

-- VAN RANST --

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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 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.

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I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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**Van Ranst**

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Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 302

**Van Ranst, Cornelius**

Cornelius Van Ranst m. -?-

*---children of Cornelius Van Ranst &*

• **Gerret Van Ranst** (Gerardus); d. 5 Aug 1747 NYC. He came to America about 1712. Lived in NYC.

• **Pieter Van Ranst**, d. 22 Feb 1741 NYC; m. **Sarah Kierstede**, dau. of Lucas Kierstede & Rachel Kip.

---Sources: Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 302

**Van Ranst, Cornelis**

Cornelis Van Ranst m. 6 June 1734

son of Pieter Van Ranst &

Sara Kierstede

b. 4 Feb 1714

bp. 7 Feb 1714 NYC Ref Ch

**Geertruy Sebring**

dau. of Johannes Sebring, Jr. &

Rachel Hibon

b. 4 Feb 1711

bp. 11 Feb 1711 NYC Ref Ch

d. before 24 May 1762

m. (2) 19 Nov 1743  
NYC Ref Ch

d. before Nov 1743

**Catharina Canon** (Cornelia)  
dau. of Jan Cannon &  
Maria LeGran  
bp. 6 Oct 1714 NYC Ref Ch  
d. 27 Dec 1795 NYC

Cornelius Van Ranst was an Elder in the Dutch Reformed Church in New York (1745-1750); in 1745 he was an Assessor in Montgomery Ward, NYC; he was a Fireman 1745-1761, and was granted land in NYC 1750-1757.<sup>1</sup>

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Cornelius Van Ranst, of New York, sailmaker, being weak in body this 26 of January, 1762. My executors are to pay all debts and funeral charges. I leave to my eldest son Peter £5. All the rest of my real and personal estate I leave to my wife Catharine and my children, Peter, John, Abraham, Cornelius, Rachel, wife of Dirck Brinkerhoff, Sarah, wife of Nicholas Roosevelt, Mary, Catharine, and Hester. But my wife is to have the use of all my estate for the support of herself and children, and educating and bringing them up, while she remains my widow. I make my brother, Luke Van Ranst, and my brother-in-law, Evert Byvanck, and my cousin, Lawrence Kortright, executors. Witnesses, John Gilbert, John Schermerhorn, mariner, Charles Morse. Proved, May 24, 1762.

---children of Cornelis Van Ranst & (1) Geertruy Sebring:

- **Peter Van Ranst**, b. 24 July 1734; bp. 27 Oct 1734 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Van Ranst & Sara Kierstede, s.h.v.); m. 15 May 1757 NYC Ref Ch (license 14 May 1757), **Yda Beekman** (Eady)
- **Johannes Van Ranst**, bp. 25 Dec 1736 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Sebring and Rachel Bon, s.h.v.); d. 1762-3; m. **Mary Willett**
- **Cornelis Van Rantst**, bp. 15 April 1739 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Lucas Romme, Aaltje Sebring, z.h.v.); d. before 1747
- **Rachel Van Ranst**, bp. 27 Sep 1741 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Lucas Van Ranst & Elizabeth Beekman, s.h.v.)m. 20 May 1761, **Dirck Brinkerhoff, Jr.**

---children of Cornelis Van Ranst & (2) Catharina Canon:

- **Abraham Van Ranst**, bp. 18 July 1744 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jan Canon & Maria de la Gran, s.h.v.); d. 1803; m. (1) **Catherine Roosevelt**, dau. of John Roosevelt & Annatje Luqueer; m. (2) **Rebecca Ortenberger**
- **Sarah Van Ranst**, bp. 6 Nov 1745 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerardus Van Ranst & Maria Van Ranst, j.d.); d. 1777; m. **Nicholas Roosevelt**, son of Nicholas Roosevelt & Annatje Brestede
- **Cornelius Van Ranst**, bp. 11 Nov 1747 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Evert Byvank & Maria Canon, s.h.v.); d. before 6 Jan 1781; m. **Catharine Duryee**
- **Maria Van Ranst**, bp. 25 Oct 1749 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Louwrens Cortregt, Hester Canon, Wed. Van Corns. Cortregt); m. **Evert Byvank**
- **Catharina Van Ranst**, bp. 23 Oct 1751 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Kierstede, Elisabet Van Dam, syn h.v.); d. 5 Nov 1792 age 40; m. **Henry Rogers**
- **Hester Van Ranst**, bp. 23 Jan 1754 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Joho. Schernerhorn & Sara Canon, s.h.v.); m. **Edmund Seaman**

