

-- VAN RENSSELAER --

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 Rensselaer, Hendrick** (Henrie)

Hendrick Van Rensselaer  
son of Jeremias Van Rensselaer &  
Maria Van Cortland  
b. 3 Oct 1667  
bp.

m. 19 March 1689  
NYC Ref Ch  
(banns 8 March 1689  
NYC Ref Ch)

**Catharina Van Brug** (Van Brugh; Verbruggen)  
dau. of Johannes Pieterszen Van Brugh &  
Catrina/Trintjen Roeloffs  
b.  
bp. 19 April 1665 NYC Ref Ch

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their banns and marriage, they were: Hendrick Renselaer, j.m. Van Rensselaerswyc, en Catharina Van Brug, j.d. Van N. Yorck. beyde wonende alhier.

---children of Hendrick Van Rensselaer & Catharina Van Brug:

- **Maria Van Renselaer**, bp. 27 March 1689 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Stephanus Van Cortlant, Catharina Roeloffs); m. (prob) 7 Nov 1712 Albany Ref Ch, **Samuel Ten Broeck**
- **Elisabeth Van Renselaer**, bp. 21 July 1700 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Schuyler, Sara Verbruggen)
- **Helena Van Rensselaer**, bp. 4 Oct 1702 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Ciliaan and Maria Van Rensselaer)
- **Jeremy Van Rensselaer** (Jeremias), bp. 29 April 1705 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Kiliaan Van Rensselaer, Anna Nicols)
- **Johannes Van Rensselaer**, bp. 11 Jan 1708 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Schuyler, Johannes Lydius, Catharina Van Brug)
- **Hendrik Van Renselaer**, bp. 20 April 1712 (Easter) Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Van Cortland, Maria Staets) (no mother's surname in bp. record)
- **Kiljaen Van Renselaer**, bp. 27 Nov 1717 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Joannes and Catryna Ten Broeck) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

---Sources: 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; 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 Rensselaer, James H.**

James H. Van Rensselaer  
son of Johannes Van Rensselaer &  
Elizabeth Van Cortlandt

m. 27 May 1833  
by Rev. Mr. Bacon

**Margaret Duxbery**  
dau. of

b. 1 April 1811 NJ  
bp. 19 May 1811 Second River Ref Ch  
d. 1 Dec 1840

b. 5 Jan 1810  
bp.  
d. 27 Oct 1879

In the marriage record published in *The Christian Intelligencer*, they were: Mr. James Van Rensselaer of Belleville, NJ to Miss M. Duxbury of England.

---children of James H. Van Rensselaer & Margaret Duxbery:

- **Catharine Van Cortlandt Van Rensselaer**, b. 30 June 1833; bp. 13 Aug 1834 Second River Ref Ch (no wit); m. 17 Oct 1855, **Gratz Van Rensselaer**
- **Stephen Van Cortlandt Van Rensselaer**, b. 23 March 1836; bp. 1 April 1836 Second River Ref Ch (no wit); m. 6 Oct 1856 NJ, **Sarah Jauncey Schuyler**, dau. of Arent Henry Schuyler & Mary Caroline Kingsland
- **James Henry Van Rensselaer**, b. 21 Jan 1839; bp. 12 Feb 1838 Second River Ref Ch (no wit); m. 6 Feb 1867

New Brunswick, NJ, **Margaret Rutgers Birch**

---Sources: Register of baptisms, births, marriages, membership of the Dutch Reformed Church at Second River, New Jersey, 1794-1848, Newark, N.J.: Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., 1929 (Online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library); Sawyer, Ray C., *New Jersey Marriages, as published in the Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church from 1830 to 1871*, Vols. 1 & 2, pub. 1932-1933 (reprinted 1998 in one vol., by Bergen Historic Books), p. 6-7; Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com

**Van Rensselaer, Jeremiah** (Col.) (Jeremias)

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer  
son of Killiaen Van Rensselaer &  
(2) Anna Van Weely

m.  
  
