

-- VAN BRAKEL --

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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Van Brakel, Gerrit Gysbertse

Gerrit Gysbertse Van Brakel
son of

m. 15 Oct 1704
Schenectady Ref Ch
(banns 2 Sep 1704
Schenectady Ref Ch)

Catryntje Van der Volgen
dau. of

b.

b.

---children of Gerrit Gysbertse Van Brakel & Catryna Van der Volgen:

- **Maria Gerrits [Van Brakel]**, bp. 15 Feb 1710 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Claas and Maria Van der Volge)
- **Klaes Van Brakel**, bp. 12 [no month given in bp. record] 1712 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Van der Volgen, Elisabeth Graaf)

---Sources: Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Marriages, 1694-1726, online Oct 2000 at <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/5934/sdrcm1.htm>>; *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

Van Brakel, Gysbert Gerritszen

Gysbert Gerritszen Van Brakel
son of
d.

m. (1)

m. (2) 23 July 1693
Albany Ref Ch

Ryntie Stephens (Reyntje)
dau. of
d. before 23 July 1693
Elisabeth Jans Douw
(widow of **Jan Van Eps**)
dau. of Jan Douw & Maria Jans

b. about 1645

In the (2) marriage record, he was widower of Reyntje Stephens; she was widow of Jan Van Eps; both living at Schenectady. Lysbeth/Elisabeth Jans Douw's first husband, Johannes Van Eps was born about 1630 Netherlands; d. 8 Feb 1690 in the Schenectady massacre.

---children of Gysbert Gerritszen Van Brakel & (1) Ryntie Stephens:

• (prob) **Steve Van Brakel**, m. **Dina Kloppers**

• **Marritie Gysberts [Van Brakel]**, bp. 6 Nov 1672 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jeams, Maria Gosens)

---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; New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at [genealogy.com](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/5934/sdrcm1.htm)

Van Braekel, Gysbert

Gysbert Van Braekel
son of

m. 1 Jan 1717
Schenectady Ref Ch

Maritien Vroomans
dau. of

In their marriage record, they were a j.m. and a j.d., both of Schenectady.

---Sources: Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Marriages, 1694-1726, online Oct 2000 at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/5934/sdrcm1.htm>

Vanbrackle, Gisbert

Gisbert Vanbrackle

m.

Rachel

In his will, dated 9 May 1747 Middletown, Monmouth Co., NJ, Gisbert Vanbrackle, cordwainer; mentioned wife, Rachel, land bought of James Mott and John Dorsett. Daughters, Anne and Rachel. An unborn child. Executors--wife, Rachel, brother Stephen Vanbrackle, friend James Mott. Witnesses--Jarratt Wall, Richard Herbert, James Dorsett. Proved May 30, 1747.

1747, June 11. Inventory (£373.13.101/2) includes sword and 2 guns. Made by Cornelius Dooren and Jarratt Wall.

---Sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. II, 1730-1750. Part II (online at Ancestry.com), p. 493 (will of Gusbert Vanbrackle)

Van Brakelen, Geysbert

Geysbert Van Brakelen
son of

m. 5 July 1730
Schenectady Ref Ch
(banns: 20 June 1730
Schenectady Ref Ch)

Maria Van Antwerpen
dau. of Simon Danielse Van Antwerp &
Maria Peek
b. Schenectady, NY
bp. 9 Nov 1707

b. Schenectady, NY
bp.

In the Schenectady Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Gysbert Van Brakel, j.m. born and lives here, and Maria Van Antwerpen, j.d., born and lives here.

---children of Geybert Van Brakelen & Maria Van Antwerpen:

• **Sara Van Brakelen**, bp. 5 Aug 1753 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Wouter and Catarina De Freest)

---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; Schenectady Dutch Reformed Church Marriages, 1727-1735, online Oct 2000 at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/5934/sdrcm2.htm>

Van Brakle, James

James Van Brakle

m.

