

-- **KIERS, KIERSEN** --

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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Kierse

See also Carson

Kierse, Abraham

Abraham Kierse
son of

m. 20 April 1756
NY Luth Ch

Annatje Machielse
dau. of

At the time of their marriage they were living at the Manor of Fordham. Witnesses to the marriage: Gerard Bruyn, Isaac Kossen, Henryk and Marytge Kiers.

---Sources: Some Early Records of the Lutheran Church, New York, prob. published in Holland Society Yearbook, 1903

Kiers, Edward William

Edward William Kiers
d. before 8 April 1784

m.

Greetie
d.

Edward William Kiers, Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Orange County merchant, was naturalized by the Colony of New York 25 July 1769 (wit: Joh. Casp. Rubel, George Briks, Henry Depue).

In his will dated 17 Dec 1783, probated 8 Apr 1784 NYC, "Edward William Kiers, of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, dealer and Chapman" mentioned wife Greetie; children Rachel, William, Ufame, and Elizabeth. Made firends John Robert, David Pye, and John Suffern, Esq. executors. Witnesses were Dirck Ackerseen, Abraham Cooper; George Briggs, of Haverstraw Preceinct, yeoman.

---children of Edward William Kiers & Greetie

- **Rachel Kiers**
- **William Kiers**
- **Ufame Kiers** (Euphemia?)
- **Elizabeth Kiers**

---Sources: NY Hist. Soc. Coll. 1903, *Abstracts of Wills, 1782-1784*, Vol. XII (Pelletreau), p. 233; Wolfe, Richard J., "The Colonial Naturalization Act of 1740 with a List of Persons Naturalized in New York Colony, 1740-1769" in *NYG&B Record*, July 1963, p. 147

Kiersz, Helena

Helena Kiersz
 dau. of

m. 11 Sep 1703
 NYC Ref Ch

Johan Okey (Auke?) [Van Nuys?]

---Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Marriages, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1881, p. 40

Kiersen, Hendrick

Hendrick Kiersen
 son of Kier Wouterse &
 (1) Jannetje Jans

m. 16 May 1673
 NYC Ref Ch (banns)

Metje Michiels

dau. of Michiel Bastiaenszen [Kortryk] &
 Metje

b. about 1648 Gees in't Lantschap Drenthe
 He settled at Fordham.

b. 1655 Schoonderwoert, near Leerdam, Holland

In their marriage record, they were: Hendrick Kiers, j. m. Van Gees in't lantschap Drenthe, en Metje Michiels, j. d. Van Schonderwoert.

---children of Hendrick Kiersen & Metje Michiels:

- **Kier Hendricksz Kiessen**, bp. 28 April 1674 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Michiel Bastiaenszen, Tjerk Kiers)
- **Michiel Kiersen**, bp. 27 Sep 1676 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Reyer Michielszen, Annetie Michiels)
- **Jannetje Kiers**, bp. 18 Feb 1679 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Janszen, Jannetje Kiers); apparently d.y.
- **Jannetje Kiers**, bp. 28 April 1680 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Janszen, Grietie Kiers)
- **Sara Kiersen**, bp. 13 Nov 1682 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Thymen Van Borsum, Grietie Fockens); m. **Barent Janszen Nagel**, son of Jan Nagel & Rebecca Waldron
- **Maria Kiersen**, bp. 4 Aug 1687 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Peers, Walburg Reyers); m. (poss) 31 May 1711 NYC Ref Ch, **Hendrik Bruyn**
- **Rachel Kiersen**, bp. 21 June 1693 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Odell, Anna Montagne)
- **Hendrick Kiersen**, bp. 8 July 1696 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Isaacq de LaMontagne, Gelante de LaMonatgne, h.v.

Bastiaen Michielszen); m. **Catharina Rykman**, dau. of Jacobus Rykman & Geertje/Geertruy Arianse

---Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1882, p. 69; Jan 1883, p. 36; *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; *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York* (Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. II) printed 1901; reprinted 1968; Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem...New York*, 1904, p. 263 footnote

Kierse, Henderick (Kiercen)

Hendrick Kierse
 son of

m.

