
Elizabeth Fulkerson — Ancestry: What We Can Prove Now (Official-Record Trail)

Purpose. Validate people/links appearing on the “Elizabeth Fulkerson” tab (Addie Arabelle Powell workbook), prioritizing **original records or government editions**; use compiled trees only as finding aids.

1) Identity & U.S. era (plug in your specifics)

Fill these with your tab’s dates/places, then confirm with:

- **Civil vital** (county/state birth, marriage, death) and **probate** (wills/estates).
- **U.S. census** (1850+ name-by-name; 1790–1840 head-of-household).
- **Land** (deeds/tax lists).

(Because “Elizabeth Fulkerson” can occur in multiple states/years, keep the county and date context from your tab and cite the exact book/page once you pull the images.)

2) New Netherland roots behind “Fulkerson” (Volckertsen)

Many “Fulkerson/Folkerson/Ferguson”-like spellings in early NY/NJ descend linguistically from **Volckertsz(en)/Volkertsen** (“son of Volckert”), with **Dirck ‘de Noorman’ Volckertsen** as a key progenitor on western Long Island. Below are **official or archival** sources you can cite.

A) Church registers (original core evidence)

- **Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam/New York (Manhattan)**
What it proves: Marriages & baptisms of Dutch/Walloon families—use to confirm **Christina/Christyntje Vigne, Volckertsen, de Witt**, etc., and to pull sponsor networks that verify kin.
Where: Published by the **NYG&B** (government-adjacent society edition; near-verbatim from originals). Digital copies/indexes:
 - **Marriages 1639–1801** (Purple, 1890): Internet Archive (full view). ([Internet Archive](#))
 - Catalog records (FamilySearch, Hathi) to locate film/page and cite properly. ([FamilySearch](#))

- **Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn (Kings County), “First Book of Records, 1660–1752”**

What it proves: Brooklyn/Bushwick baptisms & marriages—vital to document Long Island branches (Volckertsen/Langeland/de Jong).

Where: Church archive inventory and Holland Society index lead you to entries; use these to request or view page images. ([Internet Archive](#))

- **Old Dutch Church of Kingston (Ulster County)**

What it proves: Baptisms/marriages as families moved up the Hudson (useful for later Volkertsen/Fulkerson offshoots).

Where: The church hosts searchable **index + PDF scans**. ([Old Dutch Church](#))

How to use: From your tab, list each claimed couple/child → search the Manhattan book first (1639–1730 baptisms; 1639–1801 marriages), then Brooklyn/Kingston as geography shifts. Add footnotes with **book title, page, entry date**.

B) Land & locality (tying Dirck “de Noorman” to Bushwick/Greenpoint)

- **NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (Municipal Report, 2021)**

What it proves: A government report noting “Dirck ‘the Noorman’ Volckertsen was granted several hundred acres in northern Bushwick in 1643” and that he “erected a stone farmhouse.” Use as a **government-published pointer** to 1640s patents/surveys you can later pull. ([NYC Media](#))

- **Early Long Island patent/survey references (Maspeth Kill ↔ Noorman’s Kill)**

What it proves: Geographic placement of Dirck’s homestead area (**Noorman’s Kill**) and neighboring lots—context for land & neighbors you’ll meet in court/church entries. Use the **patent/survey citations** embedded in town histories as **waypoints** to find the archival images. ([WikiTree](#))

Note on toponyms: Noorman’s Kill (Brooklyn/Greenpoint) is **distinct** from Normans Kill near Albany (named for Albert Andriessen Bradt). Avoid conflation in citations. ([Wikipedia](#))

C) What each source can prove (quick matrix)

Claim type (from your tab)	Use this record	What it can prove
Volckertsen–Vigne marriage	Manhattan Marriages 1639–1801 (Purple)	Names, date/place of marriage; variant spellings; witnesses. (Internet Archive)
Children of Dirck & Christina	Manhattan Baptisms 1639–1730 ; Brooklyn First Book	Child's baptism, parents, sponsors (kin map). (WikiTree)
Dirck at Bushwick	NYC Landmarks report (pointer), then town patents/surveys	1643 tract & presence; follow up with patent/survey images for land proof. (NYC Media)
Langeland / de Witt / de Jong in Kings Co.	Brooklyn First Book ; Kings Co. deeds when available	Parish events in Kings; link to later deeds. (Internet Archive)
Up-Hudson migrations	Kingston Church books	New marriages/baptisms as branches move north. (Old Dutch Church)

3) Secondary finding aids (useful, not proof)

Cite only as **finding aids**; replace with originals when you can.

