

-- MESIER, MESSIER --

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.

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Messier, Abraham (Messuur)

Abraham Messier
son of Pieter Janszen Messier &
Marritje Willems
bp. 16 Dec 1663 NYC Ref Ch
d. June 1752

m. 19 Nov 1690
NYC Ref Ch
(banns 30 Oct 1690
NYC Ref Ch)

Elisabeth Couwenhoven

dau. of Johannes Jacobsen Van Couwenhoven &
Sara Frans
bp. 22 March 1671 NYC Ref Ch
d. 1 Aug 1742

In the NYD Ref Ch record of their banns and marriage, they were: Abraham Mesuer, j.m. Van N. Yorck, en Lysbeth Van Couwenhoven, j.d. Van Noortwyck. beyden wonende alhier.

He was made a Freeman, NYC, 30 Aug 1698. He was Asst. Alderman, Out Ward, NYC, 1698-1702.

---children of Abraham Messier & Elizabeth Couwenhoven:

- **Zara Misier**, b. between 28 & 29 Aug 1691 (birth recorded Bergen Ref Ch: "bp. at New York"); apparently d.y.
- **Marritie Messuur**, b. 7 Oct 1692 (birth recorded, as "Merreytje") Bergen Ref Ch); bp. 19 Nov 1692 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Byvanck, Marritje Willems); d. 1780; m. 26 Dec 1711 NYC Ref Ch, **Samuel Pel/Pell**, son of Samuel Pell & Hester Bording.
- **Johannes Mesuur**, bp. 29 July 1696 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Francois Van Couwenhoven, Jannetje Mesuur, h.v. Gysbert Van Imsburg)
- **Pieter Mesier** (twin), bp. 19 June 1698 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Janse Mesier, Jaquemyntje Van Couwenhoven, h.v. van Wessel Pieterse); d. 8 Dec 1770; m. 7 Oct 1721 NYC Ref Ch, **Jannetje Wessels**, dau. of Frans Wessels & Tryntie Janse
- **Jacob Mesier** (twin), bp. 19 June 1698 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gysbert Van Imburg, Antje Remmers, h.v. van Jacob Van Couwenhoven)
- **Sara Mesier**, bp. 26 April 1702 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Van Couwenhoven, Cathalina de Lanoy, h.v. van Abra. Kip); m. (1) 10 July 1720 NYC Ref Ch, **Vincent Telliou/Tilyou**; m. (2) 2 March 1728 NYC Ref Ch, **John Hendricks**

- **Annetje Mezier**, bp. 15 Dec 1703 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gysbert Van Imburg, Jannetie Mesier); buried 10 Jan 1768
- **Elizabeth Mezier**, bp. 18 Feb 1708 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Kouwenhove, Annatje Kouwenhove, h.v. van Jacob Kouwenhove); m. 16 March 1733 NYC Ref Ch, **Cornelis Van Gelder**, son of Abraham Van Gelder & Catalyntje Post.

---Sources:

[1] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 2), p. 174;

[2] Cocheu, Lincoln C., "The Van Kouwenhoven-Conover Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 71, No. 3, July 1940, p. 276;

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Mesier, Abraham

Abraham Mesier
son of Pieter Mesier &
Jannetje Wessels
b. 1726

m. 3 Nov 1751¹

bp. 25 Feb 1726 NYC Ref Ch
d, before 18 May 1789 (15 or 26 Dec 1774¹)
buried

Abraham Mesier was a merchant and lived on Cortlandt Street. He was made a Freeman of New York on 5 Feb 1750/51. He was an Assistant Alderman, West Ward, NYC 1770-1774.

In his will, he wrote: October 21, 1774. Abraham Mesier, merchant, of New York City, to my son John, five shillings as his birthright; to my wife Elizabeth, the use of my estate, both real and personal, as long as she remains my widow; in case of her death or remarriage, the estate to be sold, and to be divided among my sons, John, Abraham, Jacob, Peter Mesier, and my four daughters, Jane, Mary, Sarah, and Catharine Mesier; if any of my children should die before arriving at lawful age, the share of the one so dying to be equally divided among the survivors. I appoint my wife, my sons, John and Abraham Mesier; my brother, Peter Mesier, and Hugh Gaine, executors. Witnesses, William J. Elsworth, Pewterer; Henry Van Wenkel, John Nathan Hutchins. Proved, May 18, 1789.

