

-- VAN VELSEN, VAN VELSOR --

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 Velsor, Cornelius (Major)

Cornelius Van Velsor
son of Garret Van Velsor &
Margaruta Ryder
b. 11 May 1760
d. Aug 1837

m.

Naomi Williams (Amy)
dau. of John Williams &
Mary Wooley
b.
d.

They lived in the Woodbury-Syosset area of the Town of Oyster Bay, Queens [now Nassau] County, L. I., NY.

---children of Cornelius Van Velsor & Naomi Williams:

• **Louisa Van Velsor**, b. about 1795; m. **Walter Whitman**. They were the parents of poet Walt Whitman (31 May 1819-1892).

---Sources: Information April 2002, Dutch-Colonies List, by "David Roberts" <droberts@olg.com>; Information posted at Ancestry.com by Jane Fox <jlhfox@aol.com>

Thyszen, Gerrit (Thyszen) (>Van Velsen)

Gerrit Thyszen
son of

m. 29 Nov 1664
NYC Ref Dutch Ch

Harmetje Harmens
(widow of **Willem Jansen Vandeventer**,
Gerrit Hendrickszen,
Egbert Sanders [Metselaer])

In the marriage record, he is "Van Amsterdam" and she is widow of Egbert Zanders.

---children of Gerrit Thyszen & Harmetje Harmens:

• **Mathys Gerritsz [Thyszen/Van Velsen]**, bp. 24 June 1665 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Janszen, Hillelje Jans); m. (poss)

Catharina Edwaert (Houwert)

- **Pieter Gerritsz [Tysen]**, bp. [3 Nov?] 1667 Bergen Ref Ch (wit: Symon Carelss, Y.M., Carel Carelse, Y.M., Dirckje Meyers, Y.D.); m. (1) 25 June 1688 Bergen Ref Ch, **Constantia Vander Swalme**, widow of Reynier Josiasse Van Roen; m. (2) 25 Nov 1704 NYC Ref Ch, **Annetje/Jannetje Willemse Van Slyk**, widow of Leendert DeGrauw; m. (3) 19 Aug 1710 NYC Ref Ch, **Jannetje Joosten [Van Sise]**, widow of Jan Pell & Isaac Vredenburgh.

- **Tryntie Gerrits**, bp. 5 May 1669 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jedde Corneliszen, Dirckje ---)

---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); Versteeg, Dingman, and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr., with contributions by Nicholas G. Vreeland, et. al., Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788 (excerpted and reprinted from Year Books of the Holland Society of New York, 1913, 1914, 1915) Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976; reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc., 1990;

Van Velsor, Garret

Garret Van Velsor m. (1)
son of William Henry Van Velsor &
Jannetje Losee
b. 1743
d. 1812

Margarite Snedeker
dau. of

b.
d.
Margarita Ryder
Levinah -?-

m. (2)
m. (3)

---children of Garret Van Velsor & (1) Margarite Snedeker:

- **William Van Velsor**

---children of Garret Van Velsor & (2) Margarita Ryder:

- **Cornelius Van Velsor**, b. 11 May 1760; m. **Naomi Williams** (Amy)
- **Jannetje Van Velsor**
- **Margrieta Van Velsor**
- **Marya Van Velsor**
- **Annatje Van Velsor**

---children of Garret Van Velsor & (3) Levinah

- **Samuel Van Velsor**, b. about 1762

---Sources: Information posted at Ancestry.com by Jane Fox <jlhfox@aol.com>

Van Velse, John

John Van Velse m.
son of
b. 1765
d. 1834

Hannah Williams
dau. of
b.
d.

---children of John Van Velsor & Hannah Williams:

- **John W. Velsor**, b. 1795; d. 1872; m. **Rebecca Conklin**

---Sources: Information April 2002, Dutch-Colonies List, by "David Roberts" <droboters@olg.com>

Velsor, John W.

John W. Velsor m.
son of John Van Velsor &
Hannah Williams
b. 1795
d. 1834

Rebecca Conklin
dau. of

b.
d.

