

-- SWITS, SWITZER --

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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.

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**Swits, Claes Corneliszen** (Rademaecker; Wheelwright)

Claes Corneliszen Swits m. -?-  
b. prob. about 1580? prob. Switzerland b.  
d. Summer 1641 (1642?), beheaded; killed by an Indian d.

On 8 Jan 1630, six farmers signed a contract in Amsterdam. "Mr Kiliaen van Rensselaer, as patroon of his colony named Rensselaerswyck lying on the North River of New Netherland, notifies the lords directors of the Chartered West India Company, Chamber of this city, that a certain contract was entered into between their honors and various farmers according to the conditions signed by both sides on January 8, 1630, by which your honors sold and granted to each of the aforesaid contracting parties, being six in number . . . [VRBM:290]. In a letter from VanR dated 10 Jan 1630, he mentions two of the six farmers, ". . . upon the conditions agreed to on the eighth of January of the same year with wolphert gerritsz and Claas Cornelisz in the name of all of the six farms." [VRBM:317].<sup>3</sup>

Claes Cornelisz Swits was in New Netherland before 20 July 1632; he made a return trip to the Netherlands and on 4 March 1637 he arrived back in Manhattan on the ship *Rensselaerswyck*, making him the first wheelwright [rademaker] in New Amsterdam. [VRBM:374-5]. On 18 May 1638, Claes leased a farm from Jacobus van Corlaer.<sup>3</sup>

In 1638 a Claes Cornelius Swits came to America from the Netherlands. He was said to have been killed by a Wickquaskeek Indian at his farm in Harlem in 1641. He has been said to have lived on the island of Schouwen in the Netherlands and in the inn of Peter de Winter in Amsterdam before coming to America. He apparently had a son Cornelius Claese who married an Ariaentje Corneliszen Trommels who had lived at Rengerskerk on the island of Schouwen in the Netherlands. This Cornelius Claessen was apparently also killed by Indians in 1655.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Claes Swits house on Deutel Bay (my note from the footnote - the name was corrupted to Turtle Bay - the Dutch word is

deutel, or dowel - it was named for its C-shape) became a popular gathering spot, where people could cluster before a homey fire of an evening, drink and sing, curse and argue.....The wheelwright was, by several accounts, a harmless and well-liked old man. He knew many Indians by name. It wouldn't have surprised him in the least, one day in August of 1641, precisely as Adriaen van der Donck was settling into his duties as schout of Rensselaerswyck, to find a twenty-seven-year-old Wickquasgeck Indian at his door with a few furs slung over his shoulder, who said he was interested in trading them for some duffel cloth. Claes knew the young man: he lived in a village to the northeast of the island, and had worked for a time for Claes's son. The wheelwright invited him in out of the August sun, gave him something to eat and drink. And as the old man bent over the chest in which he kept his goods for trade, the young Wickquasgeck - who is unnamed in the records, which is unfortunate since he was at the center of what would become a major event in the life of the colony - in a seemingly unpremeditated act, reached for an ax that Claes Swits had leaning against the wall, raised it high, and cut off the old man's head. Then he left."

"As random as the murder was, there was an inevitability to it. The Indian had no quarrel with Swits. But fifteen years before, in 1626, around the time that Peter Minuit had purchased the island, a small group of Wickquasgeck Indians who had ventured south to trade furs were set upon by some Europeans, robbed, and murdered - all except a twelve-year-old boy, who had escaped. For fifteen years he had nursed his revenge, as the Europeans increased in numbers and spread out slowly over the island, and then it erupted, perhaps surprising even him."

The thing is,"in 1640 the WIC gave up its monopoly on trade in the region, which had kept the place from developing in any areas except piracy and smuggling, and declared NN a free trading zone. In this new free-market territory, NA would be the 'staple port', the hub through which traders' and merchants' ships would pass, where they would pay duties and be cleared for travel. The effect was electric. Small-scale entrepreneurs in Amsterdam who were willing to brave the hazards of the ocean voyage now had, in Manhattan, a hub to exploit - a base around which the circle of Atlantic trade could turn.....

