

-- VAN DAM --

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 Dam, Anthony

Anthony Van Dam m. -?-

---children of Anthony Van Dam &

• **Sophia Van Dam**, b. 1740 Bergen Co., NJ; d. before 1770; m. (1) 22 Nov 1760 Hackensack Ref Ch (22 Nov 1760 NJ License), **Abraham Van Buskirk** (Lt. Col.; Col.) (Dr.)

Van Dam, Claes Ripse

Claes Ripse Van Dam m. **Maria Bord** (Bords)
son of Rip Van Dam & dau. of

He was a master carpenter in Beverwyck in 1657. In that year (1657) he was fined two beavers for wounding Harmen de Metselaer with a pot. He was still living there as late as 1686.

Tuesday, December 2, 1654 - The honorable consistory here, plaintiffs, against Claes Ripsz, have quested in the presence of the defendant that the defendant may be xamined on (interrogatories) as follows: The undersigned, Gideon Sohaets, Minister, Rutger Jacobsz, Elder, Anthony do Hoages, Deacon, being appointed a commitee by the honorable Court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck may be pleased to have Claes Ripsin summoned before the court, at our instance, according to our duty, answer the following interrogatories and then to take into consideration our arguments. First, whether Klaes Ripsz does not admit having had carnal conversation with the sister (of) the wife of Teunis Jacobz? Whether he promised to marry her or not? Whether he has acknowledged that he is the father of the child of which the aforesaid woman was recently delivered or not? Whether he has requested to have the banns of marriage proclaimed here or not? Whether he was informed that it had al-

ready take place or no? And or certain reasons he is asked whether he does not often sleep with her yet under one cover as man and wife ? All this, or foregoing being admitted by Klaes Ripsz, he is asked whether he is willing to marry her or not ? And when ? Answer, Yes. And that he would marry her. Answer, 'Yes he was so informed. Answer, Yes. Says he e'cpeo~ news from his father ~hom he has written about it. Moreover all excuses and subterfuges about this are very illogical for seeing that man is mortal it would be full of danger for them to depart without being married: First, because, although it may be argued that they are engaged, this is neither binding nor legal as long as they are not united in marriage in the customary way. Secondly, because of people who live together like man and wife, one can never know when the woman will again be pregnant by him. Therefore in view of the inevitable results and consequences mentioned, we come to the positive conclusion that in order to avoid to promote good order, to maintain justice and finally to fulfill our bounden duty, Klaes Ripsz must be united with the aforesaid person at the first opportunity. Whereupon we expect the judgment of the Honorable Court aforesaid. Thus done in Fort Orange, the First day of December, 1654. Was signed: Gedeon Sphaets, Pastor; Rutger Jacobsz, Elder; Anthonius de Hooges, Deacon. The honorable court having heard the arguments and debates on both sides, condemm the defendant to marry the aforesaid person even this day, and so the aforesaid woman is sickly and can not well take the trouble to go out, the Reverend Gedeon Schaets is requested to perform the marriage at her home. Otherwise if he, Claes Ripsz, refuses to do so, he shall immediately be put in irons until he marries her. Which being proposed to him, it was found that he had nothing but frivolous excuses to offer and therefore was put in irons.

Claes Ripse Van Dam, Andries Douw, and Elsje Hendricksen witnessed the baptism 28 April 1700 Albany Ref Ch, of Pieter, son of Hendrick Hanssen & Debora Van Dam.

---children of Claes Ripse Van Dam & (5 children?)

- **Daughter Van Dam**, b. about 1654
- **Cataryna Claes Van Dam**, b. 3 Oct 1655; m. (prob) 25 Nov 1688 Albany Ref Ch, **Hendrick Van Ness**, widower of Annatie Everts Pels
- **Rip Claes Van Dam**, b. about 1662 Albany, NY; m. 23 Sep 1684 NYC Ref Ch, **Sara Van der Spiegel**
- (poss) **Debora Van Dam**, b. (poss) 5 June 1664; m. 21 Sep 1692 Albany Ref Ch, **Hendrick Hansen**
- (poss) **Margaret Van Dam**, m. **Andrew Van Alst**

---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; Riker, James, [Van Dam Family Bible Record] in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, 1882 (Vol 13), p. 201

Van Dam, Isaac

Isaac Van Dam
son of Rip Van Dam &
Sara Van Der Spiegel
b. 7 Oct 1694 (or 9 Jan 1704)
d. before 7 May 1750 (1749)

m. 19 Sep 1719

Isabella Pintard (Florinda Isabella)
dau. of Anthony Pintard &
Marie Celeste
b.
d. before 9 April 1770

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Isaac Van Dam, of New York, being sick and weak. I leave to my wife Isabella all household stuff and plate. To my son Anthony £5. All the rest of my estate I leave to my wife and my three sons, Rip, Isaac, and John, and my daughters, Sarah, Catherine, and Mary, when they are of age or married. My executors are to sell all houses and lands. I make my wife and my daughter Sarah, and my son Anthony and Mr. Matthew Van Alstyne, executors. Dated November 10, 1749. Witnesses, Hubert Van Wagner, Matthew Thomas, Elisha Dabree. Proved, May 7, 1750.