---children of Abraham Mesier & Elizabeth Robbins:

- **Elizabeth Mesier**, b. 16 Oct 1752; d. 12 Sep 1753
- **John Robbins Mesier**, b. 27 Jan 1754; d. Sep 1812; m. **Hannah Johnson**
- **Abraham Mesier**, b. 14 March 1755; d. 19 March 1797; m. **Cornelia White**, dau. of James White & Sarah Van Dam
- **Peter Mesier**, b. 3 Oct 1756; d. 23 Aug 1757
- **Peter Mesier**, b. 10 Nov 1758; d. 30 Nov 1759
- **Jacob Mesier**, b. 2 July 1761; d. 15 Feb 1818; not married
- **Jane Mesier**, b. 24 Jan 1762 NYC; d. 18 April 1842; m. 20 Sep 1784, (Capt.) **John Pray**
- **Hugh Mesier**, b. 17 April 1763; d. 30 July 1763
- **Elizabeth Mesier**, b. 16 May 1764; d. 18 Nov 1764
- **Mary Mesier**, b. 5 Jan 1766; d. 14 March 1850; not married
- **Sarah Mesier**, b. 8 Oct 1769 NYC; d. 2 Dec 1851; m. 224 Jan 1810 Trinity Ch, NYC, **Jacob Sherred**
- **Catherine Mesier**, b. 1 Feb 1771 NYC; d. April 1861; m. 12 May 1795, (Rev.) **John Cornelison**
- **Peter Abraham Mesier**, b. 31 Jan 1773; d. 15 Dec 1847; m. (1) 1 Nov 1800, **Mary Van Wyck**, dau. of (Dr.) Theodorus Van Wyck & Mary Van Voorhees; m. (2) 7 June 1806 (his cousin), **Catherine Mesier**, dau. of Peter Mesier & Catherina Sleght.

---Sources:

[1] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 2), p. 179;

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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, page 158 (will of Abraham Mesier); *Genealogical record, Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York*, 1905, p. 109, online at <<http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys059&view=50&frames=0&seq=5>>

Mesier, Abraham

Abraham Mesier
son of Abraham Mesier &
Elizabeth Robbins
b. 14 March 1755
d. 19 March 1797

m.

Cornelia White
dau. of James White &
Sarah Van Dam
b. 1754
d. 31 Oct 1822

---children of Abraham Mesier & Cornelia White:

- **John Mesier**, bp. (prob) 10 Oct 1783 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 24 Nov 1810 New Orleans, LA unmarried
- **Elizabeth Mesier**, b. 7 Sep 1785; d. 1 April 1864; m. 6 June 1816 St. Ann's Ch, Brooklyn, NY, **Charles J. Doughty**
- **Sarah Van Dam Mesier**, b. 13 Oct 1787; d. 25 July 1867; m. 14 April 1812, **Robert Nichols**
- **James Gaine Mesier**, b. 13 Feb 1790; bp. 23 April 1790 Trinity Ch, NYC; apparently d.y.
- **James White Mesier**, b. 1791; d. 18 March 1828; m. 1812, **Maria Snell**
- **Cornelia Mesier**, d.y.
- **Hugh Gaine Mesier**, b. 1794; d. 3 Dec 1828; m. May 1826, **Susan -?-**, widow of **Josiah Brown** and **John C. Watson**.

---Sources:

[1] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1928 (Vol. 59, No. 1), p. 77;

Messie, Jan

Jan Messie m.

Margrietje Barheit

---children of Jan Messie & Margrietje Barheit:

- **Hester Messie**, bp. 13 Aug 1738 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Andries Barheit, Hester Fortie, Wed. v. Daniel Messie)
- Sources: Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

Messer, Jerver

Jerver Messer m.

