

-- WELS, WELCH --

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 evolvement 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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**Wels, Welch, Welsh**

**Welsh, Archer G.**

Archer G. Welsh m. -?-

*---children of Archer G. Welsh &*

- **Ann Elizabeth Welsh**, b. 1820 Bergen, Hudson Co., NJ; d. 17 Sep 1923, age 103; m. (2) 1 April 1854 Bergen, Hudson Co., NJ, **Michael DeMott Vreeland**, widower of Ann Van Horn, and son of Richard Vreeland & Margaret DeMott
  - **Kate Ann Welsh**, m. 15 Dec 1863, **Jacob Benjamin Vreeland**, son of Richard Vreeland & Margaret DeMott
- Sources: Winfield, Charles H., *History of the County of Hudson, New Jersey From its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time*, New York: 1874, p. 454, 459

**Wel, Jan**

Jan Wel	m. (1)	<b>Isabel Angola</b>
	m. (2) 5 Dec 1697	<b>Anna Maria Van Curacao</b>
son of	NYC Ref Ch	(widow of <b>Augustyn Anthony de Angola &amp; Frans Bastiaensz</b> )
	(banns 13 Nov 1697	
b.	NYC Ref Ch)	b.
bp.	(he of "N. Yarsey")	bp.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their banns and marriage, they were: Jan Wel, Wedr. Van Isabel Angola en Anne Marie Van Curacao, laest Wede Van Franciscus de Angola, d' Eerste wonende op N. Yarsey, en tweede aen de Grootte Kill.

Anna Maria Van Curacao, widow of Augustyn Anthony de Angola, m. (2?) 26 Dec 1691 NYC Ref Ch, **Frans Bastiaensz** (Francois de Angola), widower of Barbara Emanuels. Anna Marie Van Curacao (last "widow of Franciscus de Angola") of the Great Kill m. (3?) 5 Dec 1697 (Banns 13 Nov 1697) NYCRefCh, **Jan Wel**, of "N. Yarsey."  
 ---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;

**Welch, Edmund**

Edmund Welch m.  
 d. before August 10, 1763

**Deborah**

d.

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Edmund Welch, of Bergen County, New Jersey, being very sick. I leave to my wife Deborah all my real and personal estate, and household goods, so long as she remains my widow, for bringing up my younger children. After her death or marriage, this to my loving children, Edmund, John, Christopher, Deborah, George, William, Mary, Thomas, Roger, and Benjamin. I make my wife and son John executors. Signed and sealed in New York. September 11, 1761. Witnesses, John Burnet, Jacob Remsen, Francis Silvester, Jr., cooper. Proved, August 10, 1763.

---*children of Edmund Welch & Deborah*

- **Edmund Welch**
- **John Welch**
- **Christopher Welch**
- **Deborah Welch**
- **George Welch**
- **William Welch**
- **Mary Welch**
- **Thomas Welch**
- **Roger Welch**
- **Benjamin Welch**

---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 VI 1760-1766, p. 255 (will of Edmund Welch)

**Welch, Edmund**

Edmund Welch m. 11 Oct 1760  
 son of NYC Ref Ch  
 (License 11 Oct 1760)

**Eleanor Van Cleek**

dau. of

---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

**Welch, Gabriel**

Gabriel Welch m. 18 Nov 1825  
 son of

**Jane Eliza Benjamin**

dau. of Wells Benjamin &  
 Hannah Morris

b.

b. 24 Sep 1806

---Sources: Information posted online at Rootsweb.com Family Trees

**Welch, George**

George Welch m. 17 May 1750  
 son of NYC Ref Ch  
 (license 16 May 1750)

**Anna Brouwer**

dau. of

---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

**Wels, George (Jorg)**

George Wels m.