Judick Forseur (Judith Forshay)

dau. of Jan Forshay &
 Eva Franse

b.

bp. 10 March 1704 Tarrytown Ref Ch

---children of Hendrick Kierse & Judith Forshay:

- **Jan Kierse**, bp. 19 March 1727 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Voushier, Eva Vouschier, s. hs. vr.)
- **Sara Kierse**, b. 12 Aug 1734; bp. 8 Sep 1734 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Barint Nagel, Sara his wife [Sara's maiden name was Kierse]); m. (prob) 20 May 1761 NYC Ref Ch, **Tobias Rykman**, son of Jacobus Rykman & Geertruy/Geertje Arianse
- **Eva Kiercen**, b. 29 June 1736; bp. 8 Aug 1736 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Willim Nagel, Marytie Raton)
- **Petrus Kierse**, b. 11 Dec 1739; bp. 13 Jan 1740 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Nagel, Elisabeth his wife)
- **Elizabeth Kierse**, b. 24 July 1745; bp. 4 Aug 1745 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch (wit: Isaac Fousieur, Abigael, his wife)

---Sources: Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh [Bergen Co., NJ]*, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II); NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1889, p. 161

Kiersen, Hendrik (Hendrick Kierse, Jr.)

Hendrick Kiersen
 son of Hendrick Kierse &
 Metje Michielse

m.

Catharina Rykman

dau. of Jacobus Rykman &
 Geertruy/Geertje Adriaanse

bp. 8 July 1696 NYC Ref Ch

bp. 24 April 1726 NYC Ref Ch

---children of Hendrick Kiersen & Catharina Rykman:

- **Catharina Kierse**, bp. 4 June 1750 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Kierse, Judith Vocheur, syn h.v.)
- **Geertje Kierse**, bp. 18 Feb 1753 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jakobus Rykman, Geertje Adriaanse, z.huis v.); apparently d.y.
- **Hendrik Kiersen**, bp. 26 Nov 1755 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Abraham Kiersen, Sara Kiersen); apparently d.y.
- **Sara Kierse**, bp. 16 Aug 1758 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Armstrang, Maria Rykman, z.h.v.)
- **Hendrik Kiersen**, bp. 30 Aug 1761 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Arent Rykman, Rachel Pero, z. huis v.); apparently d.y.

- **Hendrik Kierse**, bp. 25 Sep 1763 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Rykman, Elizabeth Mangel, z.h.v.)
 - **Giertje Kierzen**, bp. 24 Nov 1764 NYCRefCh (wit: Jakobus Rykman, Giertje Adriaans, z.h.v.)
 - **Jakobus Kiersen**, bp. 19 Apr 1767 NYCRefCh (wit: Tobias Ryckman, Sara Kiersen, z.h.v.)
- Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1896, p. 32; Oct 1896, p. 203; Apr 1897, p. 96; July 1897, p. 148; Oct 1897, p. 228; Jan 1898, p. 27; Apr 1898, p. 82; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1902 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III);

Kier, Jochem (Jochem Jans Caljier) (m. before June 1650, Magdaleen Michaels Waele) See: Calyer, Jochem Jans

Kiersen, John (Jan)

John Kierson
son of

m.
Netherlands

Hendricke Stevense Van Voorhees
dau. of Steven Coerte Van Voorhees &
Aaltjen Wessels Seubering
b. about 1634 Netherlands

b.

He emigrated with his in-laws in 1660 on *De Bonte Koe*.

John Kierson and wife Hendricke of Flatbush deeded land in New Utrecht to Garret Koerte, 5 Apr 1703.

In his will he wrote: This 4th day of August, 1705. I, John Kiersam, of the town of Flatlands, in Kings County, being sick and weak in body. I give to my brothers and sisters in Holland the full sum of £60. To my wife's sister Martie, living in Holland, £60. To my brother [in-law] Koert Stevensen, £60. To my wife's half sisters and brothers, £100, namely to Lucas Stevensen, John Stevensen and Albert Stevensen, and the heirs of Allethie Stevensen and the heirs of Janetie Stevensen. I appoint my brother Koert Stevensen sole executor. Witnesses, Garitt Stoothoff, Dirck Amerman, Jan Terhunen, Samuel Garetzen. Proved before Lord Cornbury, September 3, 1705.

---Sources: "Genealogical Gleanings from Book No. 2 of Coveyances, Brooklyn, Kings Co." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1923, p. 316

Kiersen, Jan

Jan Kierson
son of Kier Wouters &
Jannetje Jans

m. 8 Sep 1685
NYC Ref Ch

Gerritje Jans Van Dalsen
dau of (Capt.) Jan Van Dalsen (aka de Vries) &
Grietje Theunis Cray
b. 1667 New England

b. about 1655 Arnhout, Drenthe

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Jan Kierson, j.m. Van Aenhout, gelegen in Drenthe en Gerritje Jans, j.d. Van N. Engelandt, beyde woonende tot N. Haerlem.