(banns 27 April 1662  
NYC Ref Ch)

**Mary Van Cortlandt**  
dau. of Olaf/Oliver Stephens Van Cortlandt &  
Anneken Loockermans  
b. 20 July 1645  
d. 24 Jan 1688

b.  
d. 12 Oct 1674

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage banns, they were: Jeremias Van Renselaer, j.m. Van Amsterdam, en Marritje Cortlant, j.d. Van Amsterdam.

---children of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer & Mary Van Cortlandt:

- **Kilian Van Rensselaer**, b. 24 Aug 1663; m. 15 Oct 1701 NYC Ref Ch, **Maria Van Cortlandt**
- **Anna Van Rensselaer**, b. 1 Aug 1665 O.S.
- **Hendrick Van Rensselaer**, b. 13 Oct 1667; m. 19 March 1689 NYC Ref Ch, **Catharina Van Brugh**

---Sources: De Lancey, Edward F., "Original Family Records of Loockermans, Bayard, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, and Schuyler" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1874, p. 72; Pelletreau, William S., *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York*, 1907, Vol. III. (online at <genealogy.com>), p. 177; *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 Rensselaer, Jeremiah**

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer  
son of John Van Rensselaer &  
Engelica Livingston

m. 3 July 1760  
NYC

**Judith Bayard**  
dau. of Nicholas Bayard &  
Elizabeth Rynders  
bp. 29 Feb 1740 NYC Ref Ch  
d.

bp. 27 Aug 1738 Albany Ref Ch  
d. before 25 Jan 1765

Will of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer - New York, NY Vol. AV Pg. 87, Made September 16, 1763. Proved January 25, 1765...  
~ Imprimis I give and Devise all my Estate both Real and Personal to my wife Judith and to her heirs and assigns forever, being sensible that it will not be more than sufficient to maintain her with Decency and reposing a confidence in my Fathe[r]s affection to my son and being asured that my wife will at all Ev <torn> assist my said son to the utmost of her Po <torn> Nevertheless I cannot help recommending <torn> my wife in her circumstanes will afford it <torn> To make a Disposition of such part of my Estate as she may think fit to my Brothers and Sisters < \ across final s> Schuyler declaring however that I do not mean by this to lessen the absolute Devise above mentioned in her favor but only to signify that I wish if she has no occasion for what I have given her it may pass to my said brothers and sister for whom I have a particular affection and not to strangers ~~ Lastly I hereby revoke all other Wills by me made and declare this to be my Last, and thereof I appoint my said wife, Philip Schuyler and Nicholas Bayard Jun: my Brothers in Law to be the Executors In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal This Sixteenth Day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Three. Jer'h Van Rensselear SS Signed Sealed and published by Jeremiah Van Rensselaer as his last will and Testament in our presence and subscribed by us as Witnesses thereto in his presence the words (being assured) first interlined Hester Van Cortlandt James Van Rensselaer Wm. Smith Jun.

---children of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer & Judith Bayard:

- **Johannes Van Rensselaer**, bp. 12 Dec 1762 Albany Ref Ch

---Sources: Information online June 2004, Dutch-Colonies List, from Leigh Jones <vista@mail.ptdprolog.net>

**Van Rensselaer, Johannes**

Johanes Van Rensselaer m. -?-  
 son of Killiaen Van Rensselaer &  
 (1) Killegonda Van Bylant

*---children of Johanes Van Rensselaer &*

• **Johanes Van Rensselaer, m. Elizabeth Van Twiller**

---Sources: Pelletreau, William S., *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York*, 1907, Vol. III, (online at <genealogy.com>), p. 177

**Van Rensselaer, Johannes**

Johannes Van Rensselaer m. **Engelica Livingston**

*---children of John Van Rensselaer & Engelica Livingston:*

• **Jeremiah Van Rensselaer**, bp. 27 Aug 1738 Albany Ref Ch; m. 3 July 1760 NYC, **Judith Bayard**, dau. of Nicholas Bayard & (1) Elizabeth Rynders

• **Catharine Van Rensselaer, m. Philip John Schuyler**

• **James Van Rensselaer**

---Sources: Information online June 2004, Dutch-Colonies List, from Leigh Jones <vista@mail.ptdprolog.net>

**Van Rensselaer, John**

John Van Rensselaer m. 13 April 1808 **Elizabeth Van Cortlandt**  
 son of Second River Ref Ch dau. of