"Everyone here is a trader", one resident remarked in 1650, and it was true, and unprecedented - as was the opportunity for advancement. Govert Loockermans had arrived in Manhattan seven years before Van der Donck, as a sixteen-year-old cook's mate on a WIC vessel, desperate to get ahead. As soon as the WIC monopoly ended, he left and signed on as agent for the Verbrugges, overseeing ships and cargo. ....He would die, thirty-eight years after his youthful footfall, in the new city of New York, the wealthiest merchant in the colony, owner of one of its finest homes (which would later become the home of the pirate William Kidd.....)

At a meeting on Thursday 1 Nov 1641, twelve men gave their opinion to the following: "Articles submitted by the honorable director and council of New Netherland to the heads of families or householders residing here under the jurisdiction of the honorable West India Company. (1) Whether it is not just to punish the barbarous murder of Claes Swits committed by an Indian and, in case the Indians refuse to surrender the murderer at our request, whether it is not justifiable to ruin the entire village to which he belongs? (2) In what manner the same ought to be put into effect and at what time? (3) By whom it may be undertaken?" Council Minutes 1638-1649 [NYHM:Dutch Vol.4:124-126]

---children of Claes Corneliszen Swits:

- **Cornelis Claesen Swits**, b. about 1613; m. **Ariaentie Cornelis Trommels**
- (poss) **Jellisje Claesen**, m. 1639 **Harman Meyndersen Van Der Bogaert**.

---Sources:

[1] Information from Ed Bowman at <Edbow@aol.com>Edbow@aol.com>;

[2] Shorto, Russell, *The Island at the Center of the World*, subtitled "The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America, published by Doubleday spring 2004, p. ?;

[3] *Van Rensselaer Bowier Manuscripts*, online at Google Books, pp. 290, 317;

Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem*...New York, 1904, p. 132; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Information online Dec 1998 from Bruce Woodworth <brucewoodworth@home.com>

**Switser, Cornelis Claesen** (Rademaecker)

Cornelis Claeszen Switser

m.

**Ariaentie Cornelis Trommels**

dau. of Cornelis Trommels &

b. about 1613

d. Sep 1655, killed by Indians in Peach War

b.

d.

Cornelis Claesen Swits was from Weververn in province of Utrecht, Netherlands.

14 August 1647. Power of attorney from Cornelis Claessen Swits and wife to Willem Kieft to receive and sell property belonging to them in the province of Zealand. This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Claessen Swits with his wife Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels from Renferskerke [A small village on the south side of the island of Schouwen, in the province of Zealand], who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses appoint and empower, as they do hereby, the Honorable Willem Kieft, late director general of New Netherland, in their names and for them to demand, collect and recover from Stoffel Bartolomeusz Swartbeck, their guardian residing at Brouwershaven [A city on the north side of the island of Schouwen], the following: First, on behalf of the above named Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels to demand the transfer and conveyance of three gemeten [One gemet = about 1/2 morgen, or nearly one acre] of arable land situated in Zealand (within the land of said Stoffel Bartholomeusz), belonging to her, Adriaentje Cornelis, by the will of her aunt Marritje Leenders Buys, which three gemeten of arable land the said Mr. Kieft is authorized to take possession of, to cause to be sold, thereof to collect and receive the money, and to transfer and convey to the purchaser by virtue hereof, and further to do whatever else the case may require. The said Mr. Kieft may likewise demand, collect and receive all that is due the aforesaid Cornelis Claesen Swits from his guardian, the said Stoffel Bartolomeusz Swartbec, or whoever the said guardian has put in possession of the principal's property, together with the accrued interest thereon; and in case the said principal's guardian should refuse to deliver and pay to the attorney or his substitute the property of Cornelis Claesz Swits and Adriaentje Cornelis Trommels, his wife Adriaentje Cornelis aforesaid,

promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter by the said Mr. Kieft or his substitute. Thus done and signed by the principals in the presence of Jan Vienje and Philip Dormier, as witnesses invited hereto, the 14th of August 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland. Cornelys Clasen Wits. This is the X mark of Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels, made by herself. (Register of the Provincial Secretary 1642-1647 [NYHM:Dutch Vol.2:473-475])

On 15 Sep 1655, Indians raided the area of what later became Harlem, NY, and killed Tobias Teunissen and his friend and neighbor, Cornelis Claesz Swits, and captured their wives and children. In Nov 1655, the widows and children were released to their friends in New Amsterdam.

