomaszen [Quick] &  
Belitje Jacobse [Vleckestyn]

bp. 25 Nov 1640 NYC Ref Ch

d. after 6 Aug 1699

unis De Kay, being at present by the Grace of God in good health." I leave to my eldest son Teunis £25, in evidence of his birth right and privilege as first born, by which all future pretences upon that account shall be cut off. I leave to my daughter, Maria De Kay, because she is defective in body, a certain piece of ground and housing, already built thereon, adjoining to the house of my son, Teunis De Kay, according to the Patent thereof. And a transport after my decease shall be given to her and her children, but if she have no children, then it shall return to the hereinafter named heirs. I have formerly given and now confirm to my son, Jacob De Kay, a certain parcel of land in the Highlands, whereof a Patent is made in his own name, and in quantity as by the Patent may appear. I also give and confirm to Jacob De Kay, son of Teunis De Kay, a certain parcel of land and lying in the Highlands, whereof a Patent is granted in his own name, and in quantity as by the Patent may appear. I make for my universal heirs my wife, Hillegarde Teunis, and my children gotten by her, viz., Teunis, Janeke, Angentie, Jacob and Maria, "and those which by God's Grace I may in the future get." My wife is to have the use of houses and lands, but no power to sell, and "she is to alimant and bring up to age the under aged children." I make my wife executor. [NOTE.--The house and lot of Jacob Teunis De Kay is on the east side of Whitehall street, half way between Stone street and the ancient Marketfield lane, which was opposite the south side of Bowling Green.--W. S. P.]

In her will, she wrote: I, Hellegonda De Kay, of the city of New York, widow, being sick and weak. I leave to my three daughters, Jane Tothill, widow, Agnettie, wife of William Janeway, brewer, and Mary, wife of Samson Broughton, Esq., all my apparell, linen and woolen. I leave to my son, Jacobus De Kay, my Indian slave called Jeremy, provided he give a full account of all money owing to me, without law suits. I leave all the rest of my estate to my children, Jacobus, Helena, widow of my eldest son Teunis De Kay, Agnettie, Maria, and Jane. I make my daughter, Jane Tothill, and my friend, Rip Van Dam, executors. Dated March 11, 1707. Witnesses, Robert Dorkins, Cornelius Lodge, (???) Parmyter. Proved, March 22, 1707. Jane Tothill confirmed as executor, Rip Van Dam having refused to serve.

---children of Jacob Theuniszen De Key & Hillegond Theunis [Quick]:

- (prob) **Theunis de Key**, b. about 1660; m. 26 May 1680 NYC Ref Ch. **Helena Van Brugh**, dau. of Johannes Pieterszen Van Brugh & Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffs
- **Johannes Key**, bp. 28 Jan 1662 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Joost Theuniszen Hoen, Cornelia Van Langevelt, Marritje Jans, Belitje Jacobs); apparently d.y.
- **Johannes de Key**, bp. 8 June 1664 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Jacobszen Marius, Thomas Laurenszen, Jan Van Gelder); apparently d.y.
- **Janneken de Key**, bp. 28 Nov 1665 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Jacobszen marius, Thomas Laurenszen, Marrietie Pieters, Wyntie Theunis); m. 31 May 1686 NYC Ref Ch, **Jeremias Tothil**.
- **Johannes de Key**, bp. 18 July 1668 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Jacobszen Marius, Geertie Theunis)
- **Agnettie de Key** (Agnes), bp. 6 July 1670 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Charsten Luurszen); m. (1) **Henricus de Meyert** (Henricus deMeyer), son of Nicholas De Meyer & Lydia Van Dyck; m. (2) **William Janeway**.
- **Jacobus de Key**, bp. 27 Nov 1672 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Bording, Jonas Bartelszen, Wyntie Theunis); m. (prob) **Sara Willet**
- **Maria de Key**, bp. 27 Jan 1675 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Karsten Leursen, Marritie Jans); m. (poss) **Pieter Beltum** (Broughton?). He d. before 9 June 1701, when she, as a widow, wit. bp. NYC Ref Ch, of Jacob, son of Jeremias Tothill & Jenneke de Kay.
- **Samuel de Key**, bp. 4 April 1677 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Mr. Gerrit Van Tricht, Geertie Theunis)
- **Johannes de Key**, bp. 1 April 1679 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Jacobszen Marius, Geesje Theunis)
- **Rachel de Key**, bp. 25 Aug 1680 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Karsten Luurszen, Catharina Roelofs); apparently d.y.
- **Rachel de Key**, bp. 26 Sep 1686 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van Brug, Geertie Theunis)
- **Samuel de Key**, bp. 20 Dec 1682 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Jacobszen Marius, Gerritje Theunis, Marritie Beeck)