*---children of John Van Rensselaer & Elizabeth Van Cortlandt:*

• **Stephen Van Cortlandt Van Renselaer**, b. 4 May 1809; bp. 5 June 1809 Second River Ref Ch (no wit)

• **James Henry Van Renselaer**, b. 1 April 1811; bp. 19 May 1811 Second River Ref Ch (no wit); ; m. 27 May 1833,

**Margaret Duxbery**

---Sources: Register of baptisms, births, marriages, membership of the Dutch Reformed Church at Second River, New Jersey, 1794-1848, Newark, N.J.: Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., 1929 (Online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library)

**Van Rensselaer, Killiaen**

Killiaen Van Rensselaer m. (1) July 1616<sup>1</sup>

son of Hendrik Van Rensselaer &  
 Maria Pafraet<sup>1</sup>

b. about 1585 Niewerkerk, Guilderland, Holland  
 d. 1647 (fall 1643<sup>1</sup>)

m. (2) 14 Dec 1627

**Hillegonda Van Bylant** (van Biljer<sup>1</sup>)  
 dau. of

b.

d. Dec 1626<sup>1</sup>

**Anna Van Weely** (Van Wely)

dau. of Jan/Johan van Wely &

Leonora Hawkins

d. 12 July 1670<sup>1</sup>

He settled in Amsterdam, where he was a merchant in precious stones and pearls. He was a director of the Dutch West India Company. In 1635 he received from the Director General a grant of the immense tract of land called the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, 20 miles in width along each side of the Hudson and 12 miles north and south from Beeren, Island of Cohoes.

*---children of Killiaen Van Rensselaer & (1) Killegonda Van Bylant/van Biljer:*

• **Hendrik van Rensselaer**, d.y.

• **Maria van Rensselaer**, d.y.

• **Johanes Van Rensselaer**, bp. 4 Sep 1625 Oude Kerk, Amsterdam<sup>1</sup>; m. -?-

*---children of Killiaen Van Rensselaer & (2) Anna Van Weely:*

• **Jeremias Van Rensselaer**

• **Nicholas Van Rensselaer**

• **Richard Van Rensselaer**

---Sources:

[1] Sill, Dunkin H., "Kilaen Van Rensselaer, First Patroon of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1926 (Vol. 57, No. 3), p. 220;

[2] Hoffman, William J., "Notes on the Pre-American Genealogy of the Van Rensselaer Family" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 71, No. 2, April 1940, p. 129;

Pelletreau, William S., *Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York*, 1907, Vol. III, (online at <genealogy.com>), p. 176

**Van Rensselaer, Killiaan**

Killiaan Van Rensselaer m. 18 July 1687 **Anna Van Rensselaer**

son of Albany Ref Ch dau. of

---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

**Van Rensselaer, Killian** (Col.)

Killian Van Rensselaer m. 15 Oct 1701

son of (Col.) Jeremias Van Rensselaer &  
 Maria Van Cortlandt NYC Ref Ch  
 (license: 8 Oct 1701)

**Maria Van Cortlandt** (Mary)  
 dau. of (Col.) Stephanus Van Cortlandt  
 & Gertrude Schuyler

b. 24 Aug 1663

He was the Fifth Patroon, and Third Lord of the Manor. The First Patroon was his grandfather. He did not inherit his title in a direct line, which is why he is the Fifth Patroon. His wife, Maria Van Cortlandt was his first cousin.