Tryn Dirx

---children of Jerver Messer & Tryn Dirx:

- **Jannetie Messer**, bp. 16 Feb 1683 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Borger, Margrietje Blanck)
- Sources: Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III);

Mesier, Pieter Janszen (Messuer)

Pieter Janszen Mesier m.

Marritje Williams

b. 1631
d. 1691

b.
d.

Appeared before us undersigned Schepens of the City of New Orange in New Netherland Pieter Jansen Mesier, ship-carpenter and inhabitant of this city, who, by virtue of purchase conveyance and transfer of Lysbet Tyssen dated March 7, 1665/6. declared to cede transfer and convey in right, true and free ownership to and in behalf of Lyntie Dirx Servaes, certain house and lot standing and situate outside the fortifications of this city in the Smith's valley, on the Northeastside of the land of the said Lysbet Tyssen. Extent as per computation: One hundred and twenty seven feet in length five and twenty feet wide, with such passive and active servitudes and rights as the same has been possessed and occupied by the said Pieter Jansen, all free and unencumbered without any charge resting on or originating from the same, excepting the Lord's right. For which said house and lot for purchase conveyance and transfer said Pieter Jansen Mesier, before signing and delivering this present, acknowledged to have been well and thankfully satisfied and paid from the hands of said Lyntie Dirx Servaes, therefore he, grantor, in behalf of said Lyntie Dirx [desisting from and renouncing] all claims ownershiprights and pretensions, which he, the grantor, or any one on his behalf should or might advance; further promising firmly and irrevocably to keep, perform and carry out this conveyance and to free it from all ulterior claims. Pledging his person and goods personal and real, submitting them to all courts and jurisdictions. In testimony hereof the present has been personally signed by the grantor besides the Messrs [Schepens] at New Orange, September 30, 1674. Guilain Verplanck. This is F the mark of Pieter Jansz Mesier made by himself. Known to me Ephraim Herman. Secret. [Translated from the Dutch]¹

He was probably the Pieter Janszen who was admitted a Burgher of New Amsterdam on 11 April 1657.

He and his wife were on Dominie Selyn's list of members of the NYC Ref Ch in 1686, living on Langs Straet, the north side of what is now called Pearl Street.

---children of Pieter Janszen Mesier & Marritje Williams:

- **Jerver Pieters [Mesier]**, m. (before 16 Feb 1683, **Tryn Dirx**)
- **Annetie Pieters [Mesier]**, bp. 19 Oct 1659 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Immetie Vingo); d.y.
- **Willem Pieters Mesier**, bp. 9 Feb 1661 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Herry Breysjes en syn huysvr.)
- **Aeltie Pieters [Mesier]**, bp. 4 Oct 1662 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hermanus Wessels, Geertie Rutgers)
- **Abraham Pieterszen [Mesier]** (twin?), bp. 16 Dec 1663 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Mr. Harmen Van Hoboken, Geertie Rutgers); m. 19 Nov 1690 NYC Ref Ch, **Elisabeth Couwenhoven**, dau. of Johannes Couwenhoven & Saertje Frans
- **Sarah Pieterszen [Mesier]** (twin?), bp. 16 Dec 1663 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Dirck Janszen-Smit, Marritie Dircks)
- **Jan Pieterszen [Mesier]**, bp. 30 Nov 1667 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Herman Wessels, Geertie Wessels); apparently d.y.
- **Jannetie Pieters [Mesier]**, bp. 21 Oct 1671 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes de Forest, Sara du Trieux); buried 17 Nov 1728 NYC Ref Ch; m. 4 June 1688 NYC Ref Ch, **Gysbert Van Emburgh**
- **Annetie Pieters [Mesier]**, bp. 9 May 1677 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Clopper, Heyltie Pieters)
- **Johannes Pieters [Mesier]**, bp. 24 Dec 1681 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Joost Kockuyt, Lysbesth Jans)

---Sources:

[1] Original book of New York deeds, January 1st, 1672/3 to October 19th, 1675. Collections of the New York Historical Society, 1914, p. 49, online at <<http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys073&seq=21&frames=0&view=50>>;

[2] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 2), p. 172;

Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Genealogical record, Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York, 1905, p. 109, online at <<http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys059&view=50&frames=0&seq=5>>

Messier, Peter (twin of Jacob)

Peter Messier m. 7 Oct 1721

Jannetje Wessels

son of (prob) Abraham Messier &

NYC Ref Ch

dau. of Frans Wesselse &

Elizabeth Couwenhoven

Tryntje Jans

bp. 19 June 1698 NYC Ref Ch

bp. 15 Sep 1700 NYC Ref Ch

d. 8 Dec 1770

d. 1738

Peter Messier, Esq., late Alderman, died with a Fit, December 8, 1770, in his 74th year.

