
New & Old Country Narratives — 1630–1640

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How to use this page

This decade brief stitches together people in the **Elizabeth Fulkerson** branch who were alive in, or tightly tied to, the **1630s**. It pairs a **New Country** (New Netherland) sketch with parallel **Old Country** threads in the Dutch Republic and the francophone **Walloon corridor** (Valenciennes / Hainaut → Leiden/Utrecht). Each bullet carries quick pointers to confirm with **primary** or near-primary records (church registers, notarial acts, colonial court minutes, town books).

New Country — New Netherland & western Long Island (1630s)

Setting. The lower Hudson estuary and western Long Island as **New Amsterdam** takes shape under the West India Company. Harbor-edge hamlets (Manhattan's East River shore, the **Wallabout**, and the future **Bushwick / Greenpoint**) host boatwrights, woodcutters, mariners, and small planters. Walloon and Dutch families intermarry and appear together as neighbors, witnesses, and sponsors.

- **Dirck de Noorman (Dirck Volckertsen, 1595–1677).**

Why here: A mariner/woodcutter repeatedly associated with the Wallabout and the watercourse called “**Noorman's Kill**.” He shows up in early court minutes and land notations; later records tie him to the Bushwick/Greenpoint—Manhattan working-waterfront corridor (cf. **Smit's Vly**).

Spouse: Christyntje (Christina) Vigne.

What to look for: Dutch Reformed baptisms/marriages, colonial court minutes, early deeds/patents using “Noorman/Volckertsen,” Bushwick town records.

Links: Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Volckertsen-5> • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Dirck-de-Noorman/6000000001876259824> •

Fulkerson notes https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=15 • Find A Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/149448389/dirck-volckertsen>

- **Christyntje (Christina) Vigne (1610–1663).**

Why here: Daughter of **Guillaume Vigne & Adrienne Cuvellier**, one of the earliest

Walloon households lot-holders in New Amsterdam. The Vigne/Cuvellier kin network reappears as baptism sponsors and neighbors through the 1630s–1650s. *What to look for:* New Amsterdam DR Church entries (as sponsor/parent), marriage to Volckertsen, proximity to Vigne/Cuvellier households on early lot maps/notarial mentions.

Links: Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-3> • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Christina-Vigne/600000000930080337> • Fulkerson notes https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=48 • Find A Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/149448502/christine-volckertszen>

- **Pieter Jans de Witt (1624–1705).**

Why here: Leiden-born artisan surname that appears in the Bushwick/Long Island orbit by mid-century; fits the **Leiden → New Netherland** artisan pipeline (weavers, smiths, ship trades).

What to look for: Bushwick town minutes/patents; New Amsterdam & Brooklyn DR registers; any Leiden **ondertrouw** or **poorter** (burgher) entries that match patronymic/signature patterns.

Links: Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wit-50> • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Pieter-de-Witt/6000000007566047201> • Fulkerson notes https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=447

- **Jan Janse (de) Jong (1636–1740) & Catharina de Brul (1639–1740).**

Why here: **Colonial-born** couple whose marriages/baptisms (late 1650s–1660s) sit in the same Wallabout/Bushwick circle. They help explain later **York / Fulkerson** affinities with Kings County.

What to look for: DR registers (bap./mar. entries with typical sponsor chains), Bushwick/Flatbush town minutes, later deed references.

Links (Jan): Wikitree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Jonge-1296 • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Jan-Janse-de-Jong/6000000007962730521> • Find A Grave https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/185545442/jan-janszen-de_jong

Links (Catharina): Wikitree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Brull-1 • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Catharina-de-Brul/6000000013715883240>

- **Phillip Claesz Langelaen (1617–1662).**

Why here: Recorded in New Netherland by the 1640s; surname variants (**Langelaen / Langeleyn / Langlane**) cluster with Bushwick/Manhattan notarial entries.

What to look for: Notarial protocols, DR registers, Bushwick land/town record mentions.

Link: Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Langelaen-11>

Old Country — Leiden, Utrecht & the Walloon corridor (France ↔ Dutch Republic)

- **Guillaume (Willem) Vigne (c.1580s–1632) & Adrienne (Ariantje) Cuvellier (c.1589–after 1650).**

Why here: Among the first **Walloon** households granted lots in **New Amsterdam**; origins traced to **Valenciennes (Hainaut)**. Children/in-laws span baptisms and marriages into the 1650s.

What to look for: Early lot lists/ward maps; DR registers; notarial/witness chains connecting Vigne, Cuvellier, and allied surnames.