In his will, he wrote: I, Killian Van Rensselaer, of the manor of Rensselaerwyck, Gentleman, being of sound memory. My body is to be buried in the burying place to the northward of the Old Fort at Albany. I leave to my eldest son Jeremiah all that my manor of Rensselaerwyck with all the rights and appurtenances, and every part and parcel thereof, together with the said burying place or lot of pasture ground now in the possession of John Rosie. And all my stock of negroes, cattle and utensils (except as I give to my wife and younger children) to him and his heirs male, and in default of such, then to my second son Stephen. I leave to my wife Mary the use of all my estate during her widowhood, and she is to give my sons the best and most liberal education that this Province and Boston can afford, and to take care for their maintenance and that of my daughter. But if she marries she shall have the use of the Island, and the pasture over against, now in possession of Andries Ganse. And also the saw mill standing on Normans Kill, now in the possession of Dirck Harmense Visher. Also 3 negroes, 12 horses, and 10 cows, and liberty of cutting saw logs and timber on the manor. My plate, jewels, and household goods are to be divided into three parts, one-third to my wife and two-thirds to my children. My daughter Mary is to have £500 from the rents of the manor, £300 when she is of age, and the rest after my wife's decease. Also 200 acres of woodland. But if she or her heirs sell the same, the purchaser shall be obliged to pay to the Lord of the manor, the tenths, according to the custom of the manor, but if they hold it they are to pay three shillings rent. I leave to my son Stephen the sum of £500 from the rents of the manor when he comes of age. I leave to my son Jacobus the creek called Scotack Creek, on the east side of Hudsons River, about eight miles below Albany, with a grist mill on said stream. And my heir-at-law is to put him in possession when of age, and he and his heirs are to pay to the Lord of the manor as a rent forever one hundred good and merchantable deal boards yearly. I also leave him all the woodland lying on or near said creek, that is to say all the woodland lying between the bounds of Johannes Beekman and Moss Van Buren, running all the way from the river into the woods till it comprehends 1,500 acres, with right to cut saw logs and timber for said mill out of any part of the manor, and liberty of commonage of pasture. Also 200 acres more of woodland in any part of the manor. But if he or his heirs sell the same the purchasers are to pay to the Lord of the manor the tenths according to custom; But if they retain it they shall pay three shillings rent. I leave my fourth son, John Baptist Van Rensselaer, 300 acres of land upon Pastin Kill to the north of Van Bruyhns farm, with the meadow that lies by it, with right of commonage, with right of cutting fire-wood and fencing; I also leave him £500 out of the rents of the manor. The 300 acres of land are to be taken at the head of the kill and its branches. I leave to my daughter Gertrude £500, part when of age, and part at the death of my wife. Also 200 acres of good woodland. I also leave to my son Stephen 300 acres of land at Hosick, being lowlands lying on Hosick Creek. The above legacies are secured by the rents of the manor. I leave to Rensselaer Nicoll, the youngest son of my sister Anne Nicoll, all that farm at Bethlehem now in possession of William Van Allen, with the island called Nieffes Island, beginning at the south side of Bethlehem Creek and extending to the bounds of Barent Peterse Coeymans, and backwards into the woods from Hudsons River, one English mile, And the farm on the north side of Bethlehem Creek, 10 or 12 acres, as in fence, where the house and barn of Coysome lately stood, with the right of keeping a saw-mill on the south side of the creek, where a saw-mill now stands, with privilege of bringing to the said mill 300 logs yearly. And he and his heirs are to have no further claim as heirs of my sister Anne. I release to my brother, Henry Van Rensselaer, the tenths of his land in the manor for 21 years, and to my nephew, Rensselaer Nicolls, and my other nephews, Jeremiah and Peter Schuyler, the tenths for their lands during the minority of my heir. My executors are to build a grist mill on the Fifth Kill near my now dwelling house on which my other mills now stand. It is my will that none of my heirs shall lease any old settlements or the mills for a longer period than for their own lives; my executors are not to lease for a term of years any land within two miles of Hudson River on the north side of Fifth Kill between the said kill and the Stone Kill which lies to the north of the farm of Colonel Peter Schuyler called the Flats. Nor any meadow fit to make hay; but they shall be and remain for the encouragement of new settlers. I appoint my wife Mary, my brother, Henry Van Rensselaer, and my brother-in-law, Philip Van Cortlandt, and my friend, John Collins, of Albany, executors. "This my last will, being written on twelve sides of three sheets of paper, sewed together with blue silk, the ends of said silk being fixed in hard wax under my seal, and being signed by me on every sheet in the presence of the witnesses in New York." June 11, 1718. Witnesses, John Troop, Oliver Teller, T. Meeks, David Jamieson. Codicil, September 4, 1719. My son, John Baptist Van Rensselaer, and his heirs may build a saw-mill on Pastin Kill on the east side of Hudson River. Witnesses, Hendrick Hanson, I. Baker, Abraham Staats, Melgert Van Dusen. Proved, May 10, 1720.

