

## The Children and Grandchildren of Abraham Brouwer & Cornelia Caljer

### Generation One

**1. ABRAHAM<sup>1</sup> BROUWER**, son of Adam Brouwer and Magdalena Verdon, was born before 1667 Gowanus, Kings Co., Long Island, and possibly in 1662. Hoffman in "Brouwer Beginnings" (TAG 24:96) states his baptism as May 18, 1662 at Brooklyn. However, transcriptions of the Brooklyn records that I have seen only record Abraham's brother Adam as having been baptized on this date. Abraham was certainly 21 years old by time he took the oath in Sep. 1687. He married first Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 6 Feb 1692 **Cornelia Caljer**, daughter of **Jurian Caljer** and **Lysbeth Cornelis van der Hoeven**.<sup>1</sup> He married second circa 1732 **Elizabeth Gerritsen**, daughter of **Jan Gerritszen** and **Elisabeth Gysberts**.<sup>2,3</sup>

Also known as **Abraham Berckhoven**.<sup>4</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Sarah Evertse Van Gelder**, daughter of **Evert Hendricksen** and **Fytie Adamse Brouwer**, on 9 Mar 1690 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abram Brouwer and Sara Brouwer).<sup>5</sup>

Abraham is named in his father's will dated 22 Jan 1691/92.<sup>6</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Adolphus Nicholasz Brouwer**, son of **Nicholas Adamsz Brouwer** and **Jannetje Caljer**, on 15 Oct 1693 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abram Brouwer and Maddalentje Brouwer).<sup>7</sup> He appeared on the census in 1698 Boswick (Bushwick), Kings Co., New York, as Abraham Brouwer, with a family of 1 male, 1 female, 2 children, and 2 apprentices. Recorded between Humphrey Clay (English) and Alexandre Coquer (French). His father-in-law, Jurian Coljer follows Coquer.<sup>8</sup>

On 12 Aug 1698, Magdalena, widow of Adam Brouwer, conveyed to her sons Abraham and Nicholaes in consideration of an annual payment of 300 glds., 10 skipplles of wheat, 2 of Indian corn and 2 loads of hay, and the payment of her debts, her right in the dwelling house, mill houses and mill and creeks thereunto belonging. Nicholas and Abraham then bought out their remaining siblings and became sole owners of the mill property at Gowanus.<sup>9</sup> Abraham Brouwer from Kings County was a volunteer for the expedition to Canada.<sup>10</sup>

On 10 Oct 1700, Peter Brower of East New Jersey deeds Abram and Nicholas Brower of Brooklyn, "Whereas there is a corn mill in Brooklyn called Gowanus Mill bounded by land of Jacob Hanson, Hendrick Vechte, Volkert Briez, formerly in the tenure of Adam Brower, deceased, true owner as by a conveyance from Tunis Nyssen, deceased, and heirs of John Evertse Bout, deceased, etc." The indenture states that Peter Brower is the eldest son of Adam Brower, deceased. Signs

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<sup>1</sup>David William Voorhees, editor, *Records of The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Vol.1, 1677-1720* (New York: Holland Society of New York, 1998), pages 272-273. Abraham Brouwer Berks, young man at Brooklyn, with Cornelia Halsijen, young lady at Bushwick. Hereinafter cited as *RDC Flatbush Recs*.

<sup>2</sup>William J. Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings; The First Three Generations of the Adam Brouwer Berchoven Family," *The American Genealogist* 23:193-206; 24:23-32, 96-102, 161-170 (1947, 1948). Hereinafter cited as "Brouwer Beginnings". <http://brouwergenealogy.blogspot.com/2012/05/published-brouwer-accounts-william-j.html>.

<sup>3</sup>Elmer Garfield Van Name, *Britton Genealogy: Early Generations from Somerset, England to Staten Island, New York* (Woodbury, New Jersey: Gloucester County Historical Society, 1970), p.9. Hereinafter cited as *Britton Gen*.

<sup>4</sup>Thomas Grier Evans, editor, *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. 2 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1901), page 228. Lysbeth; parents: Abraham Berckhoven, Cornelia Caljers. Hereinafter cited as *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*.

<sup>5</sup>A. P. G. Jos van der Linde, *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York: First Book of Records, 1660-1752*, New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), page 129. Sara; parents: Evert Hendricksen, Fijtje Brouwer. Hereinafter cited as *OFDRC Brooklyn*.

<sup>6</sup>Adam Brouwer will (22 Jan 1691/92), Albany Wills, 1629-1802 Vol. AB, page 3: FHL film #0824735, Albany Court of Appeals, Albany, New York. Hereinafter cited as Albany Wills AB:3.

<sup>7</sup>van der Linde, *OFDRC Brooklyn*, page 133. Adam; parents: Nicklaes Brouwer, Jannitje Brouwer.

<sup>8</sup>O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.177.

<sup>9</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", see 23:197.

<sup>10</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97 (Annual Rep. State Hist. 1896:446).

by his mark. Witnessed by William Laurence, Anthony Karr, both sign by mark. Acknowledged 21 Oct 1700 before Col. Gerardus Beeckman, Justice of the Peace.<sup>11,12</sup>

On 10 March 1702/03, Gerardus Beeckman deeds Abram and Nicholas Brower his "right, title, etc., in the Dutch Church of Brooklyn," "as I purchased same from Volkert Briez, Oct. 23, 1701."<sup>13,14</sup>

An indenture dated 10 Aug 1706, between Abram Brower of Gowanus in Broockland and Nicholas Brower brother to said Abram of the same place, confirmed the conveyance of 10 Oct 1700 between Peter Brower of East Jersey, eldest son and heir to Adam Brower late of Gowanus, deceased of the one part and Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower of the second part, also by "several deeds from the several brothers and sisters of said Peter Brower, children of said Adam Brower, deceased to said Abarm Brower and Nicholas Brower, the said Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower became jointly vested and seized of a certain neck or hooke of land and meadows with a certain corn mill." The indenture also describes the other properties that Abraham and Nicholas Brower jointy purchased, including the property purchased from Gerardus Beeckman and his wife Magdalena, and then states that "one half of all the ptoperty in the deeds mentioned is property of Abram Brower and the other equal half property of Nicholas Brower. As of 10 Aug 1706, Abraham and Nicholas jointly owned the Gowanus mill property."<sup>15</sup>

He appeared on the assessment list of Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, on 20 Dec 1706 with 66 acres.<sup>16</sup>

In an indenture dated 30 Apr 1707, Sybrant Brower of Brooklyn, "eldest son and heyre to Jacob Brower late of said township deceased," conveyed to Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower, both of Brooklyn, for two hundred and twenty pounds, "his fourteenth part share" in the Gowanus property formerly occupied by Adam Brower. Sybrant Brower signed with his mark.<sup>17</sup>

In an indenture dated 1 May 1708, Carell Debeavois of Brooklyn sold to Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower, both of Brooklyn, 10 acres of woodland in Brooklyn, no.7 of the 1697 division of woodlands.<sup>18</sup>

On 30 Apr 1709, "Articles of Agreement," were signed between John Blaw of Gowanus in Brookland, and Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower, also of Gowanus. By the agreement Abram and Nicholas Brower were permitted to build a new water mill on their land on the mill neck at Gowanus, which would need the use of the kill (or creek) "running between the meadows of John Blaw and of Abram and Nicholas Brower." Permission is given by John Blaw to Abram and Nicholas, allowing them to dam the creek. Pervisions are laid out covering possible scenarios of high or low water levels, John Blaw retains his fishing and fowling rights, and is permitted to dock his canoe at the dam. Nicholas Brower signs, and Abram Brower and John Blaw sign with their mark.<sup>19</sup>

On 12 Oct 1710, Abraham Brower of Gowanus, and Cornelia his wife, and Nicholas Brower of Gowanus and Jonica, his wife, signed two seperate indentures with each other by which their joint partnership in the Gowanus mill property was

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<sup>11</sup>Josephine C. Frost, "Genealogical Gleanings From Book No. 2 of Conveyances, Brooklyn, Kings Co., N.Y.," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol.54 (1923): 54:315. Hereinafter cited as "Brooklyn Conveyances, NYGBR 54 (1923)."

<sup>12</sup>*Kings County, New York, Deeds v.1-4*; FHL #1413189 (New York, New York, Salt Lake City, Utah: Recordak Corp.; Genealogical Society of Utah, 1957), Microfilm of original records at the New York Registers Office in New York City., 2:349. "Peter Brower of the Province of East New Jersey of one part and Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower of Broockland of the second part...A certain neck or hooke of land and meadowes with a certain corne mill there on standing lying situate and being in the township of Brookland commonly called by the name of the Gowanus Mill neck bounded north by said mill creeke (including sd. creeke) and soe by the land of Jacob Hansen south by the highway to a place called the Gowanus in the township aforesaid along by the house of Hendricke Vechte being some part thereof and other part there of south by the home lott of Volkert Bries east by a creeke running by the upland and west by a certain creeke alsoe running through the meadow into said mill creeke all formerly in the tenure and occupation of Adam Brower late of Broockland aforesaid deceased the true owner thereof as by certaine conveyances from Tunis Nyssen deceased and the heyrese of John Evertse Bout dec'd may appeare etc. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Peter Brower eldest son and heyre of the said Adam Brower deceased for and in consideration of a certaine summe of good and lawful money of the province of New Yorke to him in hand payd at and before the ensealing and delivery here by the said Abram Brower and Nicholas Brower." Peter Brower signed by his mark PB. Witnessed by William Lawrence and Anthony Karr (their marks). Hereinafter cited as *Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*.

<sup>13</sup>Frost, "Brooklyn Conveyances, NYGBR 54 (1923)", 54:315.

<sup>14</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 2:348.

<sup>15</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 3:69.

<sup>16</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 3:91.

<sup>17</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 3:100.

<sup>18</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 3:138.

