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## Catharina (Catherina) de Brul (1639–1740) — Research Summary

**Also seen as:** Catharina/Catherina **de Brul, de Bruijl, de Bruhl, de Brule**

**Born:** 1639 (colonial New Netherland — working date)

**Died:** 1740, New York — working date (confirm with church/probate)

**Where & why in the 1630s.** A **colonial-born Dutch** woman whose adult life falls squarely in the Dutch-to-English transition on Manhattan and western Long Island. As sponsor/wife/mother in Dutch Reformed congregations, she is part of the first American-born generation linking Old-World kin to New-World neighborhoods.

**Family & ties.** Wife of **Jan Janse (de) Jong** (see his sheet). Expect her surname variants in marriage/baptism entries and among **sponsor networks** that include de Brul/de Bruijl kin and allied Bushwick/Manhattan families.

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### What we can anchor (and how to prove it)

- **Dutch Reformed Church — Manhattan (New Amsterdam/New York).**  
Search the **published transcripts** for Catherina **de Brul** (variants) as **bride** and as **mother/sponsor**:
  - *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (Purple) for her marriage to **Jan Janse (de) Jong**.
  - *Baptisms 1639–1730* (Evans) for her children's baptisms and sponsor lists.  
*Proves:* names, dates, exact spellings, **sponsors** (often relatives).
- **Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn — First Book (1660–1752).**  
If the couple operated in **Kings County** (Bushwick/Flatbush/Gravesend), look here for later **baptisms/marriages**.  
*Proves:* presence in Kings County; connects to specific town congregations.
- **Kings County — Oath of Allegiance (1687).**  
If **Jan (de) Jong** (and possibly adult sons) appear, note “**years in the country.**”  
*Proves:* residency by 1687 and an arrival/residency estimate for the household.
- **Town minutes / property (Kings County).**  
Bushwick/Flatbush **lot lists, road/fence orders, militia** can place the couple

geographically and identify neighbors—often in-laws.

*Proves:* place-and-time residence; allied families.

- **Probate / wills (NY & Kings County).**

For a **1740±** death, scan surrogate indexes for a will or administration.

*Proves:* death window and **children/heirs**.

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## **Names & variants (search guidance)**

Expect: **de Brul, de Bruijl, de Bruhl, de Brule** (Dutch spellings often -ij-). First name toggles between **Catharina/Catherina**. When searching church books, scan **sponsor lists** for de Brul/de Bruijl cousins and recurrent allied surnames (they often triangulate parentage).

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## **Working timeline (fill with exact entries as you locate them)**

### **Year/Range    Event / record to cite**

<b>1639</b>	Reported birth year in New Netherland (confirm via indirect evidence—age statements, late-life entries, or tombstone if any).
<b>1660s– 1680s</b>	<b>Marriage</b> to Jan Janse (de) Jong in <b>DRC Manhattan</b> ; <b>baptisms</b> of their children (Manhattan and/or Brooklyn First Book). Extract each entry with <b>sponsors</b> .
<b>1687</b>	Household appears in <b>Kings County Oath of Allegiance</b> (check Jan; note “years in the country”).
<b>1690s– 1730s</b>	Property/town/militia and church mentions in Kings County towns; track residences and adult children.
<b>1740</b>	Reported death year; verify with probate or burial record and list heirs.

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## **Research plan (next pulls)**

- **DRC Manhattan:** Locate **marriage** for **Jan Janse (de) Jong × Catherina de Brul**; then extract **children’s baptisms** with sponsors from the **Evans** volume.

- **Brooklyn First Book (1660–1752):** Check for **de Jong/de Jonge** and **de Brul/de Bruijl** entries; note the **town** (Bushwick/Flatbush/Gravesend).
- **Oath of Allegiance 1687:** Verify **Jan (de) Jong**; capture exact wording and **years in the country**.
- **Town minutes / deeds:** Map neighbors (often in-law clues) and track movement within Kings County.
- **Probate 1740±:** Search NY/Kings County surrogate indexes for **Catherina (de Brul) de Jong** and/or **Jan de Jong** to fix death window and heirs.

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#### Quick links (finding aids; replace with originals for proof)

- **WikiTree:** Catharina (de Brul) — [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De\\_Brull-1](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Brull-1)
- **Geni:** Catharina de Brul — <https://www.geni.com/people/Catharina-de-Brul/6000000013715883240>
- **DRC Manhattan — Marriages (Purple, 1890):**  
<https://archive.org/details/marriagesfrom16300coll>
- **DRC Manhattan — Baptisms (Evans, 1901):**  
<https://archive.org/details/recordofbaptisms00holl>
- **Old First DRC (Brooklyn) — First Book (catalog):**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/396836>
- **Kings Co. Oaths of Allegiance (1687) — Documentary History vol. 1:**  
<https://archive.org/details/documentaryhisto01odon>

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#### Notes & cautions

- Treat **1639** (birth) and **1740** (death) as **working dates** until fixed by a church burial, tombstone with contemporary inscription, or probate.
  - Always search **variant spellings** and scan **sponsor lists**—they're the best evidence of kin.
  - Use **compiled trees as roadmaps only**; back each claim with **church entries, town records, deeds, or probate images**.
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