

-- FONDA --

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 evolution 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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Fonda, Abraham

Abraham Fonda
son of Jan Douwes Fonda &
Maritje Loockermans

m. 9 Nov 1733
Kinderhook Ref Ch

Elbertie Van Alen

dau. of Stephen Van Alen &
Maria Mulder/Muller/Miller

b.
bp. 18 Jan 1708 Albany Ref Ch

b. about 1715

bp.

d. about 1748

d.
---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Kinderhook, Columbia County, NY, Vol. 1 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society); 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

Fonda, Claes

Claes Fonda
son of

m. 16 Nov 1716
Albany Ref Ch
(with License)

Annetie Mercelis (Anna)

dau. of

---*children of Claes Fonda & Annetie Mercelis:*

• **Rebecka Fonda** (Rebecca), bp. 14 April 1718 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jan Fonda, Barber Marselis) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Gysbert Fonda**, bp. 25 Sep 1720 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Gysbet and Elizabeth Marselis) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Douwe Fonda**, bp. 2 Feb 1724 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Isack and Rebecka Fonda) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

---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,

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[Fonda] Douwe Everts

Douwe Everts [Fonda] m.
 b. about 1580 Agum/Eagum, Netherlands
 d. July 1669

Wyske Dirckxdr
 b.
 d.

Douwe Everts van de Hornemastate (state= estate), a big farm he hired, located at Eagum, a small village 5 miles south of Leeuwarden, the capitol of Friesland, had 7 children.

---children of Douwer Everts [Fonda] (7 children)

• **Jelle Douwes [Fonda], m. Hester -?-**

---Sources: Information online Dutch-Colonies List July 1999 from Willem P.Rabbelier, Willem Alexanderstraat 39, 7511 KJ Enchede <wpr@hetnet.nl>

Fonda, Douwe Jellesz

Douwe Jellesz Fonda m. (poss 1)
 son of Jelle Douwes Fonda & Hester Douwes
 b. 1641
 d. 27 Nov 1700

-?- (poss -?- Jans)
 dau. of
 b.
 d. (poss) about 5 April 1670
Rebecca Conyn
 dau. of Leendert Philipse Conyn &

On 5 April 1670, Douw Jillis paid for the use of the large pall. This suggests the death of a possible first wife.

The brewing- and distilling business was prospering, and when Douwe Fonda married Rebecca Conyn, he was marrying into another family of brewers. The father of Rebecca, Leendert Philipse Conyn was obviously aiming at an 'Alcoholic Imperium': besides Rebecca, his daughters Commertje and Marietsee are to be the wives of brewers. Commertje married Jan Bronck (son of Pieter Bronck, a brewer and cousin of the well-known Jonas Bronck) and Marietsee became the wife of Harmen Harmense van Gansevoort, a brewer, originating from Groningen, the Netherlands.

Later in time, the Conyn's, Broncks and Gansevoorts will remove to Catskill. Douwe and Rebecca moved later, together with the families of Johannes Veeder and Harmen Vischer, to a deserted Indian settlement in Mohawk Valley: Kanaga (Caughnawaga), later to be known as Fonda. There Douwe and Rebecca, and their sons Jellis and Adam ran an Inn.

---children of Douw Jillis [Fonda] & (1)

• **Jan Douwes Fonda**, b. about 1668; m. 5 Dec 1694 Albany Ref Ch, **Marritje Lookerman**

---children of Douwe Jellesz Fonda & Rebecca Conyn:

• **Jelles Douwes Fonda**, b. about 1670; m. 11 Dec 1695 Albany Ref Ch, **Rachel Winne**

• **Adam Douwes Fonda**

• **Hester Fonda**, m. 14 Oct 1696 Albany Ref Ch, **Jan Jansz Van Aarnem**

• **Isaac Douwes [Fonda]**, bp. 9 March 1684 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Salomonsz, Anna Renselaar)

• **Rebecca Douwes [Fonda]**, bp. 17 March 1686 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Aaltje Everts)

• **Anna Douwes [Fonda]**, bp. 2 Feb 1690 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Teunis Slingerlandt, Hester Jansz)