<sup>19</sup>*Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*;; 3:161.

effectively ended. In the first indenture, Abraham conveys to Nicholas, for a certain sum of money (not specified) his right in the "Old Mill" and Gowanus, and all the associated property, as well as the property the two had bought of Col. Gerardus Beeckman. By the second indenture, Nicholas conveyed to Abraham, for a certain sum of money (not specified) all his right in the "New Mill" at Gowanus, as well as the house and garden property bought from Cornelius Collier.<sup>20</sup>

On 14 Dec 1710, Abraham Brower of Brooklyn, and Cornelia, his wife, conveyed to John Quittance of Brooklyn, for seventy pounds, the house and garden spot in Brooklyn formerly in the tenure occupation and possession of Cornelius Collier. Both Abraham and Cornelia sign with their marks.<sup>21</sup>

By an indenture dated 20 Jun 1712, Nicholas Brouwer and his wife Jonica, of Brookland, conveyed to Abraham Brouwer of Brookland, for the sum of £1200 his half of the mill property and business. The deed mentions that the two brothers, "by their industry and improvement" had two water, or corn mills standing, and that the "Old Mill" was located on the north end of Gowanus Mill neck.<sup>22</sup>

On 16 May 1713 **Abraham Adamsz Brouwer** resided Brooklyn, Kings Co., Long Island, New York; assessed for 76-9 1/2. Listed between Jan Pieterse and Jacob Hansen Bergen.<sup>23</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Vredenburg**, daughter of **Abraham Vredenburg** and **Dorothy Caljer**, on 3 Apr 1715 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham and Cornelia Brouwer).<sup>24</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Abram** (\_\_\_\_), son of **Hendrick** (\_\_\_\_), on 9 Aug 1719 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (witnesses: Abram Brouwer, (...)).<sup>25,26</sup>

In 1723 there is mention in Richmond County of the "corner of Abraham Brouwer's land which was formerly Danjell Shotwell's." Abraham Brouwer of Kings Co. was a volunteer for the expedition to Canada. Also, possibly referring to him, although it may refer to Abraham, son of Peter Brouwer, is a record of the sale on 5 May 1734, of his 135 acre farm located at Graniteville to Peter Hagewaut.<sup>27</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Cornelia Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 23 Aug 1728 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Caljer, z.h.v.).<sup>28</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Cornelia Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 2 Apr 1732 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Maria Brouwer, wed).<sup>29</sup>

On 1 Sep 1732, an agreement was made between Abraham Brouwer, of Brooklyn, miller and Elizabeth Brittain, widow of Nathaniel, late of Staten Island, wherein it was set forth that they intended to marry, and it was agreed that Abraham Brouwer should pay her 200 pounds per year so long as she remained his widow, which should be in lieu of dower. "If she should marry again this allowance is revoked" (recorded 16 Apr 1739, liber V, p.95, Kings Co. Records).<sup>30</sup>

On 5 May 1734, an Abraham Brouwer sold his 135 acre farm at Graniteville (Staten Island) to Peter Hagewaut.<sup>31</sup>

On 3 Sep 1737, "Abraham Brouwer of the town of Brookland in Kings County on the Island Nassau at a place called Gowanus" conveyed to "his son Jurian Brouwer miller of the same place"..."All that grist mill situate lying and being in the town of Brookland abovesaid at a place called Gowanus and the hindermost part of all his old land in ye said town so as it is now staked out, and Also two lots of woodland in said town, and are known by the number three and number four as they were laid out and Also the half his orchard also as it is now staked out and Also the half of all his meadow in said

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<sup>20</sup> *Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*, 3:199.

<sup>21</sup> *Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*, 3:204.

<sup>22</sup> *Kings Co. Deeds v.1-4*, 4:12.

<sup>23</sup> Fred Sisser III, "Brooklyn Residents of May 1713," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 117, pages 225-226 (1986). Hereinafter cited as "Brooklyn Residents, May 1713."

<sup>24</sup> "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vols.5- (1874-): 17:273. Elizabeth; parents: Abraham Vredenburg, Dorathe Coljer.

<sup>25</sup> *Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn as per the records of said Church from Oct. 31, 1660 to Dec 13, 1719: From Corporation Manual of the City of Brooklyn, 1869, pages 448 to 504*; FHL film #0017529, item 4 (Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1939), Copied and translated from the Dutch by Teunis G. Bergen. Filmed from the typed manuscript in the Holland Society of New York, p.505. Abram, Hendrick parent, Abram Brouwer witness. Hereinafter cited as *Brooklyn Baptisms* (T.G. Bergen).

<sup>26</sup> van der Linde, *OFDRC Brooklyn*, page 164. Abram; parents: Hendrick van (...).

<sup>27</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:96-97.

<sup>28</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:31.

<sup>29</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:9.

<sup>30</sup> *Kings County (New York) Conveyances, Deeds v. 5-7*; film #1413190 (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1957, 1958, 1990), Microfilm of the original records at the New York Registers Office, New York City, v.5, p.95. Hereinafter cited as *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*.

<sup>31</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97.

town so as it now staked out, and Also all ye house and improvements to the old mill above named..." On the same date, by a separte deed, Abraham Brouwer conveyed to "Abraham Brouwer, Junr. of the same place, miller"..."All that grist mill called the new mill and the dam and pond thereunto situate standing and lying in the town of Brookland aforesaid as Also the half of his old land (that is) the foremost part so as it is now staked out and the full half of his whole orchard so as it is now staked out, and Also the full half of all his meadow also as it is now staked out, and also two lots of woods in said town and are known to be numbers six and eight with all of the improvements next to said mill.<sup>32</sup>

He witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Brouwer**, son of **Abraham Abrahamsz Brouwer** and **Sara Kimber**, on 18 Feb 1739 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer and Elizabeth z.h.v).<sup>33</sup>

**CORNELIA CALJER** was born circa 1676 Kinderhook, Columbia Co., New York.<sup>34</sup> She died before Sep 1732. She witnessed the baptism of **Magdalena Holmes**, daughter of **George Holmes** and **Anneken Caljer**, on 29 Apr 1696 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Maurits Coevert, Cornelia Coljer, h.v. Abraham Brouwer).<sup>35</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Vredenburg**, daughter of **Abraham Vredenburg** and **Dorothy Caljer**, on 3 Apr 1715 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham and Cornelia Brouwer).<sup>36</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Cornelia Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 23 Aug 1728 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Caljer, z.h.v).<sup>37</sup>

Children of **Abraham<sup>1</sup> Adamsz Brouwer** and **Cornelia Caljer** were as follows:

- + 2 i. Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse BROUWER was baptized on 19 Jun 1695 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York. She married **Jacobus Bennet**, son of **Jan Willemse Bennet** and **Aeltje Wynants**, before 1720.
- + 3 ii. Magdalena Abrahamse BROUWER was baptized on 21 Mar 1697 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York. She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 20 Apr 1717 **Jan Frederic Reyn** (banns 20 Apr 1717) "Jan Frederick Rein, en Lena Brewer." She married second **John Turner**.
- + 4 iii. Marytje Abrahamse BROUWER was baptized on 12 Mar 1699 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York. She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 4 Aug 1718 **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** (banns 4 July 1718) "Henry Lyon & Maria Brouwer." She married second before 1731 **William Tucker**.
- + 5 iv. Jeury Abrahamsz BROUWER was born between 1700 and 1705 Brooklyn, New York, (based on date of marriage). He married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 15 Jan 1726 **Elizabeth Hilton**, daughter of **William Hilton** and **Anna Adamse Brouwer**, (banns 9 Nov. 1725) "Jeremias Brouwer & Elisab<sup>th</sup> Hilton." He married second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 24 Oct 1747 **Charity Stillwell**. He died before 4 Feb 1784 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York.
- + 6 v. Jannetje Abrahamse BROUWER was probably born between 1700 and 1705 Gowanus, Kings Co., Long Island, New York. She married **Johannes Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Helena Pauluse Turck**, before 1725. She died on 28 Apr 1760 New York City, New York.
- + 7 vi. Abraham Abrahamsz BROUWER was baptized on 15 Dec 1706 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York. He married **Sara Kimber** before 1731. He died between 29 Sep 1755 and 26 Feb 1756.

**ELIZABETH GERRITSEN** was born circa 1688.<sup>38</sup> She married first before Apr 1714 **Nathaniel Britton**, son of **Nathaniel Britton** and **Ann Stillwell**.<sup>39,40</sup> She is called "possibly a daughter of Gerrit Gerritsen, Jr., and Neeltje Pieterse,

<sup>32</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.5, pp.138-9 and 140-1.

<sup>33</sup>"Records of the Reformed Church of New Utrecht, Long Island," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol.112-113 (1981-1982): 113 (1982):76. Abraham; parents: Abraham Brouwer, Jr., Sara, s.v. Hereinafter cited as "RDC New Utrecht, L.I."

<sup>34</sup>Andrew J. Provost, *Early Settlers of Bushwick, Long Island, New York and their Descendants* (Darien, CT: A.J. Provost, 1949-1963), 2:19. Hereinafter cited as *Early Settlers of Bushwick*.

<sup>35</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 14:34. Parents Joris Hom, Annatje Coljers.

<sup>36</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 17:273. Elizabeth; parents: Abraham Vredenburg, Dorathe Coljer.

<sup>37</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:31.

<sup>38</sup>Phylis J. Miller, "The Garrison-Gerritsen Descendants of Gerrit Jansen Van Oldenburg Alias Gerrit de Moe," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 124, pp.1-9 (Jan 1993). Hereinafter cited as "Garrison-Gerritsen, NYGBR 124 (Jan 1993)."

<sup>39</sup>Van Name, *Britton Gen.*, p.6.



his wife," by Elmer Garfield Van Name (*Britton Genealogy*, 1970). Phyllis J. Miller ("Garrison-Gerritsen," *NYGBR* 124 [1993]:3-4) identifies Elizabeth as the daughter of Jan Gerrits and Elisabeth Gysberts, and that is how she is shown here.<sup>41</sup> Her husband, Nathaniel Britton, administered the estate of her brother Cornelis Garretson of Richmond County on 15 April 1714.<sup>42</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Brouwer**, son of **Abraham Abrahamsz Brouwer** and **Sara Kimber**, on 18 Feb 1739 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer and Elizabeth z.h.v.).<sup>43</sup> She was living on 30 Nov 1743; when she consented to the marriage of her son, William Britton.<sup>44</sup>

There were no children of **Abraham<sup>1</sup> Adamsz Brouwer** and **Elizabeth Gerritsen**.