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 304; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Information online Oct 1999, Dutch-Colonies List, from Wayne <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. VI, 1760-1766, p. 153 (will of Cornelius Van Ranst); *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 Ranst, Cornelius

Cornelius Van Ranst  
son of Cornelis Van Ranst &  
(2) Catharina Canon  
bp. 11 Nov 1747 NYC Ref Ch  
d. before 6 Jan 1781

m. 26 April 1769  
NYC Ref Ch

**Catharine Duryea** (Duryee)  
dau. of Jacob Duryee &  
Sara Noordstrand  
bp. 1 Sep 1748 NYC Ref Ch  
d. 27 July 1819

Catharine Duryea m. (2) 7 Nov 1786, **Thomas Stagg**

---children of Cornelius Van Ranst & Catharine Duryea:

- **Sarah Van Ranst**, bp. 13 June 1771 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jakob Durye & Sara Noorstrand, z.h.v.); m. 21 Oct 1787 NYC Ref Ch, **Jacobus/James Nicholas Roosevelt**
- **Cornelius Van Ranst**, bp. 21 Feb 1774 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Luke Van Ranst & Catharine Van Ranst); d. before 1796.

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 309;

### Van Ranst, Johannes (John)

Johannes Van Ranst  
son of Cornelis Van Ranst &  
(1) Geertruy Sebring  
b.  
bp. 25 Dec 1736 NYC Ref Ch  
d. 1762/3 (before 9 Oct 1763)  
buried

m. 9 Oct 1762

**Mary Willett**  
dau. of (Dr.) Cornelius Willett &  
Elizabeth  
b. 16 March 1746  
bp.  
d. 2 Jan 1815  
buried Graham BG, Utica, NY

Johannes/John Van Ranst was lost at sea in a storm off Cape Hatteras.

Mary Willett m. (2) 17 Feb 1770 **Augustus Graham** of Pine Plains, Dutchess Co., NY, son of James Graham & Arabella Morris.

---children of Johannes/John Van Ranst & Mary Willett:

- **Cornelius Willett Van Ranst**, b. 11 Aug 1763; d. 30 Sep 1841 NYC; m. (1) 4 April 1783, **Jane Warner**, dau. of William Warner & Phebe Berrien; m. (2) 3 Sep 1795, **Anna White**, dau. of John White & Anna Colwell; m. (3) 22 Nov 1821, **Eleanor Catherine Willett**, widow of David Gardiner of L.I.

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 307, 313;

**Van Ranst, Luke** (Lucas)

Luke Van Ranst  
son of Pieter Van Ranst &  
Sara Kierstede  
bp. 25 Dec 1716 NYC Ref Ch  
d. before 5 July 1788

m. about 1739/40

**Elizabeth Beekman**

dau. of Gerardus Beekman, Jr. &  
Anna Maria Van Horn  
bp. 14 Dec 1720 NYC Ref Ch  
d.

Lucas Van Ranst was a Freeman in Montgomery Ward, NYC in 1753; on Committee to repair City Hall in 1755; Assistant in Council 1757; and in 1761 on many committees in NYC.<sup>1</sup>