---Sources: Information online Dutch-Colonies List July 1999 from Willem P.Rabbelier, Willem Alexanderstraat 39, 7511 KJ Enchede <wpr@hetnet.nl>; Information online Nov 1999, Dutch-Colonies List, from Dorothy Koenig <dkenig@library.berkeley.edu>; 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;

Fonda, Isaac

Isaac Fonda m. 3 Dec 1708
 son of Albany Ref Ch
 (with Banns)

Alida Lansing
 dau. of

---children of Isaac Fonda & Alida Lansing:

• **Douwe Fonda**, bp. 24 July 1709 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jan and Rebecca Fonda)

• **Elizabeth Fonda**, bp. 4 July 1711 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Huybert van den Berg, Marytje Lancing)

• **Rebecca Fonda**, bp. [no day given in bp. record] March 1714 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Claas and Anna Fonda)

• **Henderik Fonda**, bp. 15 July 1716 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Lansingh, Susanna Bratt) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Abraham Fonda**, bp. 10 Aug 1718 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Salomon Van Vegten, Hessie Van Arnhem) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Maria Fonda**, bp. 4 June 1721 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Joh. and Elizabeth V. Oostrande) (no mother;s surname in bp. record)

• **Isack Fonda** (Isaac) (twin?), bp. 19 June 1723 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Bogaart, Alida Van Vegten, Jacob and Lena Lansingh) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

• **Jacob Fonda** (twin?), bp. 19 June 1723 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Bogaart, Alida Van Vegten, Jacob and Lena Lansingh) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

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

[Fonda] Jelle Douwes (Jelles; Gillese; Jillis)

<p>Jelle Douwes [Fonda] son of Douwe Everts [Fonda] &</p>	<p>m. 10 Feb 1641 (banns 19 Jan 1641 Amsterdam)</p>	<p>Hester Douwes* dau. of b. about 1617 d.</p>
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In their marriage record, they were: Jelle Douwes from Agum, journeyman blacksmith, age 25 and Hester Douwes from Amsterdam, 24 years old. (19 January 1641. Appeared as before Jelle Douwes from Agum, journeyman blacksmith, living on Bickers Island, assisted by [no name given], having no parents, 25 years old; and Hester Douwes from Amsterdam, living on Keysergracht, 24 years old, having no parents, assisted by Elsge Douwes, her stepmother. [signed as above]. Producing a deed of their parents' consent, these people were married on the 10th of February 1641 in Diemen by Prudentius Wilhelmi, minister there.)

Douwe Everts van de Hornemastate (state= estate), a big farm he hired, located at Eagum, a small village 5 miles south of Leeuwarden, the capitol of Friesland, Had 7 children. Son Jelle Douwes, one of his sons left for Amsterdam, lived and worked there for a while, married Hester, had a son Douwe in 1641, and shipped for New Netherland in 1652. Fonda, the surname he took was actually a patronymic (Frisians did form patronymics by adding the suffix -a to the male given name) after one of his ancestors, called Fonde or Foende.²

Jelle Douwes, son of Douwe Everts, left for Amsterdam, lived and worked there for a while, married Hester, had a son Douwe in 1641, and shipped for New Netherland in 1652. Fonda, the surname he took was actually a patronymic (Frisians did form patronymics by adding the suffix -a to the male given name) after one of his ancestors, called Fonde or Foende.

5 May 1654. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Jacob de Winter, Notary. Jan Michgielsen, beer wholesale dealer in Amsterdam at the Dolle Begijnsteeg, gives a power-of-attorney to Theunis Jansz Seijlenmaker from here to claim and to receive from Gillis Douwes and his wife, formerly innkeepers here, now living on Manhattan* in New Netherland, the sum of f664.18. - which is due to him as remainder for delivered beer. Jacob de Winter, Notary. [*This reference to Manhattan may be an error, as all other evidence indicates Jillis was then at Fort Orange (Albany).]