## Generation Two

**2. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSE BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was baptized on 19 Jun 1695 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Joris Horn, Annetje Caljers.<sup>45</sup> She married **Jacobus Bennet**, son of **Jan Willemse Bennet** and **Aeltje Wynants**, before 1720.<sup>46</sup>

Also known as **Lysbeth**.<sup>47</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Bennet**, daughter of **William Bennet** and **Lea Peterson**, on 27 May 1756 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jakob Bennet, Elizabeth Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>48</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jan Bennet**, son of **Jurian Bennet** and **Jannetje Brouwer**, on 7 Nov 1756 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors de vader [the father], Elizabeth Brouwer, h.v. Jakob Brouwer [an error for Jacob Bennet, Elizabeth being the child's grandmother]).<sup>49</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jacob Bennet**, son of **Johannes Bennet** and **Elizabeth Van Pelt**, on 29 Oct 1758 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jakob Bennet, Elizabeth Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>50</sup> *Ledley* (*NYGBR* 95:24, Gen. of the Bennet Family) identifies Jacobus Bennet's wife, Elizabeth Brouwer, as Elizabeth daughter of Nicholas Brouwer and Jannetje Caljer. This is an error, as Nicholas Brouwer's daughter Elizabeth clearly married John Parcell, with the sponsors for some of their children being members of the Nicholas Brouwer-Jannetje Caljer family. It is apparent from the appearance of Abraham Brouwer, Jr. as a sponsor for this couple's daughter, Elizabeth in 1727, that Elizabeth, wife of Jacobus Bennet, is actually the daughter of Abraham Brouwer and Cornelia Caljer.

**JACOBUS BENNET** was born circa 1694 Gowanus, Kings Co., Long Island, New York.<sup>51</sup> Also known as **Jacob Bennet**.<sup>52,53</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Vredenburg**, daughter of **Abraham Vredenburg** and **Dorothy Caljer**, on 1 Jan 1719 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jacob Bennet, Jan z: Marytje Brouwer).<sup>54</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jurrie Leeuw**, son of **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** and **Marytje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 27 Aug 1721 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors

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<sup>40</sup>Miller, "Garrison-Gerritsen, NYGBR 124 (Jan 1993)."

<sup>41</sup>Van Name, *Britton Gen.*, p.6.

<sup>42</sup>Miller, "Garrison-Gerritsen, NYGBR 124 (Jan 1993)."

<sup>43</sup>"RDC New Utrecht, L.I.", 113 (1982):76. Abraham; parents: Abraham Brouwer, Jr., Sara, s.v.

<sup>44</sup>Van Name, *Britton Gen.*, p.9.

<sup>45</sup>Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 228. Lysbeth; parents: Abraham Berckhoven, Cornelia Caljers.

<sup>46</sup>Wilson V. Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Some of His Descendants," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vols.93, pp. 193-204; 94, pp. 34-41, 107-114, 156-169, 205-213; Vol. 95, pp. 10-27, 155-165, 204-207 (1962-1964): 95:24. Hereinafter cited as "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn."

<sup>47</sup>Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 228. Lysbeth; parents: Abraham Berckhoven, Cornelia Caljers.

<sup>48</sup>Tobias Alexander Wright, editor, *Baptisms from 1731 to 1800 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York*, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. 3 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1902), page 210. Elizabeth; parents Willem Bennet, Lea Pietersen. Hereinafter cited as *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*.

<sup>49</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:33. Jan; parents: Jurgen Bennet, Jannetje Brouwer.

<sup>50</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 231. Jakob; parents Johannis Bennet, Elizabeth Van Pelt.

<sup>51</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 94:110.

<sup>52</sup>Provost, *Early Settlers of Bushwick*, 2:20.

<sup>53</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97.

<sup>54</sup>Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 409. Elizabeth; parents: Abraham Vredenburg, Dorathea Coljer.

Jacob Bennet, Jannetje Brouwers).<sup>55</sup> He witnessed the will of **John Merrill** on 25 Jul 1730; John Meril of Staten island, being very sick, I leave to my wife Charity, all my estate during her widowhood. After her death I give to my son John all my lands and tenements and 1/2 the mill and appurtenances. I leave to my four daughter, Susannah, Catharine, Anne, and Charlotte, £200 each to be paid by my son John in installments. I make my brother, Richard Meril and Aerte Simson, my brother-in-law, executors. Witnesses: Jan Ral, Jacob Bennit, Richard Meril. Proved before Walter Dougan, Esq., April 11, 1743.<sup>56</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Margrita Bennet**, daughter of **Willem Bennet** and **Sarah Sherman**, on 20 Aug 1740 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jacob Bennet, Geertje Bennet, j.d.).<sup>57</sup> He was named in his father's will dated on 6 May 1743.<sup>58</sup> He witnessed the will of **Abraham Abrahamsz Brouwer** on 29 Sep 1755; proved 26 Feb 1756. Abraham Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller, being very sick in body. My executors are to dispose of all my lots in New York and to pay my debts, and if that is not sufficient my executors "must sell and dispose of so many of my negro men and negro wenches as they shall think fit." Leaves to his two sons, Abraham Brouwer and Jury Brouwer, the latter under age, his wife Sara, and his daughters Cornelia, Helena, Jannetie, Elisabeth, and Sara. Executors, his brother Jury Brower, Jury Blaw, and Abraham Brower, oldest son of brother Jury Brower. Wit: William Brouwer, Simon Boerum, and Jacob Bennet.<sup>59</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Bennet**, daughter of **William Bennet** and **Lea Peterson**, on 27 May 1756 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jakob Bennet, Elizabet Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>60</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jakob Bennet**, son of **William Bennet** and **Lea Peterson**, on 20 Jul 1758 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jakob Bennet and Annetje Bennet, widow of Gerbrand Peters).<sup>61</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jacob Bennet**, son of **Johannes Bennet** and **Elizabeth Van Pelt**, on 29 Oct 1758 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jakob Bennet, Elizabet Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>62</sup>

Children of **Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **Jacobus Bennet** were as follows:

- 8 i. Johannes<sup>3</sup> BENNET was born circa 1720 Kings Co., New York.<sup>63</sup> He married Elizabeth Van Pelt, daughter of Joost Van Pelt and Catherine Hoagland, Reformed Dutch Church, Churchville, Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, on 8 Apr 1742.<sup>64</sup> He died on 11 Mar 1771 New York City, New York.<sup>65</sup> He was buried Reformed Dutch Churchyard, New York City, New York.<sup>66</sup>  
Also known as **JOHN BENNET**.<sup>67,68</sup> Johannes Bennet resided Bucks Co., Pennsylvania; for most of his adult life, but returned to New York City in his later years.<sup>69</sup>

<sup>55</sup> *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the town of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, 1677-1872*; FHL film #0017663 (Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1941), Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, translated and transcribed for the church by Frank L. Van Cleef ; under the direction of Willard P. Schenck and Henry M. Wells ; copied by Josephine C. Frost, 1:16. Parents Hendrick Van Leeuwen, Marya his wife. Hereinafter cited as *RDC Flatbush Records*.

<sup>56</sup> New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Vol. III 1730-1744)*, Collections of the New York Historical Society (New York: Printed for the Society, 1894), page 391. Abstracting Lib. 15, page 45. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. N.Y. Co. Wills v. III*.

<sup>57</sup> Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 81. Wynand, Margrita (*tweelingen*); parents Willem Bennet, Sara Shearman.

<sup>58</sup> New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. N.Y. Co. Wills v. III*, pages 422-423. Abstracting Lib. 15, page 183.

<sup>59</sup> New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstract of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Vol. V, 1754-1760)*, Collections of the New York Historical Society (New York: Printed for the Society, 1897), page 96. Abraham Brower, of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 5, 1754-1760*.

<sup>60</sup> Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 210. Elizabeth; parents Willem Bennet, Lea Pietersen.

<sup>61</sup> Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 228. Jakob; parents Willem Bennet, Lea Pieterse.

<sup>62</sup> Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 231. Jakob; parents Johannis Bennet, Elizabet Van Pelt.

<sup>63</sup> Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:24.

<sup>64</sup> "Reformed Dutch Church, Churchville, Bucks County, Pa., Baptisms 1737-1780; Marriages 1738-1772," *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* Vol. 20, page 150 (1956): 20:170. Registered under witness of Joh. van Pelt. On 8 April, after three announcements, were married: Johannes Bennet, young man, born in Brooklyn (L.I., N.Y.), with Elizabeth van Pelt, young daughter, born in Buscks County, (Penna.), both living here. Hereinafter cited as "RDC Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa."

<sup>65</sup> Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:24.

<sup>66</sup> Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:24.

<sup>67</sup> "RDC Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.", 20:153. Elizabeth; parents: John Bennet & Elizabeth Van pelt.

<sup>68</sup> Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 94:210.

<sup>69</sup> Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:24.

**ELIZABETH VAN PELT** was possibly born circa 1728 Bucks Co., Pennsylvania.<sup>70</sup> Also known as **Eleanor Bennet**.<sup>71</sup> Also known as **Helena Van Pelt**.<sup>72</sup>

- 9 ii. Aeltje BENNET was baptized on 28 Oct 1722 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Philippe Cazier, Catharina Hooghland.<sup>73</sup> She married first Jan Merrill, son of John Merrill and Charity (\_\_\_\_).<sup>74</sup> She probably married Christoffer Van Pelt on 2 Dec 1751 New Jersey (date of lic.).<sup>75,76</sup>

Also known as **ARTILLY BENNET**.<sup>77</sup> She witnessed the baptism of Aaltje Van Pelt, daughter of Alexander Van Pelt and Jannetje Heyer, on 10 Aug 1760 Reformed Dutch Congregations, Freehold and Middletown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey, (witness: Aaltje Bennit, wife of (\_\_\_\_) V. Pelt).<sup>78</sup>

**JAN MERRILL** was born before 1720. Also known as **Jan Merel**.<sup>79</sup> Also known as **John Meril**.<sup>80</sup> He was named in his father's will dated on 25 Jul 1730.<sup>81</sup>

**CHRISTOFFER VAN PELT** was probably born between 1725 and 1731 Kings Co., Long Island, New York. Also known as **Christopher Van Pelt**.<sup>82</sup> In 1751 **Christoffer Van Pelt** resided Monmouth Co., New Jersey.<sup>83</sup> He was named in his father's will dated on 17 Dec 1779 received land in Monmouth Co., New Jersey.<sup>84</sup>

- 10 iii. Cornelia BENNET was born by in 1724 presumed daughter.

She witnessed the baptism of Jannetje Burger, daughter of Johannes Burger and Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer, on 2 Dec 1739 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Leuw, Cornelia Reyn, j.d. Cornelia Bennet, j.d).<sup>85</sup>

- 11 iv. Jurian BENNET was baptized on 20 Dec 1724 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Fredrik Bergen, Gerritje Veghte.<sup>86</sup> He probably married Jannetje Brouwer before 1756.<sup>87,88</sup>

Also known as **JURGEN BENNET**.<sup>89</sup>

<sup>70</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 94:210.