In his will, he wrote: Luke Van Ranst, of New York City, to my daughter, Anna Maria Codwise, wife of George Codwise, of New York City, merchant, all my household goods, furniture, plate, china, books, pictures, and wearing apparel, woolen and linen, for her own use and benefit; my executors collect, receive, and get in all such debts which shall not then be well and sufficiently secured by bond, mortgage, and other securities to be paid to her yearly and every year by my executors during the term of her natural life; if my daughter, Anna Maria Codwise, should die before my grandson, David Codwise (who is the youngest child of my said daughter), shall have attained the age of twenty-one years; if the said George Codwise shall survive my said daughter, Anna Maria, his wife, that then and in such case my said son-in-law, George Codwise, shall for the better maintenance and education of his children retain the use and take the said full yearly interest or income of all my bonds, mortgages, and outstanding debts as aforesaid, my executors to pay the same to him yearly until my grandson, David Codwise, shall have attained the age of twenty-one years; six months after the said David Codwise shall arrive at lawful age shall be equally divided amongst my grandsons, George, Christopher, Luke, James, and David Codwise, and my granddaughters, Elizabeth Starr (wife of Ezra Starr, of the state of Connecticut), Maria Codwise, and Cornelia Codwise (all of them children of the said George and Anna Maria Codwise), share and share alike; that is to say, one full equal eighth part to each of my grandchildren. If any of my grandchildren should die before lawful age and without lawful issue, the share or shares of the one so dying to be equally divided among the survivors. I direct that the division of my personal estate in manner aforesaid be made amongst my grandchildren and their heirs, share and share alike, on September 24, 1802. If my son, Gerard Van Ranst, who has been many years absent, and is generally supposed to be dead, should return to New York in person and not otherwise apply to my executors on or before the said date, September 24, 1802, in such case I give to my son, Gerard Van Ranst, one-half part of my said personal property; my executors to pay the said Gerard Van Ranst on his personal application. If my son does not apply to my executors before that date, he is to be considered as having died without lawful issue, and that the whole of my said personal estate or debts due and outstanding at the time of my decease be equally divided among my grandchildren hereinbefore mentioned, and their heirs; all the residue of my estate to my daughter, Anna Maria Codwise, her heirs forever. I appoint my daughter, Anna Maria, and my son-in-law, George Codwise, and grandson, George Codwise, Jr., executors. Dated June 16, 1788. Witnesses, Ephm Brasher, Coroner; Edward Dunscomb, Attorney-at-Law; John Murray, Jr. Proved, September 6, 1788.

---children of Luke Van Ranst & Elizabeth Beekman:

- **Anna Maria Van Ranst**, bp. 8 Oct 1740 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis G. Van Horne, Catharina Van Horne, h.v. van Dr. Archibald Fisher); m. **George Codwise**, son of Christoffel Codwys & Petronella Van Giesen
- **Pieter Van Ranst**, bp. 3 April 1743 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Van Ranst, Sarah Kierstede, wed. v. Pr. Van Ranst); d. before Oct 1747
- **Gerard Van Ranst**, bp. 1 May 1745 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerard Beekman, Catharina Provoost). In father's will (16 June 1788) he was mentioned as a long time absent and probably dead.
- **Peter Van Ranst**, bp. 4 Oct 1747 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Beekman, Maria Van Ranst, j.d.); d. before 16 June 1788.
- **Sara Van Ranst**, bp. 12 July 1749 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Beekman, Junior, Sara Kierstede, wed. van Pieter Van Ranst); d. before 16 June 1788.

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett, "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 305; 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, pages 145 & 146 (will of Luke Van Ranst)

**Van Ranst, Pieter**

Pieter Van Ranst  
son of Cornelis Van Ranst &  
b. 16 April 1691  
bp.  
d. 22 Feb 1741 NYC

m. 24 April 1713  
NYC Ref Ch

**Sara Kierstede**

dau. of Lucas Kierstede &  
Rachel Kip  
b. 9 Jan 1689 NYC  
bp. 16 Jan 1689 NYC Ref Ch  
d.

Pieter Van Ranst came to America from Rotterdam, Holland about 1712 and settled in NYC. He was an Assessor for Montgomery Ward, NYC in 1733-36; an Anderman in NYC 1737-8.