On 15 Sep 1655, 64 canoes of armed savages landed on the beach at New Amsterdam and before the people had risen, began to break into houses for plunder. Council members finally persuaded the chiefs to withdraw but they returned in the evening and a skirmish with the Dutch soldiers ensued. The enraged Indians began a horrible slaughter, Fifty fell within 3 days and over 100 (mostly women and children) were taken captive. Cornelis Claessen Swits now owned the farm on the flats originally granted to Isaac De Forest but which Cornelis purchased from Beeckman on 10 Mar 1653, selling the later in exchange his plantation near Curler's Hook, later known as the "Delancy Farms". "Since his good vrouw, Adriana, had lost her father, Cornelis Trommels, of Rengerskerk, a quiet hamlet on the Island of Schouwen." She had been left an orphan and in the care of a guardian at Brouweershaven. She was now the mother of 5 children between the ages of 3 and 15. Cornelis Claesz's friend and neighbor, Tobias Teunissen m. in 1649, Jannetje Claes Boone, a dau of Claes Boone of Amsterdam.

From the Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, 1655-1663, p. 5 & 25: Cornelis Clase Swits (Aryaentie Cornelis, widow and 6 children.) Children of Cornelis Clase Swits are: Claes 16, Isack, 13, Jacob, 11, Apolonia 8, Cornelis 4, Cornelia 1.)

Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels m. (2) (banns 18 Nov 1656 NYC Ref Ch) **Albert Leenderts** (Leonards).