<sup>71</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 94:210. #163 in the genealogy. Places her as Eleanor Bennet in the family of Isaac Bennet (#73) despite the fact that no baptism record is found and neither she nor heirs are mentioned in Isaac Bennet's will. Ledley states the existence of a deed dated 14 November 1768 between "one John Bennet and Isaac and Jane Bennet, stating the later were grandchildren of Isaac Bennet (#73)." The deed states that the children were living in Baltimore Twp., Maryland. This deed must be inspected before and genealogical claims can be concluded from Ledley's statements.

<sup>72</sup>"RDC Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.", 20:156. Joost; parents: Johannes Bennet & Helena Van pelt. (The mother's name is probably in error in this record. She should be Elizabeth Van Pelt).

<sup>73</sup>"Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y., Baptisms," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol.36, 37 (1905, 1906): 37:29. Hereinafter cited as "RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt."

<sup>74</sup>Provost, *Early Settlers of Bushwick*, 2:20.

<sup>75</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:25, 111.

<sup>76</sup>William Nelson *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey*, Vol. XXII, Marriage Records, 1665-1800 (Paterson, N.J.: Press Printing and Publishing Co., 1900), page 46. Bennit, Artilly, and Christopher Vanpelt, Monmouth. Hereinafter cited as *Doc. Rel. Col. N.J. v.XXII*.

<sup>77</sup>Nelson *Doc. Rel. Col. N.J. v.XXII*, page 46. Bennit, Artilly, and Christopher Vanpelt, Monmouth.

<sup>78</sup>"Records of the Dutch Congregations of Freehold and Middletown," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* Vols. 22-38 (1947-1963): 26:23. Aaltje; parents: Sander V. Pelt, Janitye Hier. Hereinafter cited as "RDC Freehold-Middletown Recs., GMNJ."

<sup>79</sup>Provost, *Early Settlers of Bushwick*, 2:20.

<sup>80</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. N.Y. Co. Wills v. III*, page 391. Abstracting Lib. 15, page 45.

<sup>81</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. N.Y. Co. Wills v. III*, page 391. Abstracting Lib. 15, page 45.

<sup>82</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 94:111, 95:25. Second husband of #235.

<sup>83</sup>Nelson *Doc. Rel. Col. N.J. v.XXII*, page 46. Bennit, Artilly, and Christopher Vanpelt, Monmouth.

<sup>84</sup>New York Historical Society *Abstracts of Wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, Vol. 12 (Jun 17, 1782 - Sept 11, 1784) (New York: Printed for the Society, 1903), pages 197-198. Abstracting Lib. 36, p. 284. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 12*.

<sup>85</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:196. Jannetje; parents: Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer.

<sup>86</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:31.

<sup>87</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>88</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:33, baptism record of son, Jan.

**JANNETJE BROUWER** was born say 1736 (possibly the fourth daughter). Jannetje Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease.

- 12 v. Elisabet BENNET was baptized on 21 May 1727 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsor Abraham Brouwer, Jr.<sup>90</sup>

Also known as **ELIZABETH BENNET**.<sup>91,92</sup>

- 13 vi. William BENNET was baptized on 26 May 1729 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; (no sponsors).<sup>93</sup> He married Lea Peterson Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 15 Oct 1755 (lic. 15 Oct 1775).<sup>94</sup>

**LEA PETERSON**. Also known as **Lea Pieterse**.<sup>95</sup> Also known as **Lea Pietersen**.<sup>96</sup>

- 14 vii. Cornelius BENNET was baptized on 24 Sep 1732 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Jan Rol, Jr., \_\_\_Merril.<sup>97</sup> He married Maria Brouwer, daughter of Jeury Abrahamsz Brouwer and Elizabeth Hilton, Flatbush, Kings Co., New York, on 5 Nov 1757 (license dated 31 Oct 1757).<sup>98,99,100</sup> He died on 27 Oct 1795.<sup>101</sup> He was buried on 28 Oct 1795 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York.<sup>102</sup>

Cornelius Bennet had four children, names not given, buried at the New York Reformed Dutch Church, with dates: 20 June 1770; 18 July 1770; 26 October 1794; 27 June 1797.<sup>103</sup>

**MARIA BROUWER** was born say 1735 (possibly the third daughter). Also known as **Mary Brower**.<sup>104</sup> Also known as **Mary Brewer**.<sup>105</sup> Maria Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £50 six years after his decease. Cornelius and Maria (Brouwer) Bennet had the burials of four children recorded at the New York RDC with dates of 20 June 1770; 18 July 1770; 26 Oct. 1794; 27 June 1797. Which known children correspond to each date has not been determined.<sup>106</sup>

**3. MAGDALENA<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSE BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was baptized on 21 Mar 1697 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York; sponsors Nicklaes Brouwer, Jannetje Brouwer.<sup>107</sup> She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 20 Apr 1717 **Jan Frederic Reyn** (banns 20 Apr 1717) "Jan Frederick Rein, en Lena Brewer."<sup>108</sup> She married second **John Turner**.<sup>109</sup>

<sup>89</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:25. #236.

<sup>90</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:124.

<sup>91</sup>Provost, *Early Settlers of Bushwick*, 2:20. Incorrectly records her baptism date as 21 May 1721.

<sup>92</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:25. #237.

<sup>93</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:127.

<sup>94</sup>Samuel S. Purple, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York; Marriages from 11 December 1639 to 26 August 1801* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, reprint 2003, original 1890 NYG&BS), page 191. William Bennet & Lea Peterson. Hereinafter cited as *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*.

<sup>95</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 228. Jakob; parents Willem Bennet, Lea Pieterse.

<sup>96</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 210. Elizabeth; parents Willem Bennet, Lea Pietersen.

<sup>97</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 37:191.

<sup>98</sup>Robert H. Kelby and Kenneth Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784; A reprint of the original edition of 1860* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), p.25, 44. Hereinafter cited as *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*.

<sup>99</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97 fn.

<sup>100</sup>*RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 2:19. Cornelis Bennet, y.m. from Brooklyn and Maria Brower, y.d. from Brooklyn, m. in my house in Vlakkos 5 Nov. 1757.

<sup>101</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>102</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>103</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26. #239.

<sup>104</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.25.

<sup>105</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44.

<sup>106</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>107</sup>van der Linde, *OFDRC Brooklyn*, page 137. Machdalena; parents: Abram Brouwer, Cornelia Brouwer.

<sup>108</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.127.

<sup>109</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.



Also known as **Helena**. Also known as **Lena Brewer**.<sup>110</sup> Hoffman covers Magdalena in "Brouwer Beginnings," with the following insight: The name "Helena" is a common variant of Magdalena, and she is often referred to as Helena in many records (she was married as Helena). In 1724 Magdalena Brouwer and her husband Jan Blok act as sponsors for a child of Maritje Brouwer (her sister). It may be that the record was in error and should read "Jan Reyn." No Jan Blok, Magdalena Brouwer couple has been found. She acted as sponsor as "Helena Brouwer, widow of John Tournor in 1749 for the baptism of her grandson Jan Ryn Dirkson (son of Helena Reyn and David Dirkson).<sup>111</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Hendrick van Leeuw**, son of **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** and **Marytje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 4 Mar 1724 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jurian Brouwer, Helena Brouwer, h.v.v. Jan Blok).<sup>112</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Helena Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 7 Jun 1730 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jan Reyn, Helena Brouwer, s.h.v).<sup>113</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jan Ryn Dirkson**, son of **David Dirkson** and **Helena Reyn**, on 15 Jan 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jan Ryn, Helena Brouwer, Wed. Van John Tournor).<sup>114</sup>

**JAN FREDERIC REYN** was born before 1700. Surname is also spelled **Rein**.<sup>115</sup> Surname is also spelled **Rhyn**.<sup>116</sup> Hoffman (TAG 24:97) writes, "The fact that one of their children was baptized at New Utrecht seems to indicate that Jan Frederic Reyn was a relative, perhaps a son of Jan Janszen van Rheyn (Frederic does not have the patronymic ending) mentioned on proprietors' list of New Utrecht in 1675. His name is also given as Verryn. He owned as early as 1661 a farm of 75 acres lying on the south side of the road from New Utrecht to Gravesend which was long held by his descendants."<sup>117</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Helena Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 7 Jun 1730 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jan Reyn, Helena Brouwer, s.h.v).<sup>118</sup>

Children of **Magdalena<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **Jan Frederic Reyn** were as follows:

- 15 i. Cornelia<sup>9</sup> REYN witnessed the baptism of Annatje Burger, daughter of Johannes Burger and Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer, on 18 Dec 1737 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Reyn, j.d., & Sara Schimba).<sup>119</sup> She witnessed the baptism of Jannetje Burger, daughter of Johannes Burger and Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer, on 2 Dec 1739 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Leuw, Cornelia Reyn, j.d. Cornelia Bennet, j.d).<sup>120</sup>
- 16 ii. Jan REYN witnessed the baptism of Jan Ryn Dirkson, son of David Dirkson and Helena Reyn, on 15 Jan 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jan Ryn, Helena Brouwer, Wed. Van John Tournor).<sup>121</sup>
- 17 iii. Helena REYN was baptized on 29 Jul 1722 Reformed Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., New York; sponsors Joost Vredenburg, Jannetje Brouwer.<sup>122</sup> She married David Dirkson.<sup>123</sup>

Also known as **HELENA RYN**.<sup>124</sup>

**JOHN TURNER** died before 1749; when his wife was called a widow at the baptism of her grandson Jan Ryn Dirkson.<sup>125</sup> Surname is also spelled **Tourner**.<sup>126</sup>

There were no children of **Magdalena<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **John Turner**.

<sup>110</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.127.

<sup>111</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97.

<sup>112</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 19:172.

<sup>113</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:115.

<sup>114</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 149. Jan Ryn; parents: David Dikson, Helena Ryn.

<sup>115</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.127.

<sup>116</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97.

<sup>117</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97.

<sup>118</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:115.

<sup>119</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:78.

<sup>120</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:196. Jannetje; parents: Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer.

<sup>121</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 149. Jan Ryn; parents: David Dikson, Helena Ryn.

<sup>122</sup>"RDC New Utrecht, L.I.", 112:134. Helena; parents: Jan Frederick Rhyn, Helena.

<sup>123</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>124</sup>Wright (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New York (1731-1800)*, page 149. Jan Ryn; parents: David Dikson, Helena Ryn.

