**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.

**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** |
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| **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.

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

* **WikiTree:** Adrienne / Ariaentje (Cuvellier) — <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Ayrensdr-1>
* **Geni:** (user-contributed; use as pointer only) — <https://www.geni.com/people/Annetgen-Adriaansdr-Pijnacker/6000000004664219724>
* **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.

**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**.