---*children of Jan Kierson & Gerritje Van Dalsen*:

- **Jannetje [Janszen/Kiersen]**, bp. 13 March 1687 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Kiersen, Grietje Theunis); d.y.
 - **Grietje Kierszen**, bp. 25 Dec 1688 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Janszen Van Heyningen, Annetje Jans)
 - **Jannetje Kiersen**, bp. 25 May 1693 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Theunis Van Daelsen, Tryntje Van Daelsen); m. 6 June 1716 NYC Ref Ch, **Jacob Jans Dyckman**.
 - **Abraham Kiersen**, bp. 6 Oct 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Peersen, Margriet Jans)
- Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1880, p. 37; Apr 1882, p. 68; Oct 1882, p. 170; *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; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

[Kiers] Wouters, Kiers (Wouters; Wouterse)

Kier Wouters
son of

m. (1)

d. before 16 May 1670 Fordham, NY²

m. (2) 29 Jan 1668
NYC Ref Ch

Jannetje Jans

dau. of
d. 1667¹

Lysbeth Bellier

(widow of **David Ackerman**)
dau. of Jean Bellier &
Catharine Herque

b. 24 Jan 1616
bp. 24 Jan 1616 Dordrecht Walloon Ch
d. about 1668

In the (2) marriage record, they were: "Kier Wouters, Wedr. Van Jannetje Jans, en Lysbeth Davids Ackerman."

Kier Wolters, the ancestor of the **Kiersen** and **Kiers** (Kees) family, arrived here in 1657...from the Dutch county of Drenthe; coming via Amsterdam to New Amstel on the Delaware, where he was reputed to be one of the ablest and best farmers. Two years later, flattering offers being made him, he came to New Amsterdam, and had the charge of Governor Stuyvesant's bouwery. He took De Meyer's farm at Harlem, in the fall of 1667...and worked it for two seasons. He moved about 1669 to Fordham.

In May 1670 Michiel Bastiensen [Kortrycht], residing at Fordham, was appointed curator of the estate of Kier Woltersen, dec'd.²

---*children of Kier Wouterse & (1) Jannetje Jans*:

- **Walter Kierszen** (Wouter), b. Drenthe; m. (poss?) **Annetje Claes**.
- **Hendrick Kiersen**, b. 1648 Giest, Drenthe; m. 1673 **Metje Michiels**, dau. of Michiel Bastiaensen [Kortrycht]. He settled in Fordham.
- **Jan Kiersen**, b. about 1655 Arnhout, Drenthe; m. 8 Sep 1685 NYC Ref Ch, **Gerritje Jans Van Dalsen**, dau. of

Capt. Jan van Dalsen.

- **Grietie Kierszen**, b. Drenthe; m. 30 Oct 1680 NYC Ref Ch, **Willem Peers[en]** (Person) of New York
- **Jannetie [Kiers]**, b. New York; m. 8 Sep 1672 NYC Ref Ch, **Claes Jansen Van Heyningen**, widower of **Geesje** (dau. of Focken Jansz & Margriet Hendricks).

• **Tjerck Kiers**

---Sources:

[1] Briggs, Harry Tallmadge and John Greene Briggs, *The Colonial Ancestry of the Family of John Greene Briggs and Isabell Gibbs de Groff*, N.p., n.d.;

[2] Fernow, Berthold, ed., *Records of New Amsterdam, 1653-1674*, 7 Vols., 1897 (on CD), Vol. VI -- Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, May 8, 1666 to September 5, 1673, inclusive, p. 234, 235;

Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem...New York*, 1904, p. 263 footnote; *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

Kierse, Peter

Peter Kierse

m.

Marytie Vermilye

Pieter Kierse and Marytie Vermilye his wife wit. bp. at Tappan Ref Ch 15 Apr 1718 of Hendrick, son of Barent Nagel & Sara Kierse.

---Sources: Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation

Keers, Roelof

Roelof Keers

m.

Maria

---*children of Roelof Keers & Maria*

- **Catriena Keers**, b. or bp. 21 Dec 1777 Pompton Plains Ref Ch (no wit)

---Sources: Reformed Dutch Church records of Pompton Plains, pages 1-210 : records of Montville, pages 211-258 : typescript, 1923, (online at HeritageQuest)

Kierszen, Wouter

Wouter Kierszen

m.

Annetje Claes

son of Kier Wouters &

dau. of

(1) Jannetie Jans

---*children of Wouter Kierszen & Annetje Claes:*

- **Johan Woutersze Kiers**, bp. 11 Nov 1674 NYC Ref Ch (wit: --Binckilus, -- Backer, Capt. Hillegond Ver Plancken)

- **Anthonis Kierszen**, bp. 20 June 1682 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Breestede, Jan de Lamontagne, Margariet Brested, Susanna de Foreest)

---Sources: *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York [City]*, 1901, NYG&B Society, Vol. I