**Catharina (Catherina) de Brul (1639–1740) — Research Summary**

**Also seen as:** Catharina/Catherina **de Brul**, **de Bruijl**, **de Bruhl**, **de Brule**  
**Born:** **1639** (colonial New Netherland — working date)  
**Died:** **1740**, New York — working date (confirm with church/probate)

**Where & why in the 1630s.** A **colonial-born Dutch** woman whose adult life falls squarely in the Dutch-to-English transition on Manhattan and western Long Island. As sponsor/wife/mother in Dutch Reformed congregations, she is part of the first American-born generation linking Old-World kin to New-World neighborhoods.

**Family & ties.** Wife of **Jan Janse (de) Jong** (see his sheet). Expect her surname variants in marriage/baptism entries and among **sponsor networks** that include de Brul/de Bruijl kin and allied Bushwick/Manhattan families.

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

* **Dutch Reformed Church — Manhattan (New Amsterdam/New York).**  
  Search the **published transcripts** for Catherina **de Brul** (variants) as **bride** and as **mother/sponsor**:
  + *Marriages from 1639 to 1801* (Purple) for her marriage to **Jan Janse (de) Jong**.
  + *Baptisms 1639–1730* (Evans) for her children’s baptisms and sponsor lists.  
    *Proves:* names, dates, exact spellings, **sponsors** (often relatives).
* **Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn — First Book (1660–1752).**  
  If the couple operated in **Kings County** (Bushwick/Flatbush/Gravesend), look here for later **baptisms/marriages**.  
  *Proves:* presence in Kings County; connects to specific town congregations.
* **Kings County — Oath of Allegiance (1687).**  
  If **Jan (de) Jong** (and possibly adult sons) appear, note **“years in the country.”**  
  *Proves:* residency by 1687 and an arrival/residency estimate for the household.
* **Town minutes / property (Kings County).**  
  Bushwick/Flatbush **lot lists, road/fence orders, militia** can place the couple geographically and identify neighbors—often in-laws.  
  *Proves:* place-and-time residence; allied families.
* **Probate / wills (NY & Kings County).**  
  For a **1740±** death, scan surrogate indexes for a will or administration.  
  *Proves:* death window and **children/heirs**.

**Names & variants (search guidance)**

Expect: **de Brul**, **de Bruijl**, **de Bruhl**, **de Brule** (Dutch spellings often -ij-). First name toggles between **Catharina/Catherina**. When searching church books, scan **sponsor lists** for de Brul/de Bruijl cousins and recurrent allied surnames (they often triangulate parentage).

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

| **Year/Range** | **Event / record to cite** |
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| **1639** | Reported birth year in New Netherland (confirm via indirect evidence—age statements, late-life entries, or tombstone if any). |
| **1660s–1680s** | **Marriage** to Jan Janse (de) Jong in **DRC Manhattan**; **baptisms** of their children (Manhattan and/or Brooklyn First Book). Extract each entry with **sponsors**. |
| **1687** | Household appears in **Kings County Oath of Allegiance** (check Jan; note “years in the country”). |
| **1690s–1730s** | Property/town/militia and church mentions in Kings County towns; track residences and adult children. |
| **1740** | Reported death year; verify with probate or burial record and list heirs. |

**Research plan (next pulls)**

* **DRC Manhattan:** Locate **marriage** for **Jan Janse (de) Jong × Catherina de Brul**; then extract **children’s baptisms** with sponsors from the **Evans** volume.
* **Brooklyn First Book (1660–1752):** Check for **de Jong/de Jonge** and **de Brul/de Bruijl** entries; note the **town** (Bushwick/Flatbush/Gravesend).
* **Oath of Allegiance 1687:** Verify **Jan (de) Jong**; capture exact wording and **years in the country**.
* **Town minutes / deeds:** Map neighbors (often in-law clues) and track movement within Kings County.
* **Probate 1740±:** Search NY/Kings County surrogate indexes for **Catherina (de Brul) de Jong** and/or **Jan de Jong** to fix death window and heirs.

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

* **WikiTree:** Catharina (de Brul) — <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/De_Brull-1>
* **Geni:** Catharina de Brul — <https://www.geni.com/people/Catharina-de-Brul/6000000013715883240>
* **DRC Manhattan — Marriages (Purple, 1890):** <https://archive.org/details/marriagesfrom16300coll>
* **DRC Manhattan — Baptisms (Evans, 1901):** <https://archive.org/details/recordofbaptisms00holl>
* **Old First DRC (Brooklyn) — First Book (catalog):** <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/396836>
* **Kings Co. Oaths of Allegiance (1687) — Documentary History vol. 1:** <https://archive.org/details/documentaryhisto01odon>

**Notes & cautions**

* Treat **1639** (birth) and **1740** (death) as **working dates** until fixed by a church burial, tombstone with contemporary inscription, or probate.
* Always search **variant spellings** and scan **sponsor lists**—they’re the best evidence of kin.
* Use **compiled trees as roadmaps only**; back each claim with **church entries, town records, deeds, or probate images**.