*---children of Kilian Van Rensselaer & Maria Van Cortlandt:*

- **Maria Van Rensselaer**, b. 31 July 1702; bp. 2 Aug 1702 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Schuyler, My Lady Cornbury)
- **Geertruy Van Rensselaer** (Gertrude), b. 4 Oct 1703; bp. 10 Oct 1703 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Henrik and Catharina Van Rensselaer, Olof Van Cortlandt); apparently d.y.
- **Jeremy Van Rensselaer** (Jeremias), b. 18 March 1704/5; bp. 25 March 1705 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Henrik Rensselaer, Maria Schuyler)
- **Stephanus Van Rensselaer** (Stephen), b. 17 March 1706/7; bp. 23 March 1707 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Philip and Lysbet Schuyler, in place of Geertruy Van Cortlandt); d. 1747; m. **Elizabeth Grosbeck**. She d. 1729.
- **Johannes Van Rensselaer**, b. 10 Dec 1708; bp. 12 Dec 1708 Albany Ref Ch (wit: John Colins, Philip Cortlandt, Maria Van Rensselaer in place of Anna Nickols); d.y.
- **Daughter Van Rensselaer**, b. 28 Aug 1710; d. 2 Sep 1710
- **Johannis Van Rensselaer**, b. 15 Nov 1711 Albany; d. 9 Dec 1711
- **Jacobus V. Renselaar** (James), b. 29 March 1713; bp. 3 April 1713 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Jac. and Philip Cortlant, Hendrik V. Renselaar, Margarita Bayert, Margarita Liveston) (no mother's surname in bp. record (parents in bp. record: Col. and Maria V. Renselaar)
- **Geertruy Van Renselaar** (Gertrude), b. 1 Oct 1714; bp. 3 Oct 1714 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Stephanus and Geertruy Cortlant, Robbert Livingston, Jr.) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

b. 4 April 1680

- **Jan Petist Van Rensselaer** (John Baptist Rensselaer), b. 29 Jan 1716/17; bp. 3 Feb 1717 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Alida Livingston, John Collins) (no mother's surname in bp. record)
- **Anna Van Rensselaer**, b. 1 Jan 1718/19; bp. 4 Jan 1719 Albany Ref Ch (wit: Samuel Bajart, Catryna Van Rensselaer, Anna De Lance) (no mother's surname in bp. record)

---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 II 1708-1728, pages 216 & 217 (will of Killian Van Rensselaer); De Lancey, Edward F., "Original Family Records of Loockermans, Bayard, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer, and Schuyler" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1874, p. 73; Pelletreau, William S., Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York, 1907, Vol. III, (online at <genealogy.com>), p. 177; 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 Rensselaer, Killian**

Killian Van Rensselaer  
son of Johannes Van Rensselaer &  
Elizabeth Van Twiller  
He died without issue.

m.

**Anna Van Rensselaer**

dau. of

Anna Van Rensselaer m. (2) **William Nicoll**, the patentee of Islip, L.I.

---Sources: Pelletreau, William S., Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Family History of New York, 1907, Vol. III, (online at <genealogy.com>), p. 177

**Van Rensselaer, Nicholas**

Nicholas Van Rensselaer  
son of

m. 20 Nov 1780

**Elsie Van Buren**

dau. of (Major) Cornelis Van Buren &  
Mayeke Hun

b. 1759

b.

---*children of Nicholas Van Rensselaer & Elsie Van Buren:*

- **Killian Van Rensselaer**, b. 19 May 1782; m. (1) **Catharine Whitbeck**; m. (2) **Jane Bogart**
- **Mayke Van Rensselaer**, b. 13 Feb 1785
- **Magdalena Van Rensselaer**, m. **Peter Buckman**
- **Arietta Van Rensselaer**, m. **Abraham Whitbeck**
- **Cornelis Van Rensselaer**, m. (1) **Eveline Gansevoort**; m. (2) **Maria Genet**

---Sources: Peckham, Harriett C. Waite Van Buren, History of Cornelis Maessen Van Buren who came from Holland to the New Netherlands in 1631, and his descendants, including the genealogy of the family of Bloomingdale who are descended from Maas, a son of Cornelis Maessen, New York: Tobias A. Wright, 1913, p. 44 (online at Heritage Quest)

**Van Rensselaer, Stephen**

Stephen Van Rensselaer  
d. before 27 July 1747

m.