19 May 1654. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary. Theunis Davidtsz., shipcarpenter, living at the Houtuinen [Timber-yards] on the Droogbak next to the Waterpas, for himself as son and heir and for the co-heirs of his mother, the late Hillegen Claesdr., formerly widow of her last husband Claes Jansz., gives a power-of-attorney to Jurrien Thijsz., who is going to New Netherland as a free merchant, to claim and to receive from Jelle Douwes, citizen and brandy-distiller in New Netherland, the sum of f600 plus the interest due. This was due to his mother and now to her children and her heirs according to a related debenture, a copy of which was sent along with Jurrien Thijsz. Because of the risk of the sea, the original was not sent along. He is to give a receipt to Jelle Douwes after payment. He is authorized to go to law against Jelle Douwes if necessary. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary.

26 April 1655. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary. Cornelia Wachtens, widow of Johannes ter Weijde, woman beer wholesale dealer at the Herenmarkt here, gives a power-of-attorney to Marrigte Damen, now wife of Hendrick Andriesz., free inhabitant of New Netherland, who is ready to depart for there, to claim and to receive from Jelle Douwe, distiller in New Netherland, the amount of 31 guilders and 8 stivers which is due to her from him and his wife Hester because of delivered beer and money advanced for the impost and excise-duty, according to a relative account in her debt-book. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary.

17 March 1657. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary. Theunis Davidtsz., shipcarpenter living on the first island beyond the yard of Jacob Cornelisz., acting for himself as son and co-heir and for the other co-heirs of his mother, the late Hillegen Claesdr., formerly widow of her last husband Claes Jansz., gives a power-of-attorney to Dirck Jansz Croon to claim and to receive from Jelle Douwes, citizen and brandy-distiller in New Netherland, the sum of f600 plus the interest due. He owes this amount to Hillete Claes and now to her heirs according to a relative debenture a copy of which is taken along by the proxy. Subtracted from this must be that which he already appears to have paid. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary.

5 April 1657. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Nicolaes van Born, Notary. Jan Michgielsen, beer wholesale dealer in Amsterdam, gives a power-of-attorney to Cornelis Martensen Factoor, who is ready to depart for New Netherland, to claim and to receive the amount of f644.18. - which is due to him from Gillis Douwes, formerly innkeeper in Amsterdam but at present distiller living near the fort Orangien in New Netherland, because of delivered and paid beer. Nicolaes van Born, Notary.

12 January 1664. Notarial Archives of Amsterdam. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary. Theunis Davidtsz., shipcarpenter in Sloterdijk, son and co-heir, acting also for his sister, co-heir of the late Hillegen Claesdr., formerly widow of her last husband Claes Jansz., gives a power-of-attorney to Mr. Jacob Hendricxsz., surgeon in New Netherland and ready to depart for there again, to claim and to receive from the widow and heirs of Jelle Douwes, during his life citizen and brandy-distiller in New Netherland, the sum of 600 guilders plus the interest due. Jelle Douwes owed this amount to his mother and now to her heirs according to a relative debenture the original of which was shown to the notary and copy of which is given along with Jacob Hendricxsz. Subtracted from this amount must be 68 guilders for 7 whole beavers of 8 guilders apiece and 3 half-beavers of 4 guilders apiece which Jurriaen Thijssen received from him on 22 August 1654 also on a power-of-attorney. Hendrick Schaeff, Notary.

In about 1653 Hester, Jelle and their children Douwe, Geertje and Sarah lived near 't Greene Bos, next to Evert Pels from Pommeren -who came together with them on the *Houttuyn*- who was brewing beer. Jelles was distilling brandy. (Lots of farmers had quite a knowledge of brewing and distilling).

Jelles and Hester appear to have lived in Beverwyck. A suit was brought against Hester for removing Lodovicus Cobes' wife's petticoat from the fence. The defendant said the plaintiff pawned the article for beaver; [the case was] put over. In 1664, Hester, probably a widow, assisted by Dowe and Giertje sold 2 distillers kettles for 400 gl. seewant. In 1666 she appears to be the widow of Barent Gerritse.¹

His widow, Hester, remarried two times. She m. (2) **Barent Gerritsen**, and after he was killed by the Indians (Hester and Sarah were taken prisoner by the Indians, from which only Hester returned), she m. (3) **Teunis Dirksz van Vechten**.