---Sources:

[1] Dominie Selyns' List of Members of the Dutch Church of New York City 1686, in Year book of Holland Society of NY, 1916, p. 21; 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. I, 1665-1707, pub. 1892), p. 458 (will of Hellegonda De Kay)

### De Key, Jacobus (de Kay)

Jacobus de Key  
son of Jacob/Jacobus de Key &  
Hillegont Theunis Quick  
bp. 27 Nov 1672 NYC Ref Ch  
(NY license 19 May 1694)

**Sara Willett**  
dau. of Thomas Willett, of Flushing &  
Helena/Hilletje Elbertse Stoothoff  
bp.

---children of Jacobus de Key & Sara Willett:

- **Jacob de Key**, bp. 9 Oct 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Thomas Willet, Hillegond de Key)
- **Thomas de Key**, bp. 4 Dec 1696 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Capt. Theunis de Key, Helena Willeth); apparently d.y.
- **Thomas de Key**, bp. 6 Feb 1698 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Will: Willeth & Will: Yenoway, Janneke de Key, h.v. van Joh: Tothil); m. (poss) **Christina Duncan**.
- **Hillegond de Key**, bp. 6 Aug 1699 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jeremias Tothil & Hillegond de Key, Wed.)
- (poss) **Maria de Key**, b. say 1706; m. (1) 27 Dec 1726 Hackensack Ref Ch, **Samuel Edsall**; m. (2) 14 Aug 1753, **James Bank**, widower of Schraalenburgh
- **Elizabeth de Kay**, bp. 29 Aug 1714 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Bayard & Abrah: Wendel, Helena de Kay)

---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. I, 1665-1707, p. 237 (marriage license)

### De Key, Theunis (Capt.)

Theunis De Key  
son of (prob) Jacob/Jacobus de Kay &  
m. 26 May 1680  
NYC Ref Ch

**Helena Van Brugh** (Van Brugge)  
dau. of Johannes Pieterszen Van Brugh &

Hillegond Theunis Quick  
bp.  
d. before 21 April 1717

Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffs  
bp. 28 July 1660 NYC Ref Ch  
d. after 21 April 1717

In the marriage record, they were: "Theunis de Key, j.m., en Helena Van Brugge, j.d., beyse geboren en woodende alhier."  
In his will, he wrote: ...20 August, 1702. I, Teunis de Kay, of New York, being sick and weak, I leave to my son Jacobus De Kay, all my apparell and clothes, in consideration of being my eldest son. I leave to my wife Helena, all my estate during her widowhood, and she is to bring up the children to some lawful calling and in the fear of the Lord. If she marry again then she is to have one half of the estate. I make her my executor, and I desire my loving friend, Captain Brant Schuyler, and my brother, Captain Jacob De Kay, and my brother-in-law, Mr. Peter Van Brugh, to be her assistants. Witnesses, A. Bonin, Philip Jouneau, William Huddleston. Proved, September 1, 1708.