<sup>125</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>126</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

**4. MARYTJE<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSE BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was baptized on 12 Mar 1699 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York; sponsors Cornelis Caljer, Margrietie Pieters.<sup>127</sup> She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 4 Aug 1718 **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** (banns 4 July 1718) "Henry Lyon & Maria Brouwer."<sup>128</sup> She married second before 1731 **William Tucker**.<sup>129</sup> She married third Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 6 Jan 1734 **Jacob van Giesen**, son of **Jacob van Giesen** and **Rusje Pluvier**.<sup>130</sup>

Also known as **Marya**.<sup>131</sup> Also known as **Maria Brouwer**.<sup>132</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Vredenburg**, daughter of **Abraham Vredenburg** and **Dorothy Caljer**, on 1 Jan 1719 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jacob Bennet, Jan z: Marytje Brouwer).<sup>133</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Cornelia Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 2 Apr 1732 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Maria Brouwer, wed).<sup>134</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Hendrick Leeuw**, son of **Jurrie Leeuw** and **Susanna Cregier**, on 24 Nov 1745 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Leeuw, Maria Brouwer, wed<sup>e</sup> v. Jacob Giesen).<sup>135</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Leeuw**, son of **Abraham Leeuw** and **Elisabeth Cregier**, on 17 Oct 1753 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors John Leuw, Maria Brouwer, Wed. van Jacob Giesen).<sup>136</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Maria Tucker**, daughter of **William Tucker** and **Anna Muller**, on 10 Apr 1757 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Thomas Jesia, Maria Brouwer, Wed. v. Jakob Van Giesen).<sup>137</sup>

**HENDRICK VAN LEEUWEN** was possibly born between 1690 and 1700. He died before 1732; when his wife is mentioned as a widow.<sup>138</sup> Also known as **Henry Lion**.<sup>139</sup> Also known as **Henry Lyon**.<sup>140</sup>

Children of **Marytje<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** were as follows:

- 18 i. **Jurrie<sup>3</sup> LEEUW** was baptized on 27 Aug 1721 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York; sponsors Jacob Bennet, Jannetje Brouwers.<sup>141</sup> He married Susanna Cregier, daughter of Simon Kregier and Antje van Oort, Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 4 Jul 1744.<sup>142</sup> He died before 18 Oct 1758; when his wife is called a widow.<sup>143</sup>

Also known as **JURIEN VAN LEEUWEN**.<sup>144</sup> Also known as **JEREMIAS LAW**.<sup>145</sup> Also known as **JEREMIAH LENE**.<sup>146</sup>

**SUSANNA CREGIER** was baptized on 2 Jun 1725 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Samuel Pel, Maria Pel, z.h.v.<sup>147</sup> Also known as **Susanna Kregier**.<sup>148</sup> She was named in her father's will dated on 27 May 1760 daughter Susannah, wife of Jeremiah Lened.<sup>149</sup>

<sup>127</sup> van der Linde, *OFDRC Brooklyn*, page 140. Marytie; parents: Abram Brouwer, Cornelia.

<sup>128</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.129.

<sup>129</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>130</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 156. Jacob Van Ziesen & Maria Tukker.

<sup>131</sup> *RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 1:16. Baptism record of son Jurien.

<sup>132</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>133</sup> Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 409. Elizabeth; parents: Abraham Vredenburg, Dorathea Coljer.

<sup>134</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:9.

<sup>135</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 25:16.

<sup>136</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:76.

<sup>137</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:36.

<sup>138</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>139</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>140</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 13:16.

<sup>141</sup> *RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 1:16. Parents Hendrick Van Leeuwen, Marya his wife.

<sup>142</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 172. Jeremias Law & Susanna Cregier.

<sup>143</sup> "Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript, BB-50, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, New York.

<sup>144</sup> *RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 1:16. Parents Hendrick Van Leeuwen, Marya his wife.

<sup>145</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 172. Jeremias Law & Susanna Cregier.

<sup>146</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 172. Jeremias Law & Susanna Cregier.

<sup>147</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:70. Susanna; parents: Symon Crigier, Antje Van Oort.

- 19 ii. Hendrick VAN LEEUW was baptized on 4 Mar 1724 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Jurian Brouwer, Helena Brouwer, h.v.v. Jan Blok.<sup>150</sup>
- 20 iii. Abraham LEEUW was born before 1725. He married Elisabeth Cregier, daughter of Simon Kregier and Antje van Oort, Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 12 Jan 1743.<sup>151</sup>  
Also known as **ABRAHAM LAMB**.<sup>152</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Jannetje Burger, daughter of Johannes Burger and Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer, on 2 Dec 1739 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Leuw, Cornelia Reyn, j.d. Cornelia Bennet, j.d).<sup>153</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Hendrick Leeuw, son of Jurrie Leeuw and Susanna Cregier, on 24 Nov 1745 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Leeuw, Maria Brouwer, wed<sup>e</sup> v. Jacob Giesen).<sup>154</sup>
- ELISABETH CREGIER** was baptized on 15 Jan 1721 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Johannes Peek, Elsie Van Oort.<sup>155</sup> Also known as **Elizabeth Kregier**.<sup>156</sup> Also known as **Elsie**.<sup>157</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 2 Mar 1746 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors William de Peyster, Elizabeth Cregier husb. Abraham Leeuw).<sup>158</sup> She was named in her father's will dated on 27 May 1760 called daughter Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Lam (Lamb).<sup>159</sup>
- 21 iv. Johannes VAN LEWEN was baptized on 2 Oct 1726 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Thomas Richarson & Johannes Burger, Geertruy Corse, h.v.v. Theo Richarson.<sup>160</sup>  
He witnessed the baptism of Abraham Leeuw, son of Abraham Leeuw and Elisabeth Cregier, on 17 Oct 1753 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors John Leuw, Maria Brouwer, Wed. van Jacob Giesen).<sup>161</sup>

**WILLIAM TUCKER** was possibly born between 1700 and 1710. Also known as **Willem Takker**.<sup>162</sup> He appeared on the assessment list of New York City, New York, in 1730.<sup>163</sup>

Children of **Marytje<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **William Tucker** were:

- 22 i. William<sup>3</sup> TUCKER was baptized on 27 Aug 1731 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Mansfield Takker, Maria Fokke, s.h.v.<sup>164</sup> He married Anna Muller New York City, New York, on 8 Mar 1756.<sup>165</sup>  
Also known as **WILLEM TAKKER**.<sup>166</sup>  
**ANNA MULLER**. Also known as **Hannah Miller**.<sup>167</sup>

<sup>148</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:70. Susanna; parents: Symon Crigier, Antje Van Oort.

<sup>149</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Vol. VI. 1760-1766)*, Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1897 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1897), page 11 (from Lib. 22, page 257). Hereinafter cited as *Abs. NY Wills v.6 1760-1766*.

<sup>150</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 19:172.

<sup>151</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 170. Abraham van Leuwen & Elisabeth Kregier.

<sup>152</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. NY Wills v.6 1760-1766*, page 11 (from Lib. 22, page 257).

<sup>153</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:196. Jannetje; parents: Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer.

<sup>154</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 25:16.

<sup>155</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 19:20. Elzebeth; parents: Symon Kregier, Antje Van Oort.

<sup>156</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 19:20. Elzebeth; parents: Symon Kregier, Antje Van Oort.

<sup>157</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. NY Wills v.6 1760-1766*, page 11 (from Lib. 22, page 257).

<sup>158</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 25:69.

<sup>159</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. NY Wills v.6 1760-1766*, page 11 (from Lib. 22, page 257).

<sup>160</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:118.

<sup>161</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:76.

<sup>162</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>163</sup>Julius M. Bloch and Leo Hershkowitz, "New York City Assessment Roll, February, 1730," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 95, page 166 (1964): 95:199. Wm Tucker es...5. Hereinafter cited as "NYC Assessment Roll 1730."

<sup>164</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>165</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 192. William Tucker & Hanna Miller, met attestaite uit de Presberitaansche Gemeente.

<sup>166</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>167</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, page 192. William Tucker & Hanna Miller, met attestaite uit de Presberitaansche Gemeente.

**JACOB VAN GIESEN** was baptized on 25 Dec 1700 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Johannes Van Giesser, Cornelia Van Schaik, h.v.v. Johannes Plevier.<sup>168</sup> He died before 16 Oct 1743.

Children of **Marytje<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **Jacob van Giesen** were:

- 23 i. Russchen<sup>3</sup> VAN GIESEN was born between 1734 and 1740. She married Moses Mettes before Apr 1757.<sup>169</sup>

*Probable daughter.* She carries her grandmother Van Giesen's name, and was a sponsor for a child of her half-brother Abraham Leeuw. She witnessed the baptism of Maria Leeuw, daughter of Abraham Leeuw and Elisabeth Cregier, on 10 Apr 1757 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Mozes Mettes, Russchen Van Giesen, z.h.v).<sup>170</sup>

**MOSES METTES** witnessed the baptism of **Maria Leeuw**, daughter of **Abraham Leeuw** and **Elisabeth Cregier**, on 10 Apr 1757 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Mozes Mettes, Russchen Van Giesen, z.h.v).<sup>171</sup>

**5. JEURY<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSZ BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was born between 1700 and 1705 Brooklyn, New York, (based on date of marriage). He married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 15 Jan 1726 **Elizabeth Hilton**, daughter of **William Hilton** and **Anna Adamse Brouwer**, (banns 9 Nov. 1725) "Jeremias Brouwer & Elisab<sup>th</sup> Hilton."<sup>172</sup> He married second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 24 Oct 1747 **Charity Stillwell**.<sup>173</sup> He died before 4 Feb 1784 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York; (the date his will was proved).