**Elizabeth Groesbeck**

d.

In his will, he wrote: I, Stephen Van Rensselaer, of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, in the County of Albany, Gentleman, being very sick. My body is to be buried in the new burying place, nigh the Manor House, a little above the middlemost Grist mill, to the south of the Fifth kill, where I desire a vault to be made for my corpse to be laid in. I dispose of my temporal estate as follows: I leave to my only son, Stephen, all that my Manor of Rensselaerwyck, with all my stock of negroes, horses, and cattle, and implements of husbandry, to the said Manor belonging. I leave to my wife, Elizabeth, the use and profits of my whole estate during her widowhood, and the minority of my son and heir. If my wife should re-marry or die during the minority of my son, then my executors are to receive the property and use it till he be of age, and they are to provide for the maintenance and education of my children. All my plate, jewels, bills, bonds, and goods are to be inventoried and appraised by my executors, and 1/2 of them to be given to my wife, and 1/2 to my daughter Elizabeth, when she is of age or married. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth all my share of a certain tract of land in Albany County, called Watoms-patch, and also a lot of land in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck, fronting the road that leads to the Manor house, lying between the lot of Volkert Vanderberg and Abraham De Freest; Also a lot behind the lot of Jeremiah Schuyler, where he now lives, running up westerly, ranging with the street from the northwest corner of said Schuyler's house, 35 feet, and so southward, keeping the same breadth as far as the vacant ground goes, not as yet given or granted to any other person; Also 1/2 of a stream and saw mill where Christian Scham used to live on it formerly, on the east side of Hudson river, in the said Manor; And also 150 acres of land convenient to said mill, with the privilege of cutting and carrying away logs for the saw mill; Also free liberty of Commonage of pasture in the Manor; Also 300 acres of land at Hosick, lying upon Hosick creek, being the land that was given to me by the will of my father, Killian Van Rensselaer. If she or her heirs shall sell the said mill and land, then the purchaser shall pay yearly, forever, the tenths to the heir at law in possession of said Manor; But if she or her heirs retain the said lands, they shall only pay for each tract the sum of 3 shillings yearly in lieu of all rents. If my wife should marry she shall have the use of the Island and the pasture over against it, now in possession of my mother, after the decease of my said mother; I also leave to my wife, Elizabeth, the Bowery on Conagone, now in possession of Hendrick Jong, during her life. But if she should be in want for her maintenance, she may sell it. Otherwise, the said farm shall return to my son, Stephen, and my daughter Elizabeth. I also leave to my daughter Elizabeth a lot of ground adjoining to the north of the lot of Isaac Fiele, lying on the west side of the road that leads from the Town to the Manor house, being 40 feet in breadth, and as long as the said Fiele's lot. I make my wife Elizabeth and my brother Jacobus, and John Baptist Van Rensselaer and my brother in law, Gerardus Groesbeck, executors of this will. "Done at my Manor House, the 24th day of June, 1747." Witnesses, Symon Deryder, Peter Schuyler, Jr., John De Peyster. Proved before Myndert Schuyler, Esq., in Albany, July 27, 1747.

---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, pages 143 & 144 (will of Stephen Van Rensselaer)

**Unplaced Van Rensselaer Women:**

**Antje Rensselaer**, m. before Feb 1737, **Johannes Schuyler** (Col. John P. Schuyler)

**Catryna Van Rensselaer**, m. 29 Dec 1714, **Johannes Ten Broeck**

**Catherine Van Rensselaer**, m. 1755, **Philip John Schuyler**

**Gertrude Van Rensselaer**, m. before Aug 1759, **Adonijah Schuyler**

**Maria Van Rensselaar**, m. 20 Sep 1722 Albany Ref Ch, **Frederick Van Cortlandt**