**Loos Gilbert**

---*children of George Wels & Loos Gilbert:*

- **Abigel Wels** (Abigail), b. 8 Oct 1775; bp. 12 Nov 1775 Bergen Ref Ch (wit: Marretye van der Hoef) (parents: Jorg Wels, Loos Gilbert)

---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

**Welch, George**

George Welch m.  
 b. 1842  
 d. 1911

(prob) **Louise**

b. 1842  
 d. 1929

buried Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ

buried Valleau Cemetery, Ridgewood, NJ

---*children of George Welch & Louise*

- (prob) **Etta Welch**, b. 1879; d. 1920; buried Valteau Cemetery, Ridgewood, Bergen Co., NJ  
 ---Sources: Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, Valteau Cemetery (Ridgewood, Bergen County, NJ) Gravestone Inscriptions (typescript), copied Feb 1944, p. 51

**Welch, Jacob**

Jacob Welch  
son of

m. 12 Oct 1816

**Sarah Vandergrift**

dau. of John Vandergrift &  
Hannah Jones

b. 14 Feb 1800  
d. 19 June 1847

b. about 1795

d.

---Sources: Information posted online at Rootsweb.com Family Trees

**Welch, Jacob**

Jacob Welch  
son of

m. (1)

-?-

dau. of

**Sarah Courter**

(widow of **Henry Rutan**)  
dau. of Peter Courter &

Hannah -?-  
b. about 1800 (1791<sup>2</sup>)

d. about 1887 Newark, Essex Co., NJ<sup>1</sup>

m. (2) 1848

Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New Jersey, Passaic Co., Manchester Township, p. 25, enumerated 20 Aug 1850, Dwelling 148, Family 219 (all b. NJ) -- Jacob Welch, 49, Blacksmith; Sarah [Welsh], 50; Margaret Rutan, 16; Rebecca [Rutan], 14; George [Rutan], 10; Sarah Welsh, 13; Anna [Welsh], 10. Listed living in the same dwelling, Family 220 (both b. NJ) -- John Snyder, 22, Carpenter; Mary A. [Snyder], 20.

---*children of Jacob Welch/Welsh & (1)*

- **Sarah Welsh**, b. about 1837 NJ

- **Anna Welsh**, b. about 1840 NJ

---Sources:

[1] Information posted online at Rootsweb.com Family Trees by Judith Ullman;

[2] Courter, Paul, 14464 Tanglewood Dr., Largo, FL 34644, [Harmen Coerten, His Descendants](#) (on computer disk from author March 1996);

**Welsh, James** (Jems Wels)

James Welsh

m.

**Elizabeth**

James Welsch and Elizabeth, his wife witnessed the baptism 18 March 1719 NYC Ref Ch, of Joseph, son of William Furbosh & Maria Palding.

Jaemes Welsh, with Maria Kool, witnessed the baptism 3 Feb 1720 NYC Ref Ch of Dirk, son of Dirk/Richard Kembrik/Camrik & Maria Robberson.

---*children of James Welsh & Elizabeth*

- **Joseph Wels**, bp. 12 Feb 1727 Albany Ref Ch (wit: John Upers, M. Marmer) (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); *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

**Wels, Jan** (Welst)

Jan Wels

m.

**Cornelia Jansen de Duytser**

dau. of Jan de Duytser &

son of Richard Wels &

---*children of Jan Wels & Cornelia Jansen De Duytser*:

- **Maria Wels**, bp. 20 Oct 1689 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Hamel & his wife [Gertrude Krom]); m. 25 Jan 1712 Kingston Ref Ch, **John Masten**, son of Cornelis Masten & Elizabeth Aertsen [Van Wagenen]

- **Richard Wels**, bp. 8 June 1694 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Geertje Martensen); apparently d.y.

- **Rutsjer Wels** (Richard), bp. 4 July 1697 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Geertje la Meeter); m. 14 April 1728 Kingston Ref Ch, **Lea Swart**, dau. of Adam Swart & Metje Van Slyck

- **Jan Jansen Wels**, bp. 28 Dec 1701 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Barentsen, Susanna du Boys); m. 3 July 1731 Kingston Ref Ch, **Margaret Maklien** (McLean), dau. of Jan Maklien of Scotland & Marretjen De Witt

