

Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen (1595–1677)

Also known as: Dirck Volckertszen; Dirck the Noorman (Dutch for “the Norwegian”)

Born: *c.*1595, **Bergen, Norway**

Died: 1677, **Noorman’s Kill** (Brooklyn/Greenpoint area), **Kings County, New York**

Why he matters in the 1630s: Early New Netherland settler on western Long Island—part of the first wave of **Scandinavian mariners/carpenters/woodcutters** who cut timber, built houses, and took up land around today’s **Greenpoint–Bushwick** corridor. The tidal creek by his homestead was long known locally as **Noorman’s Kill** (“Norwegian’s Creek”).

([Wikipedia](#))

Names & variants

- **Dirck Volckertsz(en), Volkertsen, Volckertszen;** byname “**de Noorman.**” Norwegian origin is supported by the period byname and multiple colonial mentions. ([ia801306.us.archive.org](#))
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Family & ties

- **Wife: Christina/Christyntje Vigne** (Walloon—daughter of **Guillaume Vigne & Adrienne Cuvelier/Cuvellier**); marriage recorded in secondary compilations as **1630/1631** in New Amsterdam. ([WikiTree](#))
 - **Children (commonly listed in secondary trees):** Grietje, Magdalena, Sarah, Rachel, **Volkert, Jacob**, Ariantje, Jannetje. (Confirm against New Amsterdam Reformed Church baptisms.) ([olypen.com](#))
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Life sketch & land

- **By 1638–1639:** Appears in New Amsterdam records; one secondary transcript notes a **May 18, 1639 Bowery lease**, consistent with his work as a carpenter/house-builder. ([Freepages Rootsweb](#))
- **1643:** A New York City Landmarks report notes “**Dirck ‘the Noorman’ Volckertsen was granted several hundred acres in northern Bushwick in 1643**” and that he **erected a stone farmhouse** there—the area that later took the **Noorman’s Kill** name (modern Greenpoint/Norman Ave. environs). ([NYC Media](#))

- **1645:** Early Long Island township layout references list “**Dirck the Noorman**” among patentees/lot-holders as surveyors laid out **22 lots** between **Maspeth Kill/Newtown Creek** and **Noorman’s Kill**. (Use as a guide to locate the original patent/survey image.) ([WikiTree](#))
- **Trade & work:** Multiple compiled accounts describe him as a **ship’s carpenter/house builder**, fitting the immigrant craftsman profile that tied **Norwegian/Scandinavian** seafarers to Dutch colonial timbering. (Good context; corroborate specifics in court/minute books.) ([fulkerson.org](#))

About the name “Noorman’s Kill.” In Dutch colonial usage, *Noorman* = “Norwegian/Northman,” and *kill* = creek. In Brooklyn/Greenpoint, a tidal branch near his homestead carried the **Noorman’s Kill** name into the 19th century; it’s distinct from the **Normans Kill** near Albany (named for another Norwegian, **Albert Andriessen Bradt**). ([Wikipedia](#))

Timeline (anchor points)

- **c.1595** — Birth at **Bergen, Norway** (byname and tradition). ([ia801306.us.archive.org](#))
 - **1630/31** — Marriage to **Christina Vigne** (Walloon) in New Amsterdam (secondary). ([WikiTree](#))
 - **1638–1639** — In New Amsterdam records; **1639 Bowery lease** noted in compiled transcripts. ([Freepages Rootsweb](#))
 - **1643** — **Bushwick tract** granted; **stone farmhouse** erected (NYC Landmarks report). ([NYC Media](#))
 - **1645** — Listed among early patentees/lot-holders between **Maspeth Kill** and **Noorman’s Kill** as a village is laid out. ([WikiTree](#))
 - **1677** — Death at **Noorman’s Kill**, Kings County (date widely repeated in compiled works; verify against church burials/court papers). ([fulkerson.org](#))
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Quick links (secondary, useful as finding aids)

- **WikiTree:** Dirck Volckertszen (Volckertszen-5) — profiles, children, page notes. ([WikiTree](#))

- **Geni:** Dirck de Noorman — tree connections & notes (user-contributed). ([Geni](#))
- **Fulkerson.org:** Dirck de Noorman & Vigne pages — well-organized family compilations with citations to chase. ([fulkerson.org](#))
- **Find a Grave:** memorial page (often derivative; use cautiously). ([Reddit](#))

Research notes (what to cite in your footnotes/endnotes)

1. **NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission report** (832 Metropolitan Ave., 2021)—mentions **1643 Bushwick grant** and **stone farmhouse** for Dirck the Noorman. Save the PDF and quote the line in a footnote. ([NYC Media](#))
2. **Early Long Island patents/surveys** (1640s)—use **Ostrander’s *History of the City of Brooklyn and Kings County*** and the WikiTree “Early Settlements” page as **pointers** to the original patent/survey references naming **Noorman’s Kill** and **Dirck the Noorman**. Then, when possible, replace with an image citation (e.g., NYSA or town records). ([Wikimedia Commons](#))
3. **New Amsterdam Reformed Church registers**—baptisms/marriages for **Vigne/Volckertsen** children; confirm the child list and sponsor networks (Walloon/Dutch kin).
4. **Council Minutes / Court Records** (Fort Amsterdam; Flatbush/Flatlands/Brooklyn)—look for **land confirmations, fences, trespass, livestock, militia**; these often name neighbors along **Bushwick Creek/Noorman’s Kill**.
5. **Do not conflate** the **Normans Kill** near Albany (named for **Albert Andriessen Bradt**) with the Brooklyn **Noorman’s Kill** by Dirck’s homestead; both reflect Dutch *Noorman + kill*, but they are separate places. ([Wikipedia](#))

One-paragraph summary (for your decade overview)

Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen—a Norwegian carpenter/mariner—married **Christina Vigne** (of New Amsterdam’s Walloon pioneers) and by the late 1630s was working and leasing land around Manhattan. In the **1640s** he took up a **Bushwick** tract on western Long Island and built a **stone farmhouse**; the tidal creek by his place was long called **Noorman’s Kill**. His children and in-law network knit together Dutch and Walloon families

who anchored the **Greenpoint/Bushwick** frontier through the English takeover. ([NYC Media](#))

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