

## DUTCH GENEALOGY CHEAT SHEET

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### COMMON WORDS IN CHURCH RECORDS

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- gedoopt — baptized
- doop / doopdatum — baptism / baptism date
- dochter — daughter
- zoon — son
- ouders — parents
- vader — father
- moeder — mother
- getuige(n) — witness(es)
- echtelieden — married couple
- weduwe / weduwnaar — widow / widower
- begraven — buried
- huwelijk — marriage

### MONTHS (OLD DUTCH SPELLINGS)

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- Januarij — January
- Februari / Februarij — February
- Maart — March
- April — April
- Mey / Mei — May
- Junij — June
- Julij — July

- Augustus — August
- September / 7ber — September
- October / 8ber — October
- November / 9ber — November
- December / 10ber — December

## RELATIONSHIP & FAMILY TERMS

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- van — from (location)
- tot — at (location)
- geboren — born
- gedoopt te — baptized at
- in het jaar — in the year
- huisvrouw — wife
- kind / kinderen — child / children

## PATRONYMICS (NAME PATTERNS)

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- Jans / Jansen / Jansz — child of Jan
- Pieters / Pietersz — child of Pieter
- Eisses / Eissens — child of Eisse
- Ottes / Ottens — child of Otte/Otto
- Wouters — child of Wouter

## COMMON GIVEN NAMES (FEMALE)

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- Trijntje / Tryntje — Catherine / Katrina
- Grietje — Margaret

- Aaltje — Alice
- Antje — Anna
- Geertje — Gertrude
- Sientje / Sintje — Sientje
- Jantje — Jane / Johanna

#### COMMON GIVEN NAMES (MALE)

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- Jan — John
- Pieter — Peter
- Hendrik — Henry
- Cornelis — Cornelius
- Eisse / Eijs — old Frisian/Groninger name
- Rinse / Rien / Rein — Rhine/Rein name group

#### HANDWRITING TIPS (1700s)

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- Long “s” looks like “f” without the full crossbar.
- “ij” often written like a “y”.
- “t” and “c” can look nearly identical.
- “h” often has a long upward hook.
- “r” may look like a small tick/curve.
- Names may appear with many spellings — this is normal.

If you want a more advanced version later (with handwriting samples), I can make that too.