

Adrienne (Ariantje) Cuvellier (c.1589–after 1650) — Research Summary

Also seen as: Adrienne / Ariaentje Cuvellier, Cuvilje, Cuvellier, Cuvilier (Walloon → Dutch spellings)

Born: c.1589, Valenciennes/Hainaut (Walloon diaspora) — working estimate

Died: after 1650, New Netherland — working date (confirm with church/civil entries)

Role in the colony. A matriarchal node of the early Walloon community at New Amsterdam, Adrienne appears across baptisms and marriages into the 1650s, anchoring sponsor chains that connect Vigne, Cuvellier, Volckertsen, de Witt, de Jong and other frontier families of Manhattan and western Long Island. Her household helps translate a French-speaking refugee network into Dutch colonial parish life.

Names & variants

Expect fluid spellings in Dutch records: Cuvellier / Cuvilje / Cuvilier, and given-name variants Adrienne / Ariaentje / Ariantje. In French/Walloon contexts you may see Adrienne Cuvellier or Ariane; in Dutch registers, Ariaentje Cuvilje is common.

Family & ties

- **Spouse:** Guillaume (Guiliam/Willem) Vigne — among the first householders at New Amsterdam.
 - **Children (commonly listed; confirm each in registers):** Christina/Christyntje (m. Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen), Maria, Rachel, Jan/Jan Vigne, and others as found in the church books.
 - **Extended network:** Recurrent baptism sponsors among Vigne/Cuvellier/Volckertsen/de Witt/de Jong; these sponsor sets are your strongest kin indicators in the 1630s–1650s.
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What we can anchor (and how to prove it)

- **Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam (Manhattan).**
 - **Baptisms 1639–1730** (published transcript) — extract children and sponsors tied to Adrienne/Ariaentje and Guillaume/Willem Vigne.

- **Marriages 1639–1801** (published transcript) — map allied unions of her children and close kin.
Proves: names, dates, variant spellings, and **sponsor chains** (often identifying siblings and in-laws).
- **Brooklyn (Old First Dutch Reformed Church), “First Book” 1660–1752.**
If her children/grandchildren shift to **Kings County** (Bushwick/Wallabout/Flatbush), look for **later baptisms/marriages** there.
Proves: family’s move across the East River; continuity of sponsor networks.
- **Old-World Walloon context (Amsterdam & Valenciennes).**
Amsterdam Walloon Church registers (baptisms/marriages) and **notarial acts** can document **Cuvellier/Vigne** before migration—parents, siblings, attestations, and departure arrangements.
Proves: origins, kin cluster, and timing of emigration.
- **Lot/house placement (Manhattan).**
Use **Castello Plan** literature and **translated New Amsterdam deeds/council minutes** to place the **Vigne/Cuvellier** household among early lots; sponsors often correlate with neighbors.
Proves: locality and adjacency to allied families.

Death “after 1650.” Treat as a working window until you find a **burial entry, guardianship, or inventory** that clearly references **Ariaentje/Adrienne** by name and kin.

Working timeline (fill with exact citations as you locate them)

Year/Range	Event / record to cite
pre-1620	Valenciennes/Amsterdam Walloon context: search Walloon Church registers for Cuvellier/Vigne .
1620s–early 1630s	Presence at New Amsterdam among early Walloon households; begin mapping lot & neighbor references.
1630s–1650s	Baptisms & marriages in DRC Manhattan (sponsor chains featuring Adrienne/Ariaentje).
after 1650	Continued sponsor/kin mentions; confirm last appearance and burial/probate if available.

Research plan (next pulls)

1. **DRC Manhattan transcripts** (baptisms & marriages):
 - Extract each **Vigne/Cuvellier** entry; tabulate **sponsors** to build the kin graph.
2. **Brooklyn Old First (1660–1752):**

- Follow children/grandchildren into **Kings County**; note sponsors who reappear from Manhattan.
 - 3. **Castello Plan & New Amsterdam deeds:**
 - Correlate **lot numbers** to **Vigne/Cuvellier**; copy deed/council citations and fetch images where possible.
 - 4. **Amsterdam Walloon registers & notarial acts:**
 - Search for **Adrienne/Ariaentje Cuvellier** and **Guillaume/Guiliam/Willem Vigne** (parents, siblings, witnesses, consent).
 - 5. **Burial/probate trail:**
 - Look for **burial** in Manhattan DRC coverage or **council/notarial** references to her death; failing that, use **inventories/guardianships** mentioning her children.
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Quick links (finding aids; replace with originals for proof)

- **WikiTree:** Adrienne / Ariaentje (Cuvellier) — https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Ayrensd_1
 - **Geni:** (user-contributed; use as pointer only) — <https://www.geni.com/people/Annetgen-Adriaansdr-Pijnacker/60000000004664219724>
 - **Fulkerson.org (Vigne/Cuvellier page):** curated synthesis with citations to chase — https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=48
 - **DRC Manhattan — Baptisms (published transcript):** 1639–1730.
 - **DRC Manhattan — Marriages (published transcript):** 1639–1801.
 - **Old First DRC (Brooklyn) — First Book (1660–1752):** baptisms & marriages (catalog/holdings).
 - **Castello Plan / Stokes *Iconography of Manhattan Island*:** lot correlations and deed references.
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Notes & cautions

- Use **sponsor chains** as your prime kin evidence for **Adrienne/Ariaentje**; list repeat sponsors across multiple baptisms.
 - Expect **spelling drift** across French/Dutch contexts; search **Cuvellier/Cuvilje** and **Adrienne/Ariaentje/Ariantje** variants.
 - Treat **dates** here as **working** until secured by **register images** or **contemporary civil acts**.
 - Compiled trees are roadmaps—replace each claim with **church entries, deeds/council minutes, or notarial/probate images**.
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