**Guillaume (Guiliam/Willem) Vigne (c.1580s–1632) — Research Summary**

**Also seen as:** Guillaume/Guiliam **Vigne**, Willem **Vigné/Vinje/Vigné** (Dutch/Walloon spellings)  
**Born:** **c.1580s**, **Valenciennes/Hainaut** (Walloon diaspora) — working estimate  
**Died:** **1632**, **New Amsterdam** — to be confirmed in church/civil records

**Role in the colony (why he matters).** Among the **earliest Walloon householders** at New Amsterdam, **Guillaume Vigne** anchors a kin network (with wife **Adrienne/Ariaentje Cuvellier/Cuvilje**) that threads through **baptism sponsor lists**, early **lot holders**, and the **Walloon church community**. Their household sits at the heart of the French-speaking refugee presence that helped seed New Amsterdam’s parish and market life in the 1620s–30s.

**Names & variants**

* Given name toggles among **Guillaume / Guiliam / Willem**; surname as **Vigne / Vigné / Vinje / Vynje**.
* Wife as **Adrienne / Ariaentje Cuvellier / Cuvilje / Cuvellier** (Walloon surname often Dutch-ified).

**Family & ties**

* **Spouse:** **Adrienne (Ariaentje) Cuvellier/Cuvilje** — a key Walloon matriarch in early New Amsterdam records.
* **Children commonly listed in compilations** (confirm each in church books): **Christina/Christyntje** (m. **Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen**), **Maria**, **Rachel**, **Jan/Jan Vigne**, and others as found in registers.
* **Allied families:** **Vigne, Cuvellier, Volckertsen, De Witt, De Jong** and other Walloon/Dutch households appearing repeatedly as **baptism sponsors** and adjacent lot holders.

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

* **Dutch Reformed Church (New Amsterdam/New York):**
  + **Marriages 1639–1801** (Purple, ed. NYG&B) — frame allied marriages; earliest Walloon unions sometimes pre-1639 and may appear in **notarial** or **Dutch council** minutes.
  + **Baptisms 1639–1730** (Evans, ed. NYG&B) — confirm **Vigne** children and map **sponsor networks** (often proving kin).  
    *Proves:* names, dates, variant spellings, and **who stood as sponsors** (kinship clues).
* **Early lot/house lists (Manhattan):**  
  Use the **Castello Plan** literature and **Stokes’s *Iconography of Manhattan Island*** to place **Vigne** (and in-laws) among early **lot holders**; cross-check with translated **New Amsterdam deeds** and **council minutes** for conveyances.  
  *Proves:* presence and location; neighbors who often reappear as sponsors/witnesses.
* **Walloon context (Valenciennes → Amsterdam → New Amsterdam):**  
  Walloon refugee congregations in **Amsterdam** (French Reformed) are a pipeline for **Vigne/Cuvellier** families. **Amsterdam Walloon registers** (baptism/marriage) and **notarial acts** may name this couple or their kin prior to departure.  
  *Proves:* Old-World origins, kin clusters, and timing of migration.
* **Death (1632):**  
  Look for **burial** in the **Manhattan DRC** (if covered) or a **civil notation** in council/notarial records. Some secondary works place the death in **1632**; treat as a **working date** until an entry is located.

**Land & locality**

* **Manhattan house/lot:** Correlate **Vigne** name(s) to numbered plots on the **Castello Plan** (c.1660) using Stokes and later scholars; then tie back to earlier **deed/lease** mentions in the **council minutes**.
* **Market & church proximity:** Vigne/Cuvellier appear within the cluster of **early Walloon households** near the **Fort/Heere Straet** corridor, frequently intermarrying and co-sponsoring baptisms.

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

| **Year/Range** | **Event / record to cite** |
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| **pre-1620** | **Valenciennes/Walloon** origins; check **Amsterdam Walloon Church** registers for Vigne/Cuvellier entries. |
| **1620s** | **Presence at New Amsterdam** among **earliest Walloon households**; look for **lot/house** mentions and council minutes. |
| **1630–1631** | Children of marriageable age; **Christina/Christyntje Vigne** marries **Dirck “de Noorman” Volckertsen** (confirm in DRC or allied records). |
| **1632** | **Death** of **Guillaume Vigne** in New Amsterdam (working date) — seek **burial/civil** entry. |
| **1630s–1650s** | Vigne/Cuvellier network persists in **baptism sponsors** and **lot conveyances**; map the kin through church books and deeds. |

**Research plan (next pulls)**

1. **DRC Manhattan published transcripts** (Purple: **marriages**, Evans: **baptisms**):
   * Extract **Vigne/Cuvellier** entries; list each **child** and **sponsor**.
2. **Castello Plan & Stokes *Iconography*:**
   * Pin **Vigne** to a **lot number**; copy the **footnoted deed references** and request the translated **New Amsterdam deeds** for image-level citations.
3. **Amsterdam Walloon Church registers & notarial acts:**
   * Search for **Guillaume/Guiliam Vigne × Adrienne/Ariaentje Cuvellier** and named **children** before emigration; note witnesses and origins.
4. **Council minutes / notarial (New Amsterdam):**
   * Scan for **leases, acknowledgments, inventories, guardianships** naming **Vigne** (and **Volckertsen** after Christina’s marriage).
5. **Burial confirmation (1632):**
   * Check **DRC burial** coverage and **civic minutes** around 1632; if absent, look for **inventories/guardian** acts implying death.

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

* **WikiTree:** Guillaume (Willem) Vigne — <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-2>
* **Geni:** Willem (Guillaume) Vigné — <https://www.geni.com/people/William-Vign%C3%A9/6000000004371229221>
* **Fulkerson.org (Vigne page):** curated synthesis with citations to chase — <https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=48>
* **DRC Manhattan — Marriages (Purple, 1890):** transcript (full-view scan).
* **DRC Manhattan — Baptisms (Evans, 1901):** transcript (full-view scan).
* **Stokes, *Iconography of Manhattan Island* / Castello Plan** literature for lot correlations.

**Notes & cautions**

* Treat **birth (c.1580s)** and **death (1632)** as **working dates** until secured by a **register or civil entry**.
* **Variant spellings** are the rule; search **Vigne/Vigné/Vinje** and **Cuvellier/Cuvilje/Cuvellier**.
* **Baptism sponsors** are your strongest kin evidence in the New World; in the Old World, **Walloon registers** and **notarial** acts carry the weight.