Sarah

In his will, dated 24 Sep 1748 Middletown Township, Monmouth Co., NJ, James Van Brakle, mariner; mentioned wife, Sarah. Four children, names not given, all under age. Real and personal estate. Executors--the wife and brother John (van Brackle). Witnesses--Johannes Heyer, David Allen and Thomas Bullman. Proved May 9, 1760. Lib. G, p. 197. 1760, May 10. Inventory, £174.11.8, incl. silver buckles, buttons and pieces of spoons, £1.4; 6 books; bonds and notes, £120.4.9; 2 navigation books, 7s.; made by John Smith and Thomas Buliman.

---Sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. III, 1751-1760 (online at Ancestry.com) (will of James Van Brakle)

Van Brackle, Matthias (Verbreckle)

Matthias Van Brackle

m.

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In his will, dated 2 Feb 1749 Monmouth Co., NJ, Matthias Van Brackle/Verbreckle, yeoman; mentioned children--Stephen, Matthias, James, John, Samuel. Granddaughter, Anna Vankirk. Daughters--Cornelia Vankirk, Naomi Crawford, loom and tackling belonging to weaving trade. Son, Stephen, bark-mill and currying and shoemaking tools. Granddaughter, Artilla Verbrackle. Son, Samuel, "has been long absent and know not where;" if he does not return in two years, or has issue, then £6 given to granddaughter, Artilla, to come from Samuel's share. Lands to son Stephen, excepting a burying-place on testator's home plantation, to be 30 ft. square and have fence and free passage to road leading from testator's house to John Bowne's house. Executors--son, Stephen, and John Bowne, Esq. Witnesses--William Couwenhoven, Johannes Bennet, John Nathaniel Hutchins. Proved March 24, 1749-50. 1750, March 28. Inventory (£251.16.6) includes 2 guns, pistol and sword, £2.10; 2 Bibles; 1 "voyalin." Made by William Couanhoven, Johannes Bennet, Isaac Hance.

---children of Matthias Van Brackle &

- **Stephen Van Brackle**
- **Matthias Van Brackle**
- **James Van Brackle**
- **John Van Brackle**

- **Samuel Van Brackle**
- **Cornelia Van Brackle**, m. before 10 April 1726, **John Van Kirk**
- **Naomi Van Brackle**, m. -?- **Crawford**

---Sources: Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. II, 1730-1750. Part II (online at Ancestry.com), p. 493 (will of Matthias Van Brackle/Verbreckle)

Van Brakell, Matthew (Mathys Van Brakel)

Matthew Van Brakell

m.

Rachel Janszen

Rachel, wife of Matthew Van Brakell, was mentioned in the 23 Jan 1745 will of her brother, Albert Johnson.

---*children of Matthew Van Brakel & Rachel Janszen*:

- **Rachel Van Brakel**, bp. 22 April 1728 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (no wit)

---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 III 1730-1744, page 183 (will of Albert Johnson); Staten Island Church Records, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. IV, 1909

Van Brakel, Steven

Steven Van Brakel

m. 19 Jan 1706

Dina Cloppers (Kloppers)

son of Gysbert Gerritszen Van Brakel &

NYC Ref Ch

(widow of **Willem Coely**)

(1) Rytie Stephens

(License 15 Jan 1706)

dau. of Cornelius Cloppers &

Heyltje Pieters

bp.

bp. 15 March 1675 NYC Ref Ch

---*children of Steven Van Brakele & Dina Kloppers*:

- **Margrietje Ver Brakel**, bp. 17 Nov 1706 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Olphert Sjoerts, Pieterella Kloppers, Wed.); apparently d.y.

- **Reintje Brakele**, bp. 9 Jan 1709 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Filipz, Marytje Berries)

- **Margrietje a Brakele**, bp. 11 April 1711 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelus Klopper, Joha Zoon, Aefje Klopper, huys v. van

Cornelus Klopper, Senr.)

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

Van Brakel, Stephen

Stephen Van Brakel

m. 5 Dec 1719

Maria Puddington

son of

NYC Ref Ch

dau. of

(License 3 Dec 1719)

---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

Unplaced Van Brakel Women:

Aaltje Brakel, m. before 1 April 1716, **Benjamin James**

Maritie Braker, m. before July 1704, **Samuel Borsies**