Links (Guillaume): Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-2> • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/William-Vign%C3%A9/6000000004371229221>

Links (Adrienne): Wikitree <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Ayrensdre-1> • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Annetgen-Adriaansdr-Pijnacker/6000000004664219724>

- **Hendrick van Leeuwen (1630–1653, Utrecht).**

Why here: An “anchor cousin” who appears to have remained in the Republic—reminder that not all kin emigrated.

What to look for: **Utrecht** church/civil registers; kin naming patterns that later echo in New Netherland registers.

Links: Wikitree https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Van_Leeuwen-692 • Geni <https://www.geni.com/people/Hendrik-Van-Leeuwen/4872512151650046660>

- **The Leiden pathway.**

Why here: Migration literature repeatedly shows **Leiden** artisans and Walloon refugees feeding West India Company settlements.

Search cues: **Ondertrouw** (marriage intentions), **Poorterboeken** (burgher rolls), **guild** books (weavers/smiths/ship trades), **notarial** protocols; Walloon church registers for **Valenciennes / Hainaut**.

Decade timeline & touchpoints (1630–1640)

- c. **1630–1632** — New Amsterdam **lot regularization** includes early Walloon households (Vigne/Cuvellier).
- **1630s** — Woodcutting, boat-building, and ferry landings along the **Wallabout/Greenpoint** shore; “**Noorman’s Kill**” label enters usage.

- **1634** — Manhattan east-side lanes (later **Pearl / Maiden Lane**) develop as a smithy/market stretch (see **Smit's Vly** place brief).
 - **1636–1637** — **Pequot War** shapes Long Island and riverine traffic patterns; settlers and soldiers move through Manhattan & western Long Island.
 - Late **1630s** — **Leiden / Utrecht** channels continue supplying artisans and soldiers of fortune into the colony.
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What this likely documents vs. what to verify

What you can usually prove with records (targets)

- **Residence clusters:** Vigne / Cuvelier / Volckertsen proximities via DR registers (baptisms/marriages) and court minutes.
- Use of “**Noorman**” / **Wallabout** identifiers in deeds, patents, and court actions linking to **Dirck Volckertsen**.
- **Bushwick/Long Island** presence of **de Witt / de Jong / de Brul** families by mid-century via town minutes and patents.

What needs careful verification (next steps)

- Precise **parentage** links for **Pieter Jans de Witt** (seek Leiden notarial or guild entries that align with NN signatures/spellings).
 - Cross-checking **Christina Vigne**'s siblings and sponsors to ensure the right person is tied to **Dirck de Noorman** in each entry.
 - **Langelaen / Langeleyn** variants in 1640s notarial files to confirm identity continuity into Bushwick records.
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Record pointers (where to look first)

- **New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church Registers** (baptisms/marriages) — multiple printed/translated editions.
- **New Netherland court minutes & notarial records** (O'Callaghan; Fernow translations; New Netherland Research Center finding aids).
- Stokes, ***Iconography of Manhattan Island*** (lot/streets context, esp. early East River lanes).

- Riker, *Annals of Newtown* (western Long Island context).
- **Kings County** (Bushwick/Flatbush) town records; **Long Island** patents and deeds.
- **Leiden/Utrecht** civil registers: **ondertrouw** (marriage intentions), **poorter** (burgher) lists, **guild** records; **Walloon** registers (Valenciennes/Hainaut).

Working links (secondary finding-aids to kick-start searches)

- Christina Vigne — Wikitree: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-3> • Geni: <https://www.geni.com/people/Christina-Vigne/600000000930080337>
- Dirck de Noorman (Volckertsen) — Wikitree: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Volckertsen-5> • Geni: <https://www.geni.com/people/Dirck-de-Noorman/6000000001876259824>
- Pieter Jans de Witt — Wikitree: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wit-50> • Geni: <https://www.geni.com/people/Pieter-de-Witt/6000000007566047201>
- Jan Janse de Jong — Wikitree: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Jonge-1296 • Geni: <https://www.geni.com/people/Jan-Janse-de-Jong/6000000007962730521>
- Catharina de Brul — Wikitree: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Brull-1 • Geni: <https://www.geni.com/people/Catharina-de-Brul/6000000013715883240>
- Phillip Claesz Langelaen — Wikitree: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Langelaen-11>
- Hendrick van Leeuwen — Wikitree: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Van_Leeuwen-692
- Fulkerson research hub — <https://fulkerson.org/>

Notes

This brief is a **research scaffold**—treat all links as leads and confirm with primary records wherever possible. Keep this sheet in step with the **Persons** dossiers you're building (Volckertsen, Vigne, de Witt, de Jong, de Brul, Langelaen, van Leeuwen).