---children of Peter Messier & Jannetje Wessels:

- **Catherina Mesier**, bp. 21 April 1723 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Frans Wesselse, Elizabeth Mesier); d. before 2 Oct 1765; m. 27 Oct 1750, **Jan Van Voorhis**
- **Abraham Mesier**, bp. 25 Feb 1726 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Abraham Mesier, Dievertje Bratt); d. 1789 (or d. 15 or 26 Dec 1774¹); m. **Elizabeth Robbins**
- **Jacob Masier**, bp. 20 July 1728 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Pel, Maria Masier, z.h.v.)
- **Elisabeth Masier**, bp. 28 Nov 1729 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendricus Breeste, Geertje Wessels); d. 12 May 1802; m. 1749, **Abraham Bussing**, son of Harman Bussing & Sarah Selover.
- **Peter Mesier**, b. 30 Oct 1733 NYC¹; d. 13 Nov 1805 NYC; buried Trinity Chyd, NYC; m. 2 Feb 1764 NYC, **Catherina Slegt**, dau. of Mattheus Slegt & Femmetje Clock.

---Sources:

[1] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 2), p. 176;

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 VII 1766-1771, p. 423 (death of Peter Messier)

Mesier, Peter Abraham

Peter Abraham Mesier
son of Abraham Mesier &
Elizabeth Robbins
b. 31 Jan 1773 NYC
d. 15 Dec 1847

m. (1) 1 Nov 1800

m. (2) 7 June 1806
(his cousin)

Mary Van Wyck

dau. of (Dr.) Theodorus Van Wyck &
Mary Van Voorhees
b. 4 May 1779
d. 15 Feb 1805
Catherine Mesier
dau. of Peter Mesier &
Catherina Slegt
b. 24 Aug 1772
d. 13 Jan 1863

---children of Peter Abraham Mesier & (1) Mary Van Wyck:

- **Abraham Robbins Mesier**, b. 19 Oct 1801; bp. 15 Nov 1801 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 8 July 1866 not married; buried 10 July 1866 Trinity Chyd.
- **Edward Sebring Mesier**, b. 9 Aug 1803; d. 12 Nov 1854; m. (1) 19 Feb 1832, **Susan Maria Cowman**, dau. of John Cowman; m. (2) 23 Dec 1841, **Georgianna Knox Hyslop**, dau. of Robert Hyslop & Georgianna Knox.

---children of Peter Abraham Mesier & (2) Catherine Mesier:

- **Mary Elizabeth Mesier**, b. 26 April 1807; buried 7 Nov 1892 Trinity Chyd. She was not married.
- **Sarah Sherred Mesier**, b. 28 March 1810; bp. 27 April 1810 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 19 Feb 1898; m. 28 Nov 1831 Trinity Ch, NYC, **John Van Wyck**, son of Gen. John Brinckerhoff Van Wyck & Susan Schenck.
- **Peter Abraham Mesier**, b. 23 Jan 1812; bp. 1 May 1812 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 13 March 1874. He was not married.
- **Jane Amelia Mesier**, b. 24 April 1814; bp. 3 June 1814 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 27 Dec 1846. She was not married.
- **Margaret Verplanck Mesier**, b. 25 June 1816; bp. 31 July 1816 Trinity Ch, NYC; d. 29 Jan 1892; m. 2 Dec 1836 Trinity Ch, NYC, **James G. Clonney**.

---Sources:

[1] Spencer-Mounsey, Creighton, "The Mesier Family of New Amsterdam and Wappingers Falls, N.Y." in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1928 (Vol. 59, No. 1), p. 78;

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