In her will, she wrote: ...January 31, 1735. I, Helena DeKay, of New York, widow of Teunis DeKay, merchant, being sick and weak. I leave to my daughters, Helena Sheffield and Hellegonde Bayard, and to the children of my daughter Catharine Wendall, all my wrought plate. I leave to my daughter Helena Sheffield, in consideration that she has paid several sums of money for me, my negro woman "Phebe," and her children. And I leave to my daughter Hellegonde Bayard, another negro woman, and her children. All the rest of my personal property to my said daughters and my grandchildren. All my real estate, except the house I live in, is to be sold by my executors. I leave to my daughter Helena Sheffield the use of my house during her life, if she remains a widow; and she shall maintain my son Johannes DeKay with good, sufficient diet, washing, and lodging and apparell. In case my daughter marries, if my son Johannes inclineth to live with any other person, she shall pay £24 toward his support. The money arising from the sale of my lands to be paid to my two daughters and the children of my daughter Catharine Wendall. "But if my house should happen to stand empty, and not bring the annual rent of £24, then they are to contribute toward the support of my son Johannes." I make my daughter Helena and William Hamersly and Abraham Ver Planck, executors. Witnesses, Paul Richards, Benjamin Thomas, Edward Blagge. Proved, August 28, 1736.

*---children of Theunis de Key & Helena Van Brugh:*

- **Catharina de Key**, bp. 15 March 1681 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus de Key, Catharina Van Brug);  
m. (prob) **Abraham Wendel**.
  - **Hillegond de Key**, bp. 1 Nov 1682 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van Brug, Hillegond Theunis); m. (prob) **Jacobus Bayard**.
  - **Jacobus de Key**, bp. 31 Aug 1684 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus de Key, Jenneken de Key)
  - **Lucretia de Key**, bp. 8 Aug 1686 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Carsten Luerszen, Catharina Roelofs, Elizabeth Rodenburg)
  - **Johannes de Key**, bp. 4 March 1688 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jerimias Tothil, Anna Van Brug); apparently d.y.
  - **Johannes de Key**, bp. 13 Nov 1689 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Van Brug, Agnietje de Key)
  - **Aelena de Key**, bp. 6 Dec 1691 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Henricus de Meyert, Anna Van Brug) (a note in the bp. record says that Aelena died before receiving baptism); d.y.
  - **Rachel de Key**, bp. 9 April 1693 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Capt. Johannes Kip, Capt. Brant Schuylder, Anna Van Brug)
  - **Henricus de Key**, bp. 22 Sep 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Van Renselaer, Jeremias Tothil, Maria Van Brug)
  - **Petrus de Key**, bp. 19 Sep 1697 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus de Key, John Dalson, Catharina Van Brugh, h.v. van Hendrik Renselaer)
  - **Helena de Key**, bp. 23 April 1699 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van Brugh, Maria de Key, j. dochter); apparently d.y.
  - **Helena de Key**, bp. 1 Feb 1702 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Charles Van Brug, Sara Willet, h.v. van Jac. de Key); m. **-?- Sheffield**
- Sources: 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; 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, pub. 1893), p. 12 (will of Teunis De Kay); Ibid, Vol III 1730-1744, p. 211 (will of Hleena DeKay)