---children of John W. Velsor & Rebecca Conklin:

- **Warren Pike Velsor**, b. 2 April 1827 Woodbury, Queens Co., NY; d. 21 Nov 1905 Cold Spring Harbor, Suffolk Co., NY; m. **Elizabeth Amelia Furman**, dau. of Epenetus Furman & (1) Susan Amelia Lewis

---Sources: Information posted Aug 2006 VANVELSOR-L@rootsweb.com by "David Roberts" <droboters@olg.com>

Van Velsor, Joseph

Joseph Van Velsor m.
son of

Rebecca Denton
dau. of Alexander Denton &
Rebecca Johnson

b. about 1791/92poss Oyster Bay, L.I.
d. 9 Nov 1859 Brooklyn, NY
buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY

b. 1792 Huntington, L.I.
d. 25 Feb 1871 Brooklyn, NY
buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY

---children of Joseph Van Velsor & Rebecca Denton:

- **Edward Velsor**, b. 1816

- **Israel Denton Velsor**, b. 29 March 1818; d. 31 Oct 1895; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY; m. **Caroline Hunter**, dau. of Robert Hunter & Jane -?-. Caroline Hunter was b. 8 Jan 1829; d. 18 Feb 1915; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY.

- **Amelia Adeline Velsor**, b. about 1820; d. 15 Nov 1862; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY; m. **George E. Meeks**. He was b. about 1815; d. after 1850.
- **Henry Van Velsor**, b. 4 Aug 1822; d. 10 Feb 1868; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY; m. **Mary L. -?-**. Mary L. -?- was b. 27 Nov 1828; d. 5 Nov 1886; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY.
- **Joseph Alexander Velsor**, b. 3 May 1834 Brooklyn, NY; d. 15 Feb 1915 Brooklyn, NY; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY; m. **Elizabeth Rogers**, dau. of John Rogers & Esther A. -?-. Elizabeth Rogers was b. 26 Oct 1833; d. 7 Jan 1916 Brooklyn, NY; buried Green-Wood Cem., Brooklyn, NY.

---Sources: Information posted Aug 2006 VANVELSOR-L@rootsweb.com, and Dec 2006, dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com, by "David Roberts" <drobot@olg.com>

[Van Velse], Matthys Thysen (Van Velsen)

Matthys Thysen [Van Velse] m.
In Jamaica before 1700. He settled in Oyster Bay, NY by about 1700.

[Van Velse], Matthys Gerritse (Van Velse)

Mathys Gerritse [Van Velse] son of (poss?) Gerrit Thyszen & Harmetje Harmens b. Bergen, NJ bp. 24 June 1665 NYC Ref Ch	m. 5 Feb 1688 Bergen Ref Ch (banns 8 Jan 1688 Bergen Ref Ch	Catryna Eduwaert (Houwert) dau. of b. Boston bp.
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In the Bergen Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Mathys Gerritse, Y.M., from Bergen, and Catryn Eduwaert, Y.D., from Boston in New England, both living in Bergen. Were married February 5 by R. Van Giesen, in presence of court.

Mathys Van Velzen, Catharina Houwerts witnessed the baptism 27 June 1707 NYC Ref Ch, of Jannetje, dau. of Pieter Gerretse & Jannetje Slyk.

---children of *Matthys Gerretse [Van Velse] & Catharina Eduarts/Houwert*:

- **Gerrit Matthys**, bp. 22 April 1688 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerrit Thyszen, Grietie Jacobs) (parents: Matthys Gerritszen, Catharyn Houwart)
- **Catrina Mathys Gerritsen**, bp. 23 April 1693 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Gerritsen, Helena Schermerhoorn) (parents: Mathys Gerritsen, Catrina Houwert)
- **Eduard Matthysz**, bp. 16 Feb 1698 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Joseph Waldron, Prudens Woedard); apparently d.y.
- **Eduard Van Velse** (Edward), bp. 6 April 1701 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Appel, Catharine Appel syn suster)
- **Hester Van Velse**, bp. 4 Oct 1704 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Joseph Walderon, Marica Smith) (parents in bp. record: Mathys Van Velse, Catharina Houwert)

---Sources: Versteeg, Dingman, and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr., with contributions by Nicholas G. Vreeland, et. al., *Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788* (excerpted and reprinted from Year Books of the Holland Society of New York, 1913, 1914, 1915) Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976; reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc., 1990; *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City]*, 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Hoes, Roswell Randall, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston...*, 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD);

Van Velsen, Pieter Gerritsz

Pieter Gerritsz Van Velsen
son of (poss) Gerrit Tysen &
Harmptje Hermans
b.
bp. 1667 Bergen Ref Ch
d.

m. (1) 25 June 1688
Bergen Ref Ch
(banns 10 June 1688
Bergen Ref Ch)

m. (2) 25 Nov 1704
NYC Ref Ch
(banns 3 Nov 1704
NYC Ref Ch)

m. (3) 19 Aug 1710
NYC Ref Ch
(banns: 28 July 1710
NYC Ref Ch)