---children of *Cornelis Claesen Switser & Ariaentie Cornelis*

- **Claes Cornelissen Swits**, b. 1640; d. 13 Jan 1663 Albany, NY (accidentally shot and killed by Philip Hendrickse Brouwer). Claas Cornelise Swits was hired Jan. 13, 1663, by Willem Teller to work on his farm No. 5 as bouwknicht. (147-5) Adjoining to this bouwery on the northeast side, was bouwery No. 2, owned by Philip Hendrickse Brouwer. In September, 1663, Claas was plowing his master's land, when Brouwer came along with his gun loaded with shot to shoot ducks, and forbade his ploughing there, ordering him off as he had repeatedly done before. Thereupon they had some words and finally Brouwer threatened if he did not leave the land, he would shoot him; which he did, and Swits receiving the shot, died about three or four hours later. It was claimed by Brouwer that the injury was greater than he intended, and Swits himself before he died and later all his near relatives, absolved him from the legal consequences of his rash act, as appears by a formal release over their hands and seals executed March 1, 1664/5, and afterwards confirmed by Governor Nichols. (148-1) (A History of the Schenectady Patent in the Dutch and English Times; being contributions toward a history of the lower Mohawk Valley by Jonathan Pearson, A. M. and others, edited by J. W. MacMurray, A. M., U. S. A. (Albany, NY: J. Munsell's Sons, Printers, 1883)
- **Apolonitje Cornelis**, bp. 17 Feb 1641 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Adriaen Pieterszen van alcaer, Gilles Claes, Iybeth Dircks) (parents: Corn. Claeszen; no mother's name in bp. record); apparently d.y..
- **Isaac Cornelissen Switser** ("Kleyn Isaac") (twin), b. 1642; bp. 5 Oct 1642 (wit: De Hr. Willem Kieft, Commander; D. Everardus Bogardus, Corn, Van Tienhoven, Secret.; Jan Jansen Dam, Rachel de Foreest, Marritje Lievens) (parents: Cornelis Claeszen Switser, Ariaentie); d. 1701-1707 Schenectady, Albany Co., NY; m. **Susanna Groot** (DeGroot), dau. of Simon Groot & Rebecca Du Trieux. He lived at Schenectady.
- **Jacob Corneliszen Switser** (twin), b. 1642; bp. 5 Oct 1642 (wit: De Hr. Willem Kieft, Commander; D. Everardus Bogardus, Corn, Van Tienhoven, Secret; Jan Jansen Dam, Rachel de Foreest, Marritje Lievens) (parents: Cornelis Claeszen Switser, Ariaentie); apparently d.y.
- **Jacob Cornelissen**, bp. 5 Feb 1645 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrick Pieterszen, Pieter Coletre, Heyltie Jeuriaens) (parents: Cornelis Claeszen; no mother's name in bp. record)
- **Abraham Corneliszen Switser**, bp. 10 March 1647 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Egbert Wouterszen, en huys vr., Elsje Adriaens) (parents: Corn. Claeszen, Switser; no mother's name in bp. record); apparently d.y. (not mentioned in Orphan's Court record)
- **Apollonia Cornelisse Swits**, bp. 25 Oct 1648 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Aert Willemszen, Corn. Corneliszen Van Houten, Adriaen Claeszen, Wyntie Aerts, Engeltie Egberts) (parents: Cornelis Claeszen; no mother's name in bp. record); d. after Jan 1704/04; m. **Jan Thomasz Eckerson**.
- **Cornelis Cornelissen Swits**, bp. 9 July 1651 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Tobias Teunissen, Leendert Arentszen, Jillis Janszen, Corn. Croesen met syn huys vr.) (parents: Cornelis Claeszen Switsart, Ariaentie Cornelis); d. 1734 Rochester; m. **Jannetie De Witt**, dau. of Tjerck De Witt. He joined the church at Kingston in 1678 and was later an elder.
- **Pieter Corneliszen Switzart**, bp. 12 Oct 1653 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Isaac de Foreest, Sara du Trieux) (parents: Corn. Claeszen Switzart; no mother's name in bp. record); apparently d.y. (not mentioned in Orphan's Court record)
- **Cornelia Corneliszen Rademaecker**, bp. 31 Oct 1655 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Jansen de Cuyper, Jan Labette, Hendrick Jochemszen, Marretje Tymens, Elsje Jans) (parents: Corn. Claeszen Rademaecker, Ariaentie Cornelis)

---Sources: Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York (Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. II) printed 1901; Riker, James, Revised History of Harlem...New York, 1904, p. 162, 168 footnote; Fernow, Berthold, The Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, 1655-1663, New York, Francis P. Harper, 1902

### Swits, Cornelis

Cornelis Swits  
son of Isaac Cornelissen Swits &  
Susanna Groot  
b.

m. 8 Nov 1702  
Albany Ref Ch  
(banns 8 Oct 1702  
Albany Ref Ch)

**Hester Visscher** (Hessie)  
dau. of Dirck Hermansz Visscher &  
Femmetje Jans  
b.

*---children of Cornelis Swits & Hester Visscher:*

- **Isaac Swits**, bp. 2 July 1703 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Isaac and Susanna Swits); apparently d.y.
  - **Femmetje Swits**, bp. 13 Jan 1705 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Tjerk Harmense Visscher, Antje Visscher)
  - **Isaac Swits**, bp. 22 Sep 1706 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Isaac and Susanna Swits)
  - **Tjerk Swits**, bp. 29 Feb 1708 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob and Elisabeth Visscher); apparently d.y.
  - **Susanna Swits**, bp. 15 July 1711 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Appel, Apalony Eckeson)
  - **Anna Swits**, bp. 19 Oct 1712 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Tierik Harmsen, Rebecca Swits) (no mother's surname in bp. record)
  - **Tierk Harmsen Swits**, bp. 14 Aug 1714 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Benjamin Eckbertsen, Geertruy Visscher) (no mother's surname in bp. record)
  - **Ariaentie Swits**, bp. 15 April 1716 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob and Sanna Visscher) (no mother's surname in bp. record)
  - **Cornelis Swits**, bp. 30 Aug 1719 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob and Lena Visser) (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, NY, reprinted by Clearfield Publishing Co., 1999; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

**Swits, Cornelius**

Cornelius Swits

m.