In her will, she wrote: ...I, Isabella Van Dam, widow of Mr. Isaac Van Dam, of New York, being sick and indisposed. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my daughters, Sarah and Catharine Mary, all my household and kitchen furniture. All the rest of my estate I leave to my six children, Sarah, Anthony, Rip, Isaac, John, and Catharine Mary. What any of them may be indebted to me is to be taken out of their share. I make Mr. Nicholas William Stuyvesant, and my son Anthony, and my daughters, Sarah and Catharine Mary, executors. Dated February 12, 1765. Witnesses, Sarah White, Mary Sister, spinster, William Wallace. Proved, April 9, 1770.

---children of Isaac Van Dam & Isabella Pintard:

- **Anthony Van Dam**
- **Rip Van Dam**
- **Isaac Van Dam**, d. before 8 Oct 1785; letters of administration on his estate granted 8 Oct 1785 to Daughter Susan Romayne, wife of Nicholas Romayne, New York, physician; m. -?- . He was a merchant, of the Island of St. Eustatia.
- **John Van Dam**
- **Sara Van Dam** (Sarah), bp. 27 Oct 1728 French Ch, NYC (wit: Isaac Van Dam, Catherine Searle); d. between 4 March 1791-1 Dec 1792.¹
- **Catharine Mary Van Dam**. She was in London in March 1791.
- **Mary Van Dam**

---Sources:

[1] Collections of the New York Historical Society for the year 1905, Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, vol XIV, 1906, (Liber 41), p. 224 (will of Sarah Van Dam) (online at Google Books);

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. 274 (will of Isaac Van Dam); 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. 310 (will of Isabella Van Dam); New York French Church Baptisms 1688-1802 online at <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~rbillard/french_baptisms.htm> [transcribed by Robert Billard] from book ed. Alfred V. Wittmeyer; Information posted online at Ancestry.com Family Trees

Van Dam, Isaac

Isaac Van Dam
son of Isaac Van Dam &

m.

Sarah Young²
dau. of John Younge &

Isabella Pintard
 bp. 4 April 1736 Christ Ch, Shrewsbury, NJ
 d. before 7 March 1776

bp.
 d.

Isaac Van Dam was a prosperous merchant, of St. Eustatia, West Indies.

Sarah Young sent a letter to her brother [The Reverend George Young, then in England] dated Nov. 4, 1784.²

Isaac Van Dam d. before 8 Oct 1785; letters of administration on his estate granted 8 Oct 1785 to Daughter Susan Romayne, wife of Nicholas Romayne, New York, physician.

She, as widow of the late Mr. Isaac Van Dam of St. Eustatia, m. (2) 21 Dec 1785 Trinity Ch, NYC, **Peter Corney** [Corney], Esq. of Peekskill.¹

---children of Isaac Van Dam & Sarah Young

- **Anne Isabella Van Dam**, m. 29 May 1796 St. Pancras Old Church, London, England, **John Mackenzie**
- **Susannah Van Dam** (Susan), m. (Dr.) **Nicholas Romayne**
- **Sarah Van Dam**, m. **James Searle**

---Sources:

[1] Collections of the New-York Historical Society, 1871, vol. 3, Extracts from Various Newspapers 1785-1790, p. 375, (Corney-Van Dam marriage, in *The New York Packet*, Monday, December 26, 1785) (at Google Books);

[2] Watson, Shelley B. Joel, "Death Be Not Proud: A Denouement of How one Man and his Death Made One Small Island Become More Detrimental to England Than All the Forces of her Enemies" A Story of Isaac Van Dam of Statia, 1986 (online at Google.com);

Van Dam, Richard

Richard Van Dam
 son of Rip Van Dam &
 Sara Van der Spiegel
 bp. 11 Aug 1700 NYC Ref Ch
 d. before 14 April 1736

m. 1 March 1723
 NYC Ref Ch
 (License 27 Feb 1723)

Cornelia Beekman
 dau. of Gerardus Beekman &
 Magdalene Abeel

bp.
 d.