- **Samuel Welst**, bp. 12 March 1704 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Roelan, Lysbet Masten); m. 12 Oct 1729 Kingston Ref Ch, **Marytjen Oosterhout**, dau. of Theunis Oosterhout & Ariaentje Roosa

- **Grietje Wels**, bp. 15 Dec 1706 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Willem West, Mary West); m. 14 Feb 1730 Kingston Ref Ch, **Anthony Van Bunschoten**, son of Gerrit Van Bunschoten & Antje Delva/D'Elba

---Sources:

[1] Griffin, Walter Kenneth, "The Dutcher Family," in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1909 (Vol. 40, No. 4), p. 254;

Hoes, Roswell Randall, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*.... 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

**Welsch, John** (Wels)

John Welsch

m. 13 May 1715

**Dina Cornelisse**

son of NYC Ref Ch dau. of Cornelis Michielsse &  
 (banns 16 April? 1715 (2) Elizabeth Jacobs  
 b. NY NYC Ref Ch b. about 1695 NY  
 bp. (he as John Wels) bp. 1 June 1708 Sleepy Hollow Ref Ch

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage they were: John Wels, j.m. V. N: York, met Dina Cornelisse, j.d. V. N: York.  
 John Welsch, with Tryntje Alten, witnessed the baptism 23 March 1726 NYC Ref Ch, of Michiel, son of  
 Michiel Cornelusse & Elizabeth Dufoir.

John Welsch, with Catharina Alting, witnessed the baptism, 14 Dec 1729 NYC Ref Ch, of Catharina, dau. of  
 William Fischjer & Elisabeth Smith.

---children of Jan Welsh & Dina Cornelisse:

• **Elizabeth Welchs**, bp. 25 Nov 1716 NYC ref Ch (wit: Cornelus Michielsse, Elizabeth, s.h.v.)  
 ---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;

**Wels, Jan** (Jan Wels, Jr.)

Jan Wels m. 3 July 1731 **Margaret Maklien** (Margriet; McLean; Machlien)  
 son of Jan Wels & Kingston Ref Ch dau. of Jan Maklien of Scotland &  
 Cornelia Jansen De Duytser Marretjen De Witt  
 bp. 28 Dec 1701 Kingston Ref Ch bp.

---children of Jan Wels & Margaret McLean:

• **Jan Wels**, bp. 19 March 1732 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Masten, Marytjen Wels)  
 • **Zamuël Wels** (Samuel), bp. 24 March 1734 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Torn out)  
 • **Marytjen Wels**, bp. 19 Oct 1735 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Ritsert Wels, Lea Swart)  
 • **Willem Wels**, bp. 20 Feb 1737 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Ritsert Wels, Lea Swart)  
 • **Cornelis Wels**, bp. 11 Feb 1739 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Maklien, Grietjen Heermans)  
 • **Daniel Wels**, bp. 28 Dec 1740 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Daniel Maklien, Nenny [surname not given])  
 ---Sources: Hoes, Roswell Randall, Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston..., 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

**Welsch, John**

John Welsch m. 23 July 1743 **Annatje Thiel**  
 son of Albany Ref Ch dau. of  
 (with Banns)

---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

**Welsh, Joseph**

Joseph Welsh m. 13 Aug 1836 **Margaret Carman**  
 son of Ponds Church dau. of  
 ---Sources: Westervelt, Frances A., Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records, 1929, Ponds Church, p. 79

**Wel, Jurian** (m. 23 April 1707 Aaltje Brouwer) See: Wool, Jurgen (Woll)

**Wels, Lambert**

Lambert Wels m. -?-  
---children of Lambert Wels

• **Lambert Wels**, bp. 22 April 1707 Ref Ch Port Richmond, Staten Island (wit: Evert Van Namen)  
 ---Sources: Staten Island Church Records, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. IV, 1909

**Wels, Richard** (Rutsert; Ritsert)

Richard Wels m. 14 April 1728 **Lea Swart**  
 son of Jan Wels & Kingston Ref Ch dau. of Adam Swart &  
 Cornelia Jansen De Duytser Metje Van Slyck  
 bp. 4 July 1697 Kingston Ref Ch bp.