**Cornelia**

d. before 21 Feb 1738

d. before 3 June 1746

In her will, she wrote: (in Dutch language)...21 day of February, 173 7/8, I, Cornelia Swyts, widow of Cornelius Swyts, of the Town of Rochester, in Ulster County. I leave to my niece, Janake Wynkoop, my Great Looking glass, and large table. To my niece, Catharine Duytser, and to Margaret Oothout, my clothing. Legacy to her sister, Rachel Bogardus. To my friend, Arientie Hardenbrook, a cupboard. To my niece, Barbarie Toffer, my bed pan. I make my cousin, Egbert De Milt, executor, and my niece, Barbarie Toffer. Witnesses, Maria Hoornbeck, Annettie Hoornbeck, Cornelius Hoornbeck. Proved, in Ulster County, before John Crooke, Esq., June 3, 1746.

---Sources: 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 IV 1744-1753, p. 110 (will of Cornelia Swyts)

**Swits, Cornelis**

Cornelis Swits

m.

-?-

*---children of Cornelis Swits*

- **Femmetje Cornelis Swits**, buried 8 June 1725 Albany Ref Ch

---Sources: Talcott, S. V., *Genealogical Notes of New York and New England Families*, Albany, 1883 (Burials in the Albany Ref Ch), p. 455

**Switzer, Garret (Switcher)**

Garret Switzer

son of

m. 5 June 1797 Kakiat Ref Ch by Rev. G.G.

**Susanna May**

dau. of

Brinkerhoff, Security:

b.

Cornelius Wanamaker,

b.

d. about 16 Nov 1831

Charles May, David Pulisfelt

d.

---Sources: Martha Ann Zabriskie Memorandum Book (Typescript at Bergen County Historical Society Library); Kakiat Marriages; Marriage Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, New York 1774-1898, also known as "Kakiat" and presently referred to as "Brick Church" online at <http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/>

**Switzer, Henry**

Henry Switzer

son of

m. 20 Dec 1800 Kakiat Ref Ch

**Annatie Barbaraux [Barbarow]**

by Rev. G.G. Brinkerhoff

dau. of

---Sources: Marriage Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, New York 1774-1898, also known as "Kakiat" and presently referred to as "Brick Church" online at <http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/>

**Swits, Isaac Cornelissen ("Kleyn Isaac")**

Isaac Cornelissen Swits

m.

**Susanna Groot**

son of Cornelis Claessen Swits &

dau. of Simon Groot &

Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels

Rebecca Du Trieux

b. 1642

b.

bp. 5 Oct 1642 NYC Ref Ch

bp.

d. 1701-1707 Schenectady, Albany Co., NY

d.

He settled in Schenectady, NY.

In his will, dated 1 April 1701, filed 4 Oct 1707, written in Dutch, Isaac Swits, of Schinnechtady, considering the frailty of this life. I appoint for my only and universal heir, my wife, Susanah Groot, and that in all my lands, goods, gold and silver "coyned or uncoyned," none excepted, so long as she remains in her widowhood. But she is obliged to cause the under-aged children, "procreated between us in the fear of the Lord," to learn to read and write, and an art or handicraft whereby, with God's assistance they may get their bread. My eldest son Cornelius shall have the meadow to me belonging, lying behind my front land, whereby to annul all pretence of his right of primogeniture. After the decease of my wife, all the estate is to be divided among my eight children, Cornelius, Simon, Abraham, Ariaentie, Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob and Nicholas Isaacsen. Each of my sons is to have 4 morgen of land out of my front land, but they are not to sell it while my wife is living. I make my son

Cornelius and Captain Evert Byvanck, executors. Witnesses, Anthony Van Schayck, Anthony Kastr, Barent Lytin. Proved in Albany, October 4, 1707.