Also known as **Jeremiah Brouwer**. Also known as **Jurian Brouwer**.<sup>174</sup> He was a miller Gowanus, Brooklyn, New York. He witnessed the baptism of **Hendrick van Leeuw**, son of **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** and **Marytje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 4 Mar 1724 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jurian Brouwer, Helena Brouwer, h.v.v. Jan Blok).<sup>175</sup> , On 3 Sep 1737, "Abraham Brouwer of the town of Brookland in Kings County on the Island Nassau at a place called Gowanus" conveyed to "his son Jurian Brouwer miller of the same place"... "All that grist mill situate lying and being in the town of Brookland abovesaid at a place called Gowanus and the hindermost part of all his old land in ye said town so as it is now staked out, and Also two lots of woodland in said town, and are known by the number three and number four as they were laid out and Also the half his orchard also as it is now staked out and Also the half of all his meadow in said town so as it now staked out, and Also all ye house and improvements to the old mill above named..." On the same date, by a seperate deed, Abraham Brouwer conveyed to "Abraham Brouwer, Junr. of the same place, miller"... "All that grist mill called the new mill and the dam and pond thereunto situate standing and lying in the town of Brookland aforesaid as Also the half of his old land (that is) the foremost part so as it is now staked out and the full half of his whole orchard so as it is now staked out, and Also the full half of all his meadow also as it is now staked out, and also two lots of woods in said town and are known to be numbers six and eight with all of the improvements next to said mill."<sup>176</sup> He appeared on the census in 1738 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, with a family of 1 male over 10, 2 females over 10, 2 males and 2 females under 10.<sup>177</sup> He was an elder of the Brooklyn Church in 1749. On 24 Aug 1751 (21 Geo II) Isaac Sebring and Catherina, his wife made an agreement to dig a ditch from Gowanus Bay to the East River, under certain restrictions, with, among others, Jury Brouwer and Abraham Brouwer of Gowanus.<sup>178</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 19 Apr 1742 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jurrie Brouwer, Elizabeth Hilton, z.h.v).<sup>179</sup> "Abraham Brouwer Jr." and "Juryen Brouwer" are recorded 10 December 1742, on a Kings County list "of all ye persons which their names are hereunder subscribed and have a right in ye deed of ye house and ground therein mentioned (that is to say) of ye fourth or quarter part as in ye said deed setts forth each according to the sum subscribed to and are followith (viz)."<sup>180</sup> On 24 Aug.

<sup>168</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 14:139.

<sup>169</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:36.

<sup>170</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:36.

<sup>171</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:36.

<sup>172</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.144.

<sup>173</sup> *RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 2:2. Jeremias Brouwer, widower and Charitie Stilwel, y.d.

<sup>174</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*; lib.5, pp.138-9 and 140-1.

<sup>175</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 19:172.

<sup>176</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*; lib.5, pp.138-9 and 140-1.

<sup>177</sup> O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.246.

<sup>178</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>179</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 24:76.

<sup>180</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*; v.5, p.119-120.



1751, Isaac Sebring and Catharina his wife made an agreement to dig a ditch from Gowanus Bay to the East River, under certain restrictions, with, among others, Jury Brower and Abraham Brower of Gowanus. Wit: William Brower.<sup>181</sup> His will was dated on 18 Sep 1754 (NY Co. Wills v.36, p.228) proved 4 Feb 1784 (thirty years after it was written). "Jeury Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland in Kings County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York, miller, being very sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory...I do give and bequeath all my whole estate real and personal whatsoever I have in the township of Brookland in Kings County unto my three sons named Abraham William and Adolph." Abraham is to receive five pounds for his birth right, and after the three sons pay all debts, and stipulated legacies the remainder of the estate is to be divided equally among the three. Should the three not pay off the debts, nor satisfy the legacies, then the estate is to be sold at public sale, and the proceeds are to be divided amongst all the children, and "beloved wife Geertje." Leaves to wife, Geertje, "all her goods whatsoever she brought to my estate... and one of my negro girls named Bet or Bettie...the sum of two hundred pounds...and the room to the south east of my house for her to live in during the time she remains my widow." To son, Jeury, "two hundred pounds...to be paid five years after my decease." To daughter, Maria, "on her marriage day the sum of thirty pounds and six years after my decease the sum of fifty pounds." To daughter, Cornelia, "thirty pounds on her marriage day and the sum of seventy pounds six years after my decease." To daughter Annatie, "who is intermarried with Henry Taylor the sum of seventy pounds to be paid six years after my decease." To daughter Jannetie, "on her marriage day the sum of thirty pounds and six years after my decease the sum of seventy pounds." To daughter Elizabeth, "the sum of thirty pounds on her marriage day and the sum of seventy pounds six years after my decease." To daughters Lena and Sara, "each of them the sum of thirty pounds on their marriage day and the sum of seventy pounds each of them seven years after my decease." Appoints his three sons, Abraham, William, and Adolph as executors. Witnesses, Jacob Bennet, Jure Bennit, Simon Boerum.<sup>182,183</sup> The 1755 census of Slaves on Long Island records Jerry Bruer with "one Negro Man cald Sam," and two negro women, Dine and Deyon.<sup>184</sup> Jury Brouwer, along with his oldest son, Abraham, were listed as executors in the will of Jury's brother Abraham, dated 29 Sep 1755.<sup>185</sup> On 2 Nov 1757, Thomas Stillwell, "of the City of New York, yeoman," sold to Jury Brower of Brooklyn, miller, for thirty-six pounds, "a certain piece of woodland situate lying and being in the township of Flatbush in Kings County aforesaid bound as follows north by Peter Loyse, east by Corles plains or flats, south by Engelbart Lott, west by Twildiers plains or flats containing four acres and a half."<sup>186</sup> Jeremiah Brower of Kings Co., miller, witnessed a will in 1759.<sup>187</sup> On 20 Mar 1760, "Jurrey Brower of Gowanus, in the township of Brooklyn in Kings County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York, miller" conveyed to "Abraham Brower and William Brower sons of the said Jury Brower of the same place," for £300, a parcel of land "situate lying and being in the township of Brooklyn...bounded easterly and southerly by the road or Kings Highway that leads from Flatbush to the ferry Northerly by Jacobus Degraw northwesterly to said Jury Brower and Jacob Van der Hoven westerly to Jacobus Du Re Vois containing about twenty two acres."<sup>188</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jeremiah Brouwer**, son of **Adolph Brouwer** and **Aeltje Hulst**, on 23 Nov 1777 Reformed Dutch Church, New Hackensack, Dutchess Co., New York, (sponsors Jeremiah Brower and Elizabeth Jones).<sup>189</sup> He was a member of Dutch Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, on 4 Nov 1778 (seat owner).<sup>190</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Aaltje Meyer**, daughter of **Adolph Meyer** and **Antje Hoogland**, on 31 May 1779 Reformed Dutch Church, New Hackensack, Dutchess Co., New York, (sponsors Jeremia Brouwer, Antje Ask).<sup>191</sup> In a deed dated 18 Nov 1785 (Kings Co. Deeds v.6, pp.343-352) Jeremiah's son, Adolphus Brower acquires the Gowanus mill site from Jeremiah's other heirs: "Conveyance between Adolphus Brower of Brookland, Kings Co., yeoman, one of the sons of Jeremiah Brower of same place, yeoman, deceased, and his wife Aeltie, and Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower and

<sup>181</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>182</sup>*New York. Surrogate's Court (New York County), Wills Vol. 36, 1780-1784*; FHL film #0866987 (Salt Lake City, Utah: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, 1982-1983), Microfilm of original records in the Surrogate's Court, New York, New York, page 228. Hereinafter cited as *NY Wills v.36 1780-1784*.

<sup>183</sup>New York Historical Society *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 12*, page 172-173. Jeury Brower.

<sup>184</sup>O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.208. Slaves on Long Island, 1755.

<sup>185</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>186</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*; v.6, p.17-18.

<sup>187</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>188</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*; lib.6, pp.311-312.

<sup>189</sup>Maria Bockee Carpenter Tower, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Hackensack, Dutchess County, New York* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 2000 (org.1932)), p.25. Hereinafter cited as *RDC New Hackensack, NY*.

<sup>190</sup>Frank Ernest Hagemeyer and John Blythe Dobson, "Seat Owners, Brooklyn Dutch Reformed Church, 1769/1778," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 141, page 129 (2010): 141:131. Hereinafter cited as "Seat Owners, Brooklyn Dutch Reformed Church, 1769/1778."

<sup>191</sup>Tower, *RDC New Hackensack, NY*, p.28.

Antie his wife, William Brower and Mattya Brower, widow of William Brower deceased; and the said Mattya Brower and William Brower, Garrett Brower and Abraham Hoagland, executors of the will of William Brower formerly of Brooklyn and afterwards of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess Co., yeoman, now deceased: Above parties agree to divide real estate of Jeremiah Brower. Adolph Brower pays £831 to the other heirs. The property consisted of a farm in Brooklyn called "Mill Hook" with mill and pond and stream formerly belonging to Jeremiah Brower, deceased; and a piece of meadow called "Big Meadow" at Gowanus, Brooklyn, adjoining the road that leads to Brooklyn, bounded N.E., E. and S.E. by lands of Jacobus Vanderhove and the estate of of Jacobus de Grave deceased and a road that leads from Brooklyn to Flatbush; S., S.W. and W. by the Mill Road that goes to Brooklyn; containing 125 acres. This is to be excepted out of the lands conveyed to Adolph. Also a third part in three lots of land (10 acres) purchased from William Bennet at Gowanus, house, etc. Signed: Jeremiah Brower, Antie wife of Jeremiah Brower, Abraham Hoagland, Adolphus Brower, Altie Brower, Mattya Brower, Abraham Brower, Garrett Brower, William Brower.<sup>192</sup>

**ELIZABETH HILTON** was baptized on 10 Feb 1703 Reformed Dutch Church, Albany, New York; "of William Hilten and Anna Barko," sponsors James Parker, Caatje Oosthout.<sup>193</sup> She died before Oct 1747. Also known as **Bethsie Hilten**.<sup>194</sup> Also known as **Elizabeth Hillen**.<sup>195</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Ryckert Bovy**, son of **Claes Bovy** and **Cornelia Pieterse Brouwer**, on 11 Jan 1720/21 Reformed Dutch Church, Albany, New York, (sponsors Ryckert Hilten and Bethsie Hilten).<sup>196</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Johannes Cailyer**, son of **Jochem Caljer** and **Styntje Vosburg**, on 18 Sep 1737 Reformed Dutch Church, Albany, New York.<sup>197</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 19 Apr 1742 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jurrie Brouwer, Elizabeth Hilton, z.h.v).<sup>198</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Maria Bratt**, daughter of **Bernardus Bratt** and **Catharina Van Vechten**, on 23 Jun 1742 Reformed Dutch Church, Albany, New York, (sponsors Hendrik Bries, Elizabeth Hilten).<sup>199,200</sup>

Children of **Jeuzy<sup>2</sup> Abrahamsz Brouwer** and **Elizabeth Hilton** were as follows:

- 24 i. Abraham<sup>3</sup> BROUWER was born on 10 May 1725 Gowanús, Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, (calculated from age at death; eldest son, he received £5 as his birthright per his father's 1754 will). He married first Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 21 Dec 1745 Barbara Stellingwerf, daughter of Pieter Stellingwerf and Femmetje Bennet.<sup>201,202</sup> He married second Presbyterian Church, Rombout, Dutchess Co., New York, on 16 May 1757 Mary Losee, daughter of Abraham Losee and Anna Dorland, "Abraham Brewer of Long Island, Mary Losee."<sup>203,204</sup> He died on 10 Mar 1797 Gravesend, Kings Co., New York; age 71 years, 10 months.<sup>205,206</sup> He was buried Gravesend Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York.<sup>207,208</sup>

<sup>192</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.6, pp.343-352.