---children of Jelle Douwesz Fonda & Hester Douwes:

- **Douwe Jellesz [Fonda]**, b. 1641; bp. 24 Nov 1641 Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam (wit: Annetje Jans);
m. (poss) **Rebecca Conyn**, dau. of Leendert Philipse Conyn
 - **Giertje Jelles [Fonda]** (Geertje), bp. 22 Sep 1643 Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands (wit: Maritje Willems);
m. (1) about 1662, **Jan Brickers**; m. (2) 9 April 1684 Albany Ref Ch, **Cornelis Slingerland**
 - **Sara Jelles [Fonda]**, bp. 18 June 1646 Oude Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands (wit: Hille Claes and Witsche Diercx);
m. **Jacob Gerritszen Van Vorst**
 - **Abraham Jellesz [Fonda]**, bp. 14 April 1647 Oude Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands (wit: Hille Claes and Marij Douwes)
- * Douwe is the Frisian equivalent of David.

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Fonda, Jelles Douwesz

Jelles Douwesz Fonda
son of Douw Jillis Fonda &
(2) Rebecca Conyn
b. about 1670

m. 11 Dec 1695
Albany Ref Ch

Rachel Winne
dau. of Pieter Winne &
(2) Jannetie Adams
b. about 1677

---children of Jelles Douwesz Fonda & Rachel Winne:

- **Douwe Jellesz Fonda**, bp. 23 Aug 1696 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Douwe Fonda, Rebecca Fonda)
- **Tanneke Jelis Fonda**, bp. 9 March 1698 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Levinus Winne, Elsje Winne)
- **Peter Jillisz Fonda**, bp. 6 March 1711 Schenectady Ref Ch (wit: Corn. Slingerland & Anna Vonda); m. 10 Aug 1757
Alida Nak, widow of J. Truax, and dau. of Matthys Nak of Albany.¹

---Sources:

[1] Information online May 2000, Dutch-Colonies List, from Lorine McGinnis Schulze <lschulze@bconnex.net>;

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Fonda, Jan (Johannes)

Jan Fonda
son of Douw Jillis Fonda &
(1) ?-
b. about 1668

m. 5 Dec 1694
Albany Ref Ch

Marritje Loockermans (Matje)
dau. of
b.

---children of Johannes Fonda & Marritje Loockermans:

- **Rebecca Fonda**, bp. 10 May 1696 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Douwe Fonda, Rebecca Fonda)
- **Pieter Fonda**, bp. 7 Nov 1697 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Lookerman, Maria Lookerman)
- **Maria Fonda**, bp. 7 Jan 1700 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jillis Fonda, Landje Loockermans)
- **Douwe Fonda**, bp. 28 Sep 1701 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Claas and Alida Fonda)
- **Johannes Fonda**, bp. 7 Nov 1703 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Teunisse, Hester Fonda)
- **Catharina Fonda**, bp. 23 Jan 1706 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Antony Van Schaik, Johanna Van Stryen)
- **Abraham Fonda**, bp. 18 Jan 1708 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Kiliaan and Maria Van Rensselaar); m. 9 Nov 1733 Kinderhook Ref Ch, **Elbertje Van Alen**, dau. of Stephen Van Alen & Maria Mulder/Muller/Miller
- **Lena Fonda**, bp. 27 Oct 1710 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Adriaan Othouwt, Maria Schuiler)
- **Geertruy Fonda**, bp. 21 Feb 1714 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Isak Fonda, Hester Slingerlant) (no mother's name in bp. record)

---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; Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Kinderhook, Columbia County, NY*, Vol. 1 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society)

Fonda, Pieter

Pieter Fonda
son of

m. 7 March 1724
Albany Ref Ch
(with Banns)

Maria Beekman
dau. of

---children of Pieter Fonda & Maria Beekman:

- **Maria Fonda**, bp. 7 June 1724 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Joh. and Mar. Mingaal) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

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