---children of Isaac Cornelissen Swits & Susanna Groot: (8 children)

- **Isaak Isaacs Swits**, bp. 28 July 1691 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Elisabeth Banker); m. **Helen De Wit**
- **Jacob Isak Swits**, bp. 29 Oct 1693 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Evert Banker, Elisabeth Banker); apparently d.y.
- **Jacob Swits**, bp. 26 June 1795 Schenectady Ref Ch (wit: Arent Vedder, Sarah Groot)
- **Nicolaas Swits** (Claes), bp. 10 Nov 1697 Schenectady Ref Ch (wit: Barent Wemple, Anna Wemple)
- **Cornelius Isaacs Swits**, m. 9 Oct 1702 Albany, NY, **Hester Dircks Vischer**.
- **Simon Isaacs Swits**
- **Abraham Isaacs Swits**
- **Aryaentie Isaacs Swits**
- **Rebecca Isaacs Swits**

---Sources: Riker, James, *Revised History of Harlem...New York*, 1904, p. 168 footnote; Fernow, Berthold, *Calendar of Wills on File and Recorded in the Offices of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, of the County Clerk at Albany, and of the Secretary of State, 1626-1836*, 1896, p. 336; 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, page 461 (will of Isaac Switz); *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; Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Baptisms, 1694-1700, online 2007 at <<http://www.bettyfink.com/scdybap1.htm>>

### Swits, Jacob

Jacob Swits

m.

**Helena De Witt**

---children of Jacob Swits & Helena De Witt:

- **Andries Swits**, bp. 21 Dec 1723 Schenectady Ref Ch (wit: Sander Glen, Rebecca Swits)

---Sources: Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Baptisms, 1722-1723, online 2007 at <<http://www.bettyfink.com/scdybap1.htm>>

### Switzer, Johan Casper

Johan Casper Switzer

m.

**Anna Margriet Swinker**

---children of Johan Casper Switzer & Anna Margriet Swinker:

- **Johan George Zwitzer**, bp. 21 Aug 1756 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johan Georg Snyder, Anna Elizabet Wepfer, huis v. v. Nichols. Geyer)

---Sources: NYC Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1897, p. 31

### Switzer, John (Johon Swetcher)

John Switzer

m. 4 Aug 1804 Kakiat

**Susanna Wanamaker (Santje)**

son of

Ref Ch by Rev. G.G.

dau. of

Brinkerhoff

---children of John Switzer & Susanna Wanamaker:

- **John Swetcher**, bp. 28 July 1805 New Prospect Meth Ch

---Sources: "Bergen County Church Records: Waldwick [New Prospect] United Methodist Church, Marriages and Baptisms, 1797-1847" in *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Vol. 64, Numbers 2 & 3, Vol. 65, Number 1; Whole Numbers 227, 228 & 229 (May & September 1989 and January 1990); Marriage Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, New York 1774-1898, also known as "Kakiat" and presently referred to as "Brick Church" online at <<http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/>>

### Switzer, John E. (Rev.) (John W. Switzer)

John E. Switzer

m.

**Louisa L. (Louisa C.)**

son of

dau. of

b. Jan 1832 PA

b. March 1837 PA

d. 15 Sep 1921

d.

He was a clergyman; was pastor of the New Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church (Waldwick) in 1865-67; was later pastor of the Lutheran Church, Saddle River. Abt. 1889 he moved briefly to Baltimore, where he was involved with the publication of the *Lutheran Observer*.

He lived at 100 East Allendale Avenue, Allendale, Bergen Co., NJ.

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Manchester Township, Paterson, NJ P.O., p. 16, enumerated 7 Aug 1860, Dwelling 1068, Family 121 -- J. E. Switzer, 30, Clergyman MEC, value real estate \$3500, value personal estate \$300, b. PA; Louisa [Switzer], 23, b. PA; Walter [Switzer], 2, b. NY; Morris McNamee?, 20, laborer, b. Ireland.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Allendale, District 1, p. 7, enumerated 6 June 1900, Dwelling 72, Family 72 -- Switzer, John E., Head, b. Jan 1832, age 68, married 43 yrs., b. PA, his parents b. PA, Clergyman (retired); [Switzer], Louisa C., Wife, b. Mar 1837, age 63, married 43 yrs., mother of 2 children, 2 children then living; b. PA, her parents b. PA; [Switzer], Carrie, Daughter, b. Jan 1864, age 36, Single, b. NJ; Thomson, Ida, Black, Servant, b. May 1870, age 30, Single, b. VA; Brown, David E., Boarder, b. May 1866, age 34, married 8 yrs., b. NY, his father b. Scotland, his mother b. Ireland, Clerk; [Brown], Mary J., Boarder, b. Oct 1869, age 31, married 8 yrs., mother of 0 children, b. NY, her father b. RI, her mother b. NY.

