**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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenpoint%2C_Brooklyn?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://ia801306.us.archive.org/12/items/cu31924028827009/cu31924028827009.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-3?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Christina Vigne (abt.1612-1663)))
* **Children (commonly listed in secondary trees):** Grietje, Magdalena, Sarah, Rachel, **Volkert**, **Jacob**, Ariantje, Jannetje. (Confirm against New Amsterdam Reformed Church baptisms.) ([olypen.com](https://olypen.com/zob/genealogy/DePoe-tree/Fulkerson/Dirck_Volckertszen.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~brookefamily/genealogy/volkertszendirck.htm?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Dirck Volkertszen))
* **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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **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](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3AEarly_Settlements_of_Long_Island?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Early Settlements of Long Island))
* **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](https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=15&utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenpoint%2C_Brooklyn?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**Timeline (anchor points)**

* **c.1595** — Birth at **Bergen, Norway** (byname and tradition). ([ia801306.us.archive.org](https://ia801306.us.archive.org/12/items/cu31924028827009/cu31924028827009.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **1630/31** — Marriage to **Christina Vigne** (Walloon) in New Amsterdam (secondary). ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-3?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Christina Vigne (abt.1612-1663)))
* **1638–1639** — In New Amsterdam records; **1639 Bowery lease** noted in compiled transcripts. ([Freepages Rootsweb](https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~brookefamily/genealogy/volkertszendirck.htm?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Dirck Volkertszen))
* **1643** — **Bushwick tract** granted; **stone farmhouse** erected (NYC Landmarks report). ([NYC Media](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **1645** — Listed among early patentees/lot-holders between **Maspeth Kill** and **Noorman’s Kill** as a village is laid out. ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space%3AEarly_Settlements_of_Long_Island?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Early Settlements of Long Island))
* **1677** — Death at **Noorman’s Kill**, Kings County (date widely repeated in compiled works; verify against church burials/court papers). ([fulkerson.org](https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=15&utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**Quick links (secondary, useful as finding aids)**

* **WikiTree:** Dirck Volckertszen (Volckertszen-5) — profiles, children, page notes. ([WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Vigne-3?utm_source=chatgpt.com" \o "Christina Vigne (abt.1612-1663)))
* **Geni:** Dirck de Noorman — tree connections & notes (user-contributed). ([Geni](https://www.geni.com/people/Christina-Vigne/6000000000930080337?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Fulkerson.org:** Dirck de Noorman & Vigne pages — well-organized family compilations with citations to chase. ([fulkerson.org](https://fulkerson.org/?page_id=15&utm_source=chatgpt.com))
* **Find a Grave:** memorial page (often derivative; use cautiously). ([Reddit](https://www.reddit.com/r/Genealogy/comments/a78nxt/fulkerson_vigne_descendants_new_amsterdam/?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

**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](https://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/lpc/arch_reports/1888.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
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](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/ca/A_history_of_the_city_of_Brooklyn_and_Kings_county_%28IA_historyofcityofb00ostriala%29.pdf?utm_source=chatgpt.com))
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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normans_Kill?utm_source=chatgpt.com))

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

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