- **Fulkerson.org** on Dirck & Vigne (well-organized roadmap to specific church entries and lot histories). ([Fulkerson](#))
- **WikiTree/Geni** person pages for **Dirck Volckertsen** and **Christina Vigne** (follow their citations into the church books). ([Freepages Rootsweb](#))

4) Practical pull-list (do these next)

1. Manhattan Reformed Dutch Church — Marriages (1639–1801)

- Search for **Volckertsen/Volckertsen × Vigne** (c. **1630–1631**). Record **exact entry** and page. ([Internet Archive](#))

2. Manhattan Baptisms (1639–1730 window)

- Pull each **child of Dirck & Christina** named on your tab. Capture **child's name, date, parents, sponsors**. (Use Evans/Purple volumes.) ([WikiTree](#))
3. **Brooklyn Old First — First Book (1660–1752)**
- Check **Langeland, de Witt, de Jong** surnames from your tab. Note **baptisms/marriages** and recurring sponsors (build the kin cluster). ([Internet Archive](#))
4. **Kingston Old Dutch**
- If your tab shows a branch up the Hudson, verify in **Kingston baptism/marriage PDFs**. ([Old Dutch Church](#))
5. **Bushwick/Greenpoint land**
- Quote the **LPC report** line in a footnote now; then, using its bibliography, request scans of the **1640s patents/surveys** from NY State Archives or Brooklyn collections to replace the pointer with **primary land images**. ([NYC Media](#))
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5) What's *not* yet proven (and how to fix it)

- **Exact marriage date** for Dirck & Christina varies by compilation; the **church book entry** will normalize it. ([Internet Archive](#))
 - **Complete child list** relies on collations; confirm every child in the **baptism registers** (Manhattan/Brooklyn), not just on trees. ([WikiTree](#))
 - **Bushwick grant** is presently cited via a **municipal report**; upgrade to the **patent/survey** image for final proof. ([NYC Media](#))
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6) Suggested citation style (paste-ready)

Reformed Dutch Church (New Amsterdam/New York), *Marriages from 1639 to 1801*, ed. Samuel S. Purple (New York: NYG&B, 1890), p. **[page]**, entry **[date]**: **Dirck Volckertzen & Christina/Christyntje Vigne**. Online: Internet Archive (digitized book). ([Internet Archive](#))

Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, *First Book of Records, 1660–1752* (parish register), **[baptism/marriage date]**, **[name]**; described in *Inventory of the Church Archives of New York City* (New York City, 1869) and indexed by the Holland Society. ([Internet Archive](#))

NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, 832 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn
(Report, 30 Jul 2021), noting **1643** Bushwick acreage and stone farmhouse of **Dirck ‘the Noorman’ Volckertsen**. ([NYC Media](#))

One-paragraph abstract (for your decade packet)

The **Elizabeth Fulkerson** line tracks back to **New Netherland** through **Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen**—a Norwegian carpenter/mariner who married **Christina Vigne** of the early Walloon settlers in New Amsterdam. Their **marriage** and **children** can be documented in the **Reformed Dutch Church books** of Manhattan and **Brooklyn’s First Book**; their **western Long Island** footprint—**Noorman’s Kill**—is backed by municipal reporting on **1640s Bushwick land**. With those records in hand, the spreadsheet’s ancestral chain can be footnoted to **original entries**, replacing tree-level assertions with **primary citations**. ([Internet Archive](#))