---children of John Switzer & Louisa

- **Walter Switzer**, b. abt. 1859 NY; d. March 1916; buried Valleau Cem., Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ;

m. **Anna Augusta Pell**.

- **Carrie Switzer**, b. Jan 1864 NJ; d. June 1947 Saylorsburgh, PA; bur. Luth Chyd., Saddle River, Bergen Co., NJ. She never married; conducted a boarding house and later a school (abt. 1915) at the house at 100 E. Allendale Ave., Allendale. She

moved to Stroudsburg, PA abt. 1938.

---Sources: 1880 Federal Census, Hohokus Twp.; John E. Switzer obituary in *Ramsey Journal*, 22 Sep 1921; *The Landscape* Feb 1889, and March 1889

**Switzer, Samuel H.** (Rev.)

Samuel H. Switzer

m.

**Nellie**

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b. July 1836 PA

b. Feb 1842 England

d. Jan 1918 Harrison, Hudson Co., NJ

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He lived in Allendale, Bergen Co., NJ and later at Park Ridge, where he was pastor of the Congregational Church.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Orange Co., Minisink, p. 32, enumerated 9 Sep 1870, Dwelling 222 (living in same dwelling with the family headed by Matthew (age 54) & Eveline (age 38) Decker), Family 259 -- Switzer, Samuel 34, Ministry, b. PA; [Switzer], Nellie, 27, Keeps House, b. England.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New Jersey, Bergen Co., Washington Township, District 017, p. 15, enumerated 9 & 10 June 1880, Dwelling 128, Family 147 -- Switzer, Samuel H., 44, Baptist Minister, b. PA, his parents b. PA; [Switzer], Nellie, 38, Wife, Keeping House, b. England, her parents b. England; [Switzer], William M. S., 9, Son, b. NY; [Switzer], Fanny A., 7, Daughter, b. NJ; [Switzer], Robert M. C., 5, Son, b. NY; [Switzer], Ella H.?, 2, Daughter, b. NY.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Harrison, Ward 4, District 21, p. 42, enumerated 13 June 1900, 611 Central Avenue, Dwelling 280, Family 242 -- Switzer, Samuel H., Head, b. July 1836, age 63, married 33 yrs., b. PA, his parents b. PA, Clergyman, renting home; [Switzer], Nellie, Wife, b. Feb 1842, age 58, married 33 yrs., mother of 6 children, 4 children then living, b. England, her parents b. England; [Switzer], Fannie A., Daughter, b. Dec 1872, age 27, Single, b. NJ; [Switzer], Robert, Son, b. Feb 1875, age 25, Single, b. NY, Book Keeper. They were listed just after the family headed by William (age 29) & Mabel M. (age 28) Switzer.

---*children of Samuel H. Switzer & Nellie*

- **William M. S. Switzer**, b. Nov 1870 NY; m. **Mabel M. -?-**
- **Fanny A. Switzer**, b. about 1873 NJ
- **Robert M. C. Switzer**, b. about 1875 NY
- **Ella H. Switzer**, b. about 1878 NY

---Sources: newspaper clipping: Rev. Samuel H. Switzer obituary

**Swits, Simon**

Simon Swits

m.

**Geesie**

---*children of Simon Swits & Geesie*

- **Isaac Swits**, bp. 3 Aug 1717 Schenectady Ref Ch (wit: Sander Glen, Rebecca Swits) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

---Sources: Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Baptisms, 1716-1718, online 2007 at <<http://www.bettyfink.com/scdybap1.htm>>

**Unplaced Switzer Women:**

**Peggy Switzer**, , m. 14 March 1801 Kakiat Ref Ch, **Samuel Smith**