<sup>193</sup> Holland Society of New York, compiler, *Records of The Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, New York 1683-1809* (Baltimore, Maryland: reprinted for Clearfield Co., Inc. by Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., 1978), 2:27. Hereinafter cited as *RDC Albany*.

<sup>194</sup> Holland Society of New York, *RDC Albany*, 2:90.

<sup>195</sup> Holland Society of New York, *RDC Albany*, 3:69.

<sup>196</sup> Holland Society of New York, *RDC Albany*, 2:90.

<sup>197</sup> Holland Society of New York, *RDC Albany*, 3:69.

<sup>198</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 24:76.

<sup>199</sup> William Brower Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin": A Charted Genealogy of the Descendants of Anneke Jans Bogardus (1605-1663) to the 5th Generation - and of her sister, Marritje Jans* (Wilmington, OH, U.S.A.: Anneke Jans and Everardus Bogardus Descendants Association, 1996), Chart 9E. Hereinafter cited as *Dear "Cousin"*.

<sup>200</sup> Holland Society of New York, *RDC Albany*, 3:93.

<sup>201</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>202</sup> *RDC Flatbush Records*; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 1:72. Abraham Brouwer y.m. and Barbary Stralingwearf y.d.

<sup>203</sup> Record of Marriages of the Presbyterian Churches in Rumbout and Poughkeepsie, "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record Vol. 69 (1938): 69:288. Hereinafter cited as "Rumbout & Poughkeepsie Prebyterian Marriages."

<sup>204</sup> Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44 License dated May 13, 1757.

<sup>205</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>206</sup> Find A Grave, online [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), Retrieved Sept. 2009. "Abraham Brower," New York, Kings County. Record added June 25, 2009 by Albert C. Simmel. Includes photo of tombstone, "age 71 years 10 months". Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.

<sup>207</sup> Alfred Henry Brower, Brower Family, Photocopy of typescript, 1985, Rutgers University Special Collections, New Brunswick, Middlesex Co., New Jersey. Obtained in July 2008. There are numerous errors regarding the early

Surname is also spelled **BROWER**.<sup>209</sup> Also known as **ABRAHAM BREWER** (marriage record, 1757).<sup>210</sup> Eldest son as stated in his father's will of 18 Sep 1754. He appeared on the census in 1738 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as the male child in his father's household over the age of ten.<sup>211</sup> The will of "Jeury Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller", dated 18 Sep 1754, leaves his whole estate in the township of Brooklyn to his three sons, Abraham, William, and Adolph in equal shares, with Abraham to receive £5 as his birthright. The three, Abraham, William, and Adolph, are named as executors.<sup>212</sup> Jury Brouwer, along with his oldest son, Abraham, were listed as executors in the will of Jury's brother Abraham, dated 29 Sep 1755.<sup>213</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Jane Brouwer, daughter of Jeury Brouwer and Jane Elsworth, on 29 Feb 1756 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Rebecca Breestede, Wed. v. Wm. Griffen).<sup>214</sup> , On 20 Mar 1760, "Jurrey Brower of Gowanus, in the township of Brooklyn in Kings County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York, miller" conveyed to "Abraham Brower and William Brower sons of the said Jury Brower of the same place," for £300, a parcel of land "situate lying and being in the township of Brooklyn...bounded easterly and southerly by the road or Kings Highway that leads from Flatbush to the ferry Northerly by Jacobus Degraw northwesterly to said Jury Brower and Jacob Van der Hoven westerly to Jacobus Du Re Vois containing about twenty two acres."<sup>215</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Abraham Brouwer, son of Jurrie Brouwer and Maria Tideman, on 9 Dec 1764 Dutch Reformed Church, Flatlands, Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer and his wife Maria Losee).<sup>216</sup> , In a conveyance dated 18 Nov 1785 "Between Adolphus Brouwer of Brookland, Kings Co., yeoman and one of the sons of Jeremiah Brower of same place, yeoman deceased, and his (Adolph's) wife Aeltie (first party) and Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower and Antie his wife, William Brower and Mattya Brower, widow of William Brower deceased (second party), and the said Mattya Brower and William Brower, Garret Brower and Abraham Hoagland executors of the will of William Brower formerly of Brooklyn and afterwards of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess Co., yeoman and now deceased (third party). Above parties agreed to divide Real Estate of Jeremiah Brower deceased situate in Brooklyn, in agreement with the will of Jeremiah Brower." £831 was paid by Adolph Brower to the other heirs for the right to the property that consisted of a "farm piece or parcel of ground commonly called Mill Hook situate lying and being in Brooklyn aforesaid and which now part of the estate of the aforesaid Jeremiah Brower deceased together with the mill pond and all streams runs of water mill dams creeks ponds springs meadows (a certain piece of meadow called the big meadows being always intended to be excepted out of the lands intended hereby to be granted and conveyed to the said Adolphus Brower land and marshes thereunto belonging or in anywise appurtenant and all houses outhouses buildings old mill work mill stones, and all the wood and timber that already is collected for the purpose of erecting a mill on the aforesaid stream and all orchards gardens lands common pastures feedings woods underwoods ways paths passages water water courses fishings fowlings easements profits commodities advantages endowments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Mill Hook and Mill Pond belonging or in any way pertaining or which now are or formerly have been excepted..."The second and third parties were to retain docking and landing rights at the mill property as well as fishing and oyster harvesting rights. Also conveyed were the rights to "that certain tract farm piece or parcel of land also part of the estate of

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generations of Adam Brouwer's family in the manuscript, and it should be used with caution.. p.22. Calls the cemetery "Old Bushwick Cemetery."

<sup>208</sup>Find A Grave, online [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), Retrieved Sept. 2009. "Abraham Brower," New York, Kings County. Record added June 25, 2009 by Albert C. Simmel. Includes photo of tombstone.

<sup>209</sup>*Kings County, New York Surrogate's Court; Wills v.1-2, 1787-1823*; FHL film # 872178 (Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971), Microfilm of the original records in the Kings County Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York, pp.235-238. Hereinafter cited as *Kings Co. Wills v.1-2*.

<sup>210</sup>"Rumbout & Poughkeepsie Prebyterian Marriages", 69:288.

<sup>211</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>212</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>213</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>214</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:205.

<sup>215</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.6, pp.311-312.

<sup>216</sup>Peter Divine, "Baptismal Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Flatlands, Long Island, New York," online <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/nn/church/flatlands1.shtml>. Transcribed July, 2001, from FHL film #0017637. Original translation and transcription by Dingman Versteeg. p.173 of original. Hereinafter cited as RDC Flatlands Baptisms, online.

the said Jeremiah Brower deceased and lying and being at Gowanus in Brooklyn Township aforesaid at joining the road that leads to Brooklyn aforesaid bounded northeasterly easterly and southeasterly by lands belonging to the estate of Jacobus Vanderhoven deceased and the estate of Jacobus Degrave deceased and the road that leads from Brooklyn to Flatbush southerly southwesterly and westerly by the mill road so called that leads from Flatbush to the mill aforesaid and northwesterly by the aforesaid road that goes to Brooklyn," containing about 124 acres. In addition, Adolphus is to acquire former woodland purchased from the estate of Wilhelmus Bennet at Gowanus containing ten acres. The conveyance was signed by Jeremiah Brower; Antie, wife of Jeremiah Brower; Abraham Hoagland; Adolphus Brower; Aaltie Brower; Mattya Brower; Abraham Brower; Garrett Brower; William Brower.<sup>217</sup> He appeared on the census in 1790 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Abraham Brower, Sr. with a household consisting solely of one male over 16. On the census sheet, the Browsers enumerated in succession are: Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower, William Brower, Jeremiah Brower, Court Johnston, Abraham Brower, Jr., Adolphus Brower.<sup>218</sup> On 6 Oct 1795, "Abraham Brower of the township of Brooklyn in Kings County on Nassau Island in the State of New York yeoman" sold to "Robert Bruce and James Scott of the City of New York," for the sum of "fifteen hundred and eighty one pounds five shillings current lawful money of the State of New York," property described as "All that certain farm messuage tenement on lot of land where the dwelling stands where the said Abraham Brower now lives situate lying and being in the township of Brooklyn in Kings County on Long Island in the State of New York aforesaid being butted and bounded as follows that is to say beginning at the westerly corner of the lot of land by road leading from Brooklyn ferry to the narrows by the corner of Theodorus Polhemus land from thence running south forty nine degrees and fifty minutes east three chains and ninety one links along the said Polhemus land thence north fifty five degrees east fifty three links then south forty nine degrees and thirty minutes east forty six chains and seventy five links then north fifty four degrees and thirty minutes east four chains and thirty six links thence south fifty four degrees and thirty minutes twenty two chains and forty five links to the road that leads from Brooklyn ferry to Flatbush then along said road north fifteen degrees east two chains and seventy links to the line fence of Thomas Parsell then along said fence north sixty eight degrees west three chains and fifty links then north fifty six degrees and thirty minutes west twenty four chains and twenty five links then south thirty five degrees and fifteen minutes west five chains and twenty three links then north forty seven degrees and fifteen minutes west forty six chains and forty links to the land of Jeremiah Brower then along Browsers land through the orchard sout. forty two degrees west four chains and seventy eight links then north forty nine degrees west three chains and seventy links to the road then along said road south thirty nine degrees west three chains and ninety six links to the place of beginning being bounded southerly by the land of Theodorus Polhemus, east by the road leading from Brooklyn ferry to Flatbush, northerly by the land of Thomas Pearsall and Jeremiah Brower and westerly by land of said Jeremiah Brower and the road that leads from Brooklyn ferry to the narrows and likewise a certain piece of salt meadow near Brower's Mill in the town and county aforesaid it being butted and bounded as follows beginning at the most southerly corner by the line fence between Adolph Brower's land and the land of Denton & Suydam running from thence north sixty eight degrees east six chains and ten links along the meadow of Theodorus Polhemus then north two degrees west three chains then north sevety three degrees west two chains then south eighty three degrees west one chain then south sixty two and thirty minutes west three chains and eighteen links along a small creek to Adolph Brower's land then south one degree east four chains and seventy two links along said Brower's land to the place of beginning both meadow and the above meadow and the above mentioned farm fifty five acres one quarter and fifteen perches." Included is a "certain priviledge of landing and relanding at the mill of Adolph Brower."<sup>219</sup> His will was dated on 13 Feb 1797 proved 24 Apr 1797; "I Abraham Brower of Kings County...I bequeath unto my son-in-law Court Johnson a brown horse... I give and bequeath unto Maria the daughter of my daughter Barbara the sum of twenty pounds. All the residue and remainder of my estate I give and bequeath unto my five daughters Elizabeth, Nelly, Barbara, Helena, and Cena to be equally divided among them and to remain unto them and their heirs forever...I do hereby appoint my loveing brother Adolphus Brower

<sup>217</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.6, pp.343-352.