Constantia Vander Swalme (Van de Swalme)
(widow of **Reynier Josiasse Van Roen**)
dau. of
b.
bp.
d. before 25 Nov 1704

Annetje Willemse Van Slyk (Jannetje?)
(widow of **Leendert de Grauw**)
dau. of Willem Pieterse Van Slyk &
Baertje/Barentje -?-
b. about 1665-1667 Albany, NY
d. before 19 Aug 1710

Jannetje Joosten [Van Sise]
(widow of **Jan Pell & Isaac Vredenburg**)
dau. of Joost Carelszen [Van Sise] &
Styntje Jans
bp. 16 Nov 1664 NYC Ref Ch

In the Bergen Ref Ch record of their (1) marriage, they were: Pieter Gerritse, Y.M., and Constantia Vander Swalme (widow of Reynier Josiasse Van Roen), both living here. Were married by Do. Tessemaker June 25 at Bergen.

Pieter Gerritse (along with Helena Schermerhorn) witnessed the baptism of his niece Catrina 6 Nov 1692 [Hoes B#736] in Kingston Ref Dutch Ch, the daughter of Mathys Gerritse & Catharine Howard.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of the (2) marriage, they were: den 3 gd. (Nov) Pieter Gerritsz Weduenaar Van Esopus met Annetje Van Slyk, Wed. Van Leendert de Grauw V. N. York. den 25 gl. (Nov).

In the NYC Ref Ch record of the (3) marriage, they were: Pieter Van Velsen, Wedr. V. N. York, met Jannetje Joosten, Wed. V. Isaac Vredenburg V. N. York.

---children of *Pieter Gerritsz [Van Velsen] & (1) Constantia Vander Swalme*:

- **Armtje Pieters Gerrets** [Harmtje], bp. 7 April 1689 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Gert Tysen, Armtje Tyse) (parents in bp. record are: Pieter Gaertje, Constantinne Vander Zwalvfen)
---*children of Pieter Gerritse [Van Velsen] & (2) Jannetje/Annetje Van Slyk:*
- **Gerretje Pieters Gerretse**, bp. 15 July 1705 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Gerret de Graw, Antje Gerrets, h.v. van Dirk Slyk); m. 30 Nov 1723 NYC Ref Ch, **Joseph Taylor**
- **Jannetje Pieters [Gerretse]**, bp. 27 July 1707 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Mathys Van Velzen, Catharina Houwarts); m. 17 Aug 1726 NYC Ref Ch, **William Edsel**.
---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; Versteeg, Dingman, and Thomas E. Vermilye, Jr., with contributions by Nicholas G. Vreeland, et. al., Bergen Records: Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bergen in New Jersey, 1666 to 1788 (excerpted and reprinted from Year Books of the Holland Society of New York, 1913, 1914, 1915) Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976; reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc., 1990; Information online July 2003, Dutch-Colonies List, from "Pamela J. Sears" <pjssears@stratos.net>; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III);

Van Velsor, Stephen

Stephen Van Velsor m.
b. about 1802-07 Sing Sing, Westchester Co., NY
---Sources: Information online Feb 2000, Dutch-Colonies List, from Susan Randall <suzyran@ibm.net>

Frances Cronk (Fanny)
b. 1801 Sing Sing, Westchester Co., NY

Van Velsen, Sweer Teunissen

Sweer Teunissen Van Velsen m.
son of

Mary Mynderts
(widow of **Jan Barentse Wemp**)

---Sources: Barth, Barbara, "Those Easy-Going Van Woggelums Again" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1999, Vol. 130, No. 1, p. 25

Van Velsen, Thomas

Thomas Van Velsen m.
son of

Catharina Smith
dau. of

---*children of Thomas Van Velsen & Catharina Smith:*

- **Rachel Van Velsen**, b. 21 March 1808; bp. 5 June 1808 Acquackanonk Ref Ch (no wit)
---Sources: Kelly, Arthur, Vital Records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church at Acquackanonk, 1977 (reprinted 1992)

Van Velsor, William Henry

William Henry Van Velsor m.
son of
b. 1707

Jannetje Losee
dau. of Abraham Losee &
Anne Dircksen
b.

---*children of William Henry Van Velsor & Jannetje Losee:*

- **Garret Van Velsor**, b. 1742
---Sources: Information posted at Ancestry.com by Jane Fox <jlhfox@aol.com>

Van Velsor, William

William Van Velsor m.
---*children of William Van Velsor & Sarah Smith:*

Sarah Smith

- **James Van Velsor**, b. 1800
---Sources: Information posted Aug 2006 VanVelsor-L@Rootsweb.com, by <scottcbrown@gmail.com>