### DeKey, Thomas

Thomas DeKey  
son of Jacobus De Key &  
Sara Willett

bp. 6 Feb 1698 NYC Ref Ch  
d. before 22 May 1758

In his will, he wrote: ...15 of December, 1757. I, Thomas DeKay, of Orange County, being sick and weak. "It is my will and pleasure that all just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid." "I leave to my only beloved wife Christina the care and management of all my estate during her widowhood, in conjunction with my sons, and if she should happen to marry, and her husband prove disagreeable, I do appoint her to have her maintainance separate from him during her life." I leave to the heirs of my deceased son George 5 shillings as heirs at law. I leave to my sons, Jacobus, Thomas, William, Willett, Michael, Charles, and to the heirs of my deceased son George, all my estate, movable and immovable, divided and undivided, making deduction for my son Jacobus for the farm I have given him a deed for. "My youngest children are to have a handsome bringing up and a common education." And my sons are to pay to my daughter Aurnold £100, and to my grand daughter, Frances Sacket, £100. To my daughter, Jenny Morris, £100, To my daughters, Christina Gale, Elizabeth De Kay, Mary De Kay, Hilco De Kay, and Frances De Kay, £125 each. I leave to my wife a daughter's portion, viz., £125. I make my wife and my sons, Jacobus, Thomas, and William Willett De Kay, executors. Witnesses, David McCamly, miller, John Decker, Jacobus Decker, Frederick G. Sell, Elizabeth Hawsin, spinster. Proved, May 22, 1758.

*---children of Thomas DeKey & Christina Duncan:*

- **George DeKay**, d. before 15 Dec 1757; m. **-?-**
- **Jacobus DeKay**
- **Thomas De Key**, b. 26 July 1734; bp. 8 Sep 1734 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Gabriel Ludlow & wife Frances)
- **William DeKay**

### Christina Duncan

dau. of Capt. George Duncan &

bp.  
d.

- **Willett DeKay**
- **Michael DeKay**
- **Charles DeKay**
- **Jenny DeKay, m. -?- Morris**
- **Christina DeKay, m. -?- Gale**
- **Elizabeth DeKay**
- **Mary DeKay**
- **Hilco DeKay (Helena)**, b. 23 Aug 1746; m. 1768 near Warwick, NY, **Absolom Townsend**
- **Frances DeKay, m. Nicholas de Peyster**, widower of Jannetje Johnson
- **Daughter DeKay, m. -?- Aurnold**

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur C. M., Baptism Record of the Tappan Reformed Church, Tappan, Rockland County, NY, 1694-1899, Kinship, 1998; 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 V 1754-1760, pages 243 & 244 (will of Thomas De Kay)

#### **DeKay, Willem**

Willem de Kay  
son of\*\* Abraham de Keij van London &  
Abigail Regot  
b. 1625

m.  
(banns 24 Feb 1647  
NYC Ref Ch)

#### **Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffse**

dau. of Roelof Jansen &  
Anneke Jans

b.  
bp. 24 June 1629 Luth Ch, Amsterdam

bp. 3 Jan 1625 Haarlem Ref Ch (as ""Guillaume")

In their marriage record, they were: Wilhem Key, j.m. Van Haerlem, en Tryn Roelofs j.d. Van Amsterdam.

Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffse m. (2) **Lucas Rodenberg** (Rodenburgh), Vice Director of the West India Company at Curacao, 1646-57. He d. 1657 and Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffse m. (3) (banns 24 April 1658 NYC Ref Ch),

**Johannes Pietersen Van Brugh** (Ver Brugge; Verbrugge).

---*children of Willem De Kay & Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffse*: (2 daughters)

• **Abigal Cay**, bp. 9 Feb 1648 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacob de Key, Anna Reegood) (no mother's name in bp. record)

\*\*William Bogardus in his book, *Dear "Cousin": A Charted Genealogy of the Descendants of Anneke Jans Bogardus...* has that exact same bap. date and place for Willem De Kay (charts 1 & 3). However, he has in his list of parents of spouses on p. 146 that Willem's parents are Lieven De Kay and Cathalyn De Caluwe. His source appears to be: Hoffman, William J., "The Origins in The Netherlands of the De Kay Family," The American Genealogist (TAG), Vol. 30, No. 2, (Apr 1954), p. 90.

---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; Information online June 1999 from "Protzman, RL (Robert)" <Robert.Protzman@akzo-nobel.com>;

#### **Unplaced DeKey, DeKay Women:**

**Ellenar De Kay**, m. (1) **Petrus De Riemer**; m. (2) **Joseph Morris**

**Maria DeKay**, m. 27 Dec 1726 Hackensack Ref Ch, **Samuel Edsall**