---children of Pieter Van Ranst & Sara Kierstede:

- **Cornelius V. Ranst** (Cornelius), b. 4 Feb 1714; bp. 7 Feb 1714 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Kierstede, Rachel Kierstede);

m. (1) **Gertrude Sebring**; m. (2) **Catharina Canon**

- **Lukas Van Ranst** (Lucas), bp. 25 Dec 1716 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Garret Van Ranst, Maria Roome); m. **Elizabeth Beekman**
- **Rachel Van Raust**, bp. 3 June 1719 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Kierstede, Sara Kierstede, s.h.v.)
- **Pieter Van Ranst**, bp. 6 Aug 1721 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hans Kierstede, Maria Van Vlecq)
- **Catharina Van Ranst**, bp. 11 Nov 1723 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelus Romme, Jenneke Kierstede)
- **Gerret Van Ranst**, bp. 16 Feb 1726 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Kip, Sara Kip)
- **Sara Van Ranst** (twin), bp. 29 Sep 1728 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Lucas Kierstede, Jacoba Kierstede, Jesse Kierstede, Maria Van Vlek)
- **Maria Van Ranst** (twin), bp. 29 Sep 1728 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Lucas Kierstede, Jacoba Kierstede, Jesse Kierstede, Maria Van Vlek); m. **John Godby**
- **Jacobus Van Ranst**, bp. 31 Jan 1731 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Romme, Blandina Kip, jonge docht.); d.y.
- **Jacobus Van Ranst**, bp. 28 Dec 1735 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Kierstede, Maria Rykman h.v.v. Lucs. Kierstede)

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett. "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 303; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III)

### Van Ranst, Pieter

Pieter Van Ranst  
son of Cornelis Van Ranst &  
(2) Catharina Canon

b. 24 July 1734

bp. 27 Oct 1734 NYC Ref Ch

d.

m. 15 May 1757

NYC Ref Ch

(license 14 May 1757)

**Yda Beekman** (Eady)

dau. of Samuel Beekman &  
Catharina Rol

b. 10 Sep 1737

bp. 23 Jan 1738 [where?]

d. 19 Sep 1807

Peter Van Ranst was a sailmaker. He was superintendent of tent makers in 1782.<sup>1</sup>

Samuel Beekman of New York City, in his will dated 12 Nov 1787, probated 19 June 1795 Hackensack, NJ, mentioned his "... dau. Eydie, now wife of Peter Van Hance (or Van Rance) [Van Ranst]..."

---*children of Pieter Van Ranst & Yda Beekman*---

- **Cornelis Van Ranst**, bp. 8 Feb 1758 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis Van Ranst, Catharina Canon, z. huis v.); apparently d.y.
- **Cornelis van Ranst**, bp. 9 May 1759 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis van Ranst, Yda Beekman, j.d.)
- **Samuel Van Ranst**, bp. 18 Feb 1761 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Van Ranst, Rachel Van Ranst, j.d.); d.y.
- **Peter Van Ranst**, bp. 25 Aug 1762 NYC Ref Ch (wit: John Godby, Maria Van Ranst s.h.v.); m. -?- He was a mariner and a sail maker in NYC.
- **Barent Beekman Van Ranst**, bp. 31 Aug 1764 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Barent Beekman, Elizabeth Beekman, j.d.); d. before 1796.
- **Catharine Van Ranst**, bp. 6 April 1766 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Luke Van Ranst, Catharina Canon, Wede. V. Corns. V. Ranst); m. 28 Sep 1788 Trinity Ch, NYC, **Victor Bickers**
- **Geertruy Van Ranst**, bp. 1 March 1771 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Cornelius Sebring, Catharina Sebring, j.d.); d. before 1796.
- **Samuel Van Ranst**, bp. 30 May 1773 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Magnus Beekman, Mary Cook, z.h.v.). He was a surgeon's instrument maker in NYC. He was guardian of his brothers John and Nicholas R. Van Ranst in 1796.
- **Johannah Van Ranst**, b. about 1775; m. 16 March 1793, **Restray Bleecker, Jr.**
- **John Van Ranst**, b. about 1777; d. 19 Jan 1814; m. **Elizabeth Wilson**. He was mentioned in a 1798 NYC Directory as a paper-maker.
- **Nicholas Roosevelt Van Ranst**, b. 21 Dec 1779; d. 12 March 1813; m. 27 May 1801, **Ann Davidson**, dau. of John Davidson. She m. (2) -?- **Mackey**.
- **Maria Van Ranst**, b. about 1781. James M. Roosevelt of Eastchester, NY was appointed her guardian in 1796.

---Sources:

[1] Comstock, Samuel Willett. "The Van Ranst Family of New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1927 (Vol. 58, No. 4), p. 306; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1902 (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