In his will, he wrote: I, Richard Van Dam, of New York, being in good and perfect memory. I leave to my eldest son, Rip Van Dam, £10, in right of primogeniture. To my wife Cornelia, all the rest of my estate, real and personal, during her life, and then to my six children, Rip, Gerardus, Nicholas, Magdalena, Sarah, and Catrina, "and to such other children we may yet procreate together." I make my wife executor with full power to sell real estate. And I make my two brothers-in-law, William Beekman and Charles Le Roux, overseers of my children. Dated December 14, 1734. Witnesses, Benjamin Thomas, Gerard Beekman, Henry Beekman, Jr. Proved, April 14, 1736. And Cornelia Van Dam having relinquished the executorship, Richard Van Alsyn was made administrator. [Note.--Richard Van Dam was the son of Rip Van Dam, who was formerly acting Governor. His homestead was several lots on the west corner of Nassau street and Maiden lane.--W. S. P.]

---children of Richard Van Dam & Cornelia Beekman:

- **Magdalena Van Dam**, bp. 15 Jan 1724 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Rip Van Dam, Magdalene Beekman)
- **Rip Van Dam**
- **Richard Van Dam**, bp. 22 Nov 1730 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Walton, Catharina Provoost)
- **Gerardus Van Dam**
- **Nicholas Van Dam**
- **Sarah Van Dam**
- **Catrina Van Dam**

---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, pages 195 & 196 (will of Richard Van Dam); Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); 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

Van Dam, Rip

Rip Van Dam
 son of Claes Ripse Van Dam &
 Maria Bord/Bords
 b. about 1662 Albany, NY
 bp.
 d. prob June 1749

m. 24 Sep 1684
 NYC Ref Ch
 (banns 4 Sep 1784
 NYC Ref Ch)

Sara Van der Spiegel
 dau. of Laurens Van der Spiegel &
 Sarah Webbers
 b. NYC
 bp. 16 Dec 1663 NYC Ref Ch
 d.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage and banns, they were: Rip Van Dam, j.m. Van N. Albanien, Sara Van der Spiegel, j.d. Van N. Yorke, beyde woonende alhier.

Rip Van Dam was one of the leading citizens of New York in his day, a wealthy merchant, a member of the Common Council for thirty years and its president in 1731. When John Montgomerie, the Governor of the Province, died July 1, 1731, Rip Van Dam, Esq., as President of the Council, assumed the powers of Governor and acted as such till the arrival of Governor William Cosby, August 1, 1732.

He lived at the corner of Nassau Street and Maiden Lane, which at that time was one of "the social centres" for New York "society."

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Rip Van Dam, of New York, Esq., June 16, 1746, do make and declare this to be my last will. I leave to my grandson Nicholas (son of my eldest son, Rip Van Dam, deceased), 20 shillings in full bar to all claims as heir-at-law. Whereas I have built two small tenements or dwelling houses upon lands which I hold upon lease from John Harpending, deceased, I bequeath one of the said houses that is next to the gate, unto my undutiful daughter Mary, widow of Nicholas Parcell, for the remainder of the lease; And the other tenement next the house and ground of my brother-in-law, Teunis Van Woert, I give to Catryntie Thong, widow of my late grand son, Rip Thong; I also leave her £50. My executors

are to make an inventory, and sell all houses and lands except as above, and all my movable estate at public vendue. I leave to my housekeeper, Mrs. Ann Wyborn, £5 of the proceeds of my estate. I leave 1/6 to Nicholas and Margaret, the children of my son, Rip Van Dam, deceased; 1/6 to my grand children, Magdalen, Rip, Gerardus, Nicholas and Cornelius, the children of my son, Richard Van Dam, deceased; 1/6 to my grand children, Peter, Lynch, Sarah, wife of Mathias Van Alstyne, and Mary, wife of Egbert Benjamin Eghbertse, being the children of my daughter Mary. And 1/6 to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Moore, and to Sovrain Seabrant, son of my daughter, Elizabeth Kiersted (my grand sons, Robert Livingston and Thomas Moore, are to be his guardians); And to my grand daughter Mary, wife of Robert Livingston, and to my grand children, Walter Thong and Hendricks Thong, the two children of my Grand-son, Thomas Thong, deceased, and to my great grandson, Hendrick Ryckert Hansen, son of my grand daughter Sarah, late wife of Ryckert Hansen. Thomas Moore and his family and Mrs. Ann Wyburn and her children are to remain in my dwelling house six months. I make my son Isaac, and Thomas Moore and my grand son, Robert Livingston, executors. Witnesses, Simon Cregier, William Poppledorf, Simon Johnson. Codicil, March 17, 1748. I leave to my grand son, Hendrick Hansen, the house and lot on the north side of Maiden lane, now in occupation of Mary Ashfield, bounded west by the house in tenure of Captain Griffiths, and east by Robert Livingston, and north by the brew-house. Proved, June 21, 1749. [NOTE.--Rip Van Dam was for many years one of the most prominent men and merchants of New York. He was a member of the Council for nearly thirty years. As President of the Council he was Acting Governor from the time of the death of Governor John Montgomerie, in 1731, till the accession of Governor William Cosby, in 1732. He was born about 1662, and died probably in June, 1749. His homestead seems to have been at the west corner of Nassau street and Maiden lane.--W. S. P.]