---children of Richard Wels & Lea Swart:

• **Jan Wels**, bp. 9 Feb 1729 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Wels, Margriet Wels)  
 • **Metjen Wels**, bp. 8 Feb 1730 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jury Snyder, Johanna Swart)  
 • **Willem Wels**, bp. 7 May 1732 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Willem Swart, Annatjen du Mon)  
 • **Benjamin Wels**, bp. 2 June 1734 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Willem Ploeg, Barber Schoonmaker)  
 • **Cornelia Wes**, bp. 13 June 1736 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Masten, Marytjen Wels)  
 • **Stephanus Wels**, bp. 6 Aug 1738 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Stephanus Swart, Sara Dekker)  
 • **Louwerens Wels**, bp. 15 Feb 1741 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus van Aaken, Ariaantjen Hoogeboom)

---Sources: Hoes, Roswell Randall, Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston..., 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

**Welsh, Richard**

Richard Welsh  
son of

m. 26 April 1801  
Christ Episcopal Ch, NYC

**Frances Day**  
dau. of

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, Records of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, NY, Vol. 2, p. 16 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society);

**Wels, Samuel** (Zamuel)

Samuel Wels

m.

**Marytjen Oosterhout**

---*children of Samuel Wels & Marytjen Oosterhout:*

- **Wilhelmus Wels**, bp. 20 May 1733 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Torn out)
- **Annaatjen Wels**, bp. 1 June 1735 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik Elles, Johanna van Steenberg)
- **Cornelia Wels**, bp. 29 May 1737 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Louwerens Oosterhout, Elisabeth Masten)
- **Zamuel Wels** (Samuel), bp. 11 March 1739 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Masten, Marytjen Wels)
- **Henderikus Wels**, bp. 14 Dec 1740 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Hendrik H. Schoonmaker, Tryntjen Oosterhout)
- **Jacobus Wels**, bp. 22 Aug 1742 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jacobus Elmendorff, Ariaantjen Nieuwkerk)
- **Cornelis Wels**, bp. 24 June 1744 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Cornelis van Bueren, Zara Hoogteeling)
- **Treyntjen Wels**, bp. 23 March 1746 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Schoonmaker, Treyntjen Oosterhout)
- **Marytjen Wels**, bp. 20 Sep 1747 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Ezechiël Masten, Maria Vielen)
- **Margrietjen Wels**, bp. 11 June 1749 Kingston Ref Ch (wit: Jan Masten, Maria van Keuren)

---Sources: Hoes, Roswell Randall, Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston..., 1891 (reprinted 1997 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD)

**Wells, Thomas**

Thomas Wells  
son of

m. 5 Oct 1718  
NYC Ref Ch

**Rebecca Veenvos**  
dau. of (prob) Daniel Veenvos &  
Christina Jacobs Vander Grift  
bp. 25 Nov 1694 NYC Ref Ch

bp.

---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

**Wells, Thomas**

Thomas Wells

m.

-?-

d. before 7 Aug 1847

d. before 24 June 1847

Thomas Wells of Clarkstown, in his will dated Jun. 24, 1847, probated Aug. 7, 1847. mentioned My deceased wife, - name not given; Sons, Nelson, George, Wait and John; Dau. Eliza; Mother, Elizabeth Canning; Executor: Reuben P. Wells of Staten Island.

---*children of Thomas Wells &*

- **Nelson Wells**
- **George Wells**
- **Wait Wells**
- **John Wells**
- **Eliza Wells**

---Sources: Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 586, will of Thomas Wells)

**Wells, Willem**

Willem Wels

m.

**Priscilla**

---*children of Willem Wels & Priscilla*

- **Willem Wels**, bp. 7 Aug 1678 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Jonas Bytom, Jannetie)

**Unplaced Wels, Welsh Women:**

**Antje Wels**, j.d. Van Staten Eylant, m. 21 [May] 1723 NYC Ref Ch (both living in NY), **Andries Preslaar**, j.m. uit duidslant

**Margriet Wels**, m. before May 1737, **Antonie [Van] Benschoten**