**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](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
  + Catalog records (FamilySearch, Hathi) to locate film/page and cite properly. ([FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/145822?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **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](https://archive.org/download/inventoryofchurc00hist_4/inventoryofchurc00hist_4.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **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](https://olddutchchurch.org/history/genealogy/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **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](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3ABaptism_and_Marriage_Records_of_the_DRC_in_America?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Baptism and Marriage Records of the Dutch Reformed ...))

**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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normans_Kill?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**C) What each source can *prove* (quick matrix)**

| **Claim type (from your tab)** | **Use this record** | **What it can prove** |
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| **Volckertsen–Vigne marriage** | Manhattan **Marriages 1639–1801** (Purple) | Names, date/place of marriage; variant spellings; witnesses. ([Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com)) |
| **Children of Dirck & Christina** | Manhattan **Baptisms 1639–1730**; Brooklyn **First Book** | Child’s baptism, parents, sponsors (kin map). ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3ABaptism_and_Marriage_Records_of_the_DRC_in_America?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Baptism and Marriage Records of the Dutch Reformed ...)) |
| **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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com)) |
| **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](https://archive.org/download/inventoryofchurc00hist_4/inventoryofchurc00hist_4.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com)) |
| **Up-Hudson migrations** | Kingston Church books | New marriages/baptisms as branches move north. ([Old Dutch Church](https://olddutchchurch.org/history/genealogy/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)) |

**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](https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=15&utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **WikiTree/Geni** person pages for **Dirck Volckertszen** and **Christina Vigne** (follow their citations into the church books). ([Freepages Rootsweb](https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~brookefamily/genealogy/vignechristina.htm?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Christina Vigne))

**4) Practical pull-list (do these next)**

1. **Manhattan Reformed Dutch Church — Marriages (1639–1801)**
   * Search for **Volckertsen/Volckertszen × Vigne** (c. **1630–1631**). Record **exact entry** and page. ([Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
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](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3ABaptism_and_Marriage_Records_of_the_DRC_in_America?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Baptism and Marriage Records of the Dutch Reformed ...))
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](https://archive.org/download/inventoryofchurc00hist_4/inventoryofchurc00hist_4.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
4. **Kingston Old Dutch**
   * If your tab shows a branch up the Hudson, verify in **Kingston baptism/marriage PDFs**. ([Old Dutch Church](https://olddutchchurch.org/history/genealogy/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Complete child list** relies on collations; confirm every child in the **baptism registers** (Manhattan/Brooklyn), not just on trees. ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3ABaptism_and_Marriage_Records_of_the_DRC_in_America?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Baptism and Marriage Records of the Dutch Reformed ...))
* **Bushwick grant** is presently cited via a **municipal report**; upgrade to the **patent/survey** image for final proof. ([NYC Media](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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 Volckertszen** & **Christina/Christyntje Vigne**. Online: Internet Archive (digitized book). ([Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://archive.org/download/inventoryofchurc00hist_4/inventoryofchurc00hist_4.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://archive.org/details/recordsofreforme01coll?utm_source=chatgpt.com))