---children of Rip Van Dam & Sara Van der Spiegel:

- **Maria Van Dam**, bp. 15 July 1685 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Claes Van Dam, Isaac de Foreest, Sara Webbers); apparently d.y.
- **Sara Van dam**, bp. 31 Oct 1686 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van der Spiegel, Lysbeth Van der Spiegel);
m. **Walter Thong**
- **Nicolaes Rips Van Dam**, bp. 4 Nov 1688 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Henricus Selyns, Margareta de Riemer)
- **Maria Rips Van Dam**, bp. 16 Nov 1690 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Isaac de Foreest, Margrietie Van dam); m. **Nicholas Parcell**
- **Catharina Van Dam**, bp. 27 Nov 1692 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Van der Spiegel, Marritie Luursen)
- **Rip Van Dam (Jr.)**, bp. 7 Oct 1694 NYC Ref Ch; m. 18 Sep 1719 NYC Ref Ch, **Judith Bayard**, dau. of Samuel Bayard & Margaret Van Cortlandt.
- **Margareta Van Dam**, bp. 10 Nov 1695 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Bouden Claeszen Duedyck, Anna Sanders, h.v. Jac. Van der Spiegel)
- **Louwrens Van Dam**, bp. 16 May 1697 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Brant Schuyler, en Andries Van Alst, Maria Van der Spiegel, en Maria Van Dam)
- **Debora Van Dam**, bp. 22 Jan 1699 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Thomas Noel en Elisabeth, s.h. vrou)
- **Richard Van Dam**, bp. 11 Aug 1700 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Richard Walters Thongh, Anna Van Deurse); m. 1 March 1724, **Cornelia Beekman**.
- **Jacob Van Dam** (twin), bp. 22 Feb 1702 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Thomas Noel Mayer en syn huysvrouw)
- **Rachel Van Dam** (twin), bp. 22 Feb 1702 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Capt. John Bond, Margreta Van Dam, h.v. van Andries Alst)
- **Isaac Van Dam**, bp. 9 Jan 1704 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Henricus Van der Spiegel, Elisabeth Van der Spiegel)
- **Elizabeth Van Dam**, bp. 3 Feb 1706 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Walter Tangh, Sara Van Dam)
- **Catharina Van Dam**, bp. 28 Sep 1707 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Myer, Maria Bradeth)

---Sources: *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Information online Sep 1999 from <WayneLII@aol.com>; 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. 226 (will of Rip Van Dam); *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

Van Dam, Rip

Rip Van Dam
son of Rip Van Dam &
Sara Van der Spiegel
bp. 7 Oct 1694 NYC Ref Ch

m. 18 Sep 1719
NYC Ref Ch
(License 18 Sep 1719)

Judith Bayard

dau. of Samuel Bayard (or Nicholas Bayard) &
Margaret Van Cortlandt
bp.

In his will, he wrote: first day of August, 1727. I, Rip Van Dam, Jr., of New York, merchant, being in perfect health. I direct all debts to be paid. I leave to my only son, Nicholas Van Dam, £5, when he is of age, in consideration of his birthright. I leave to my wife Judith, for her support, and to bring up my children, all my personal estate, plate, and goods. If she marries, she is to have one half. I leave to my wife, the use of all my real estate for her support and to maintain my children. After the death of my wife I leave all my estate to my two children, Margaret and Nicholas. If both die, then I leave half to my wife, and the other half to my brothers and sisters. I make my wife and my father-in-law, Nicholas Bayard, executors. Witnesses, Francis Pelletreau, Nicholas Vaughton, Anthony Ham. Proved, July 10, 1728. [Note.--The residence of Rip Van Dam, Jr., was one of the lots of his father on the southwest corner of Maiden Lane and Nassau Street. His father-in-law, Nicholas Bayard, left to the two children of his daughter Judith, who married Rip Van Dam, Jr., the house and lot bounded north by Stone Street, and east by Hanover Square.--W. S. P.]

---children of Rip Van Dam, Jr. & Judith Bayard:

- **Margareta Van Dam**, bp. 30 Oct 1720 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Rip Van Dam, Senr., Margareta Bayard)
- **Nicholas Van Dam**, bp. 25 March 1722 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Bayard, Sara Van Dam)

---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, Unrecorded Wills, Vol XI, Prior to 1790, page 62 (will of Rip Van Dam, Jr.); *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); *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 Dam Women:

Debora Van Dam, m. before 1700 **Hendrick Hanssen**

Elizabeth Van Dam, m. 2 June 1731 NYC Ref Ch, **John Sybrandts**