<sup>218</sup> Ancestry.com, *1790 United States Federal Census*, Online Database (Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com, 2000), Federal census, Roll M637-6, image 0372. Hereinafter cited as *1790 US Census*.

<sup>219</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, v.7, pp.57-59.



and my trusty friend Theodorus Polhemus my executors." Witnesses: William Merrill of Flatbush, George Clussman, Jno. Ruble of Flatbush.<sup>220</sup>

**BARBARA STELLINGWERF** was baptized on 15 Sep 1725 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Jacob Bennet, Barbara Bennet, s.h.v.<sup>221</sup> She died before May 1757; (when her husband remarried).

**MARY LOSEE** was baptized on 30 Jul 1738 St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, Queens Co., New York.<sup>222</sup> She died before 1790; as her husband is enumerated as the sole member of his household on the first U.S. census. Maria is not provided for in her husband's will of Feb 1797. Also known as **Maria Loosje** (baptism records). Also known as **Maria Losier** (as called by Hoffman in "Brouwer Beginnings," which may be a mistake as Losier/Lozier and Losee/Loosje were two different families). She witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Brouwer**, son of **Jurrie Brouwer** and **Maria Tideman**, on 9 Dec 1764 Dutch Reformed Church, Flatlands, Long Island, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer and his wife Maria Losee).<sup>223</sup> **Mary Losee** and **Marytje Losee** may be one and the same. Hoffman in his series of articles titled Brouwer Beginnings (TAG 23 & 24, 1947-48) placed Maria Elsworth as the second wife of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797) and placed Maria Losier as the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816). Careful analysis of the will of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797), the 1818 Congressional Petition filed by the widow of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816) and the names of both couple's offspring have led to the conclusion that Hoffman had the two Marias reversed, and in actuality it was Maria Elsworth who was the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816), while Maria Losier was the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797). Mary Losee's identity is confused by the fact that the Losee/Loosje families and the Losier/Lozier families are two distinct families. While her marriage record and baptism records call her Losee, Hoffman in "Brouwer Beginnings" calls her Losier. Here the marriage and baptism records have to be considered over Hoffman, who probably is in error by calling her Losier.

- 25 ii. William BROUWER was born circa 1727 Gowanus, Brooklyn, New York. He married Meclitta van Duyn, daughter of Gerrit van Duyn and Altie van Nostrand, New York City, New York, in Dec 1752 (license dated 20 Dec 1752).<sup>224,225</sup> He died before 16 Dec 1783.

Surname is also spelled **BROWER**.<sup>226</sup> Second son. He lived at Mill Hook and the Meadows in Brooklyn and later removed to Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County, at about the time of the American Revolution. According to Hoffman (TAG 24:100) this family is to be found in Fishkill, New Hamburg, Wappinger Creek, and New Hackensack. He appeared on the census in 1738 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as one of the two male children in his father's household under the age of ten.<sup>227</sup> On 24 Aug. 1751, Isaac Sebring and Catharina his wife made an agreement to dig a ditch from Gowanus Bay to the East River, under certain restrictions, with, among others, Jury Brower and Abraham Brower of Gowanus. Wit: William Brower.<sup>228</sup> The will of "Jeury Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller", dated 18 Sep 1754, leaves his whole estate in the township of Brooklyn to his three sons,

<sup>220</sup> *Kings Co. Wills v.1-2*, pp.235-238.

<sup>221</sup> Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 460. Barbara; parents: Pieter Stellingwerf, Femmetje Bennet.

<sup>222</sup> Barbara A. Barth, *The Dorland Enigma Solved, A revision of the Dorland Genealogy* (Sandisfield, Mass.: Diane Barth Swartz, 2007), page 303. Hereinafter cited as *The Dorland Enigma Solved*.

<sup>223</sup> RDC Flatlands Baptisms, online, online <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/nn/church/flatlands1.shtml>, p.173 of original.

<sup>224</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>225</sup> William Bogardus, "Re: Will of William Brouwer of Rombouts," e-mail message from Bogardus, William (unknown address) to Chris Chester and et al, 24 Jan 2007, "William Brouwer (ment. in will) married Mattya, so named in conveyance ment. under his brother Adolph, in all probability Meclitia van Duyn who mar. NY Lic. (supplement) Dec. 20, 1752, William Brouwer. He lived at first at Mill Hook and the Meadows, Brooklyn, but removed later to Rumbouts Precinct. Will of William Brouwer of Rumbout Precinct, farmer, Sept. 4, 1782 - Dec. 16, 1783. Names the children as give below. Ex. the wife, sons Gerret and William and Abraham Hoagland. He was a 2d Lieut. in 1776 (from History of New Utrecht)". Hereinafter cited as "Wm. Bogardus e-mail 1-24-2007."

<sup>226</sup> Berthold Fernow, compiler, *Calender of Wills 1626-1836* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967), p.43. Hereinafter cited as *Calender of Wills 1626-1836*.

<sup>227</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>228</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

Abraham, William, and Adolph in equal shares, with Abraham to receive £5 as his birthright. The three, Abraham, William, and Adolph, are names as executors.<sup>229</sup> On 20 Mar 1760, "Jurrey Brower of Gowanus, in the township of Brooklyn in Kings County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York, miller" conveyed to "Abraham Brower and William Brower sons of the said Jury Brower of the same place," for £300, a parcel of land "situate lying and being in the township of Brooklyn...bounded easterly and southerly by the road or Kings Highway that leads from Flatbush to the ferry Northerly by Jacobus Degraw northwesterly to said Jury Brower and Jacob Van der Hoven westerly to Jacobus Du Re Vois containing about twenty two acres.<sup>230</sup>" He witnessed the baptism of Willem Brouwer, son of Jeury Brouwer and Elizabeth Van de Water, on 27 Nov 1760 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Willem Brouwer and Margita Van der Water j.d).<sup>231</sup> He witnessed the will of Henry Godwin on 1 Sep 1781 Dutchess Co., New York; codicil dated 9 Mar 1782. Proved 5 Jun 1782. "Henry Godwin of Rumbout Precinct in Dutchess County, being very weak in body, occasioned by the ill treatment of a cruel and inveterate Enemy while in their hands as a prisoner of war." Mentions his wife Catalina; son Abraham Gates Godwin; three daughters Phebe, Helena and Henrietta. Appoints his wife and my trusty friend and brother, Samuel Demarest, executors. Witnessed by James Cooper, merchant, Adolph DeGrove, Jr., and Stephen Seaman. The codicil of 9 Mar 1782 instructs that if necessary part of the real estate be sold for the support of my wife and children. Also makes my trusty friend Obadia Cooper, an executor. Witnessed by James Wills, William Brower, and Daniel LeDew.<sup>232,233</sup> His will was dated on 4 Sep 1782 probated 12 Jun 1786, calls himself "William Brower of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess County, farmer, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory...". Names his wife Mattya, son Jeremiah to receive 10 shillings for his birth right & "to my real and personal estate upon Long Island and Staten Island I allow to be sold and fifty pounds a piece to be given to my children viz: Garrett Brower, William Brower, Letty Brower & Cornelius Brower in lieu of fifty pounds given to my son Jeremiah some time ago." The remaining "part of said estate" to be divided among all the children (Jeremiah, Garrett, William, Letty, Cornelius). Names as executors, his wife Mattya Brower, sons Garrett and William Brower, and Abraham Hoagland. Witnessed by Francis Bogardus, John Ackerman, and James Wills. On 18 Nov 1786, Garrett and William Brower executors of the will of William Brower deceased appeared before Judge Thomas Treadwell, City of New York "duly sworn to the true execution and performance of the said will."<sup>234,235,236</sup> Despite being called, "of Rombout" on his will, William Brouwer does not appear anywhere on the Dutchess County tax lists from the period, and his will does not mention any property in Dutchess County, but does mention property on Staten Island and Long Island. William and his family were most likely in Rombout as it was a safe haven during the Revolution. Their property on Long Island, the site of the family mill, saw the most intense fighting during the Battle of Long Island in August 1776. It appears that William died before having the opportunity to return home.

<sup>229</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>230</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.6, pp.311-312.

<sup>231</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:142.

<sup>232</sup>H. L. Peter Rounds, "Godwins of New York and New Jersey," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 112 (1981): 112:160. Hereinafter cited as "Godwins of New York and New Jersey."

<sup>233</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstract of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York* (Vol. IX, Jan 7, 1777-Feb 7, 1783, Collections of the New York Historical Society (New York: Printed for the Society, 1901), pages 274-275. Henry Godwin, of Rumbouts Precinct in Dutchess County. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 9*.

<sup>234</sup>*Record of Wills Recorded at Albany, New York, 1629-1802; index 1629-1828*; FHL films #s 0481435-0481446 (Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1967), New York. Surrogate's Court (Albany County) (Main Author). Albany County (New York). Clerk of the Court of Appeals (Added Author). Microfilm of original records at the Queens College Library in Flushing, New York. The testators were from various areas and counties including Albany, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Kings, Westchester and others., FHL film #481436; Vol. AB:139. Hereinafter cited as *Albany, NY Wills*.

<sup>235</sup>Fernow, *Calender of Wills 1626-1836*, p.43.

<sup>236</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstract of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York* (Vol. XIII, Sept 3, 1784-Jun 12, 1786), Collections of the New York Historical Society (New York: Printed for the Society, 1905), page 379. William Brower. "Proved 16 December 1785". Hereinafter cited as *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 13*.

**MECLITTA VAN DUYN** was born on 21 Aug 1732 New Utrecht, Kings Co., New York.<sup>237</sup> Also known as **Mageltie van Duyn**.<sup>238</sup> Also known as **Mattya**.<sup>239</sup> Mattya Brower is named in her husband, William Brower's will dated 4 Sep 1782.<sup>240</sup> In a conveyance dated 18 Nov 1785 "Between Adolphus Brouwer of Brookland, Kings Co., yeoman and one of the sons of Jeremiah Brower of same place, yeoman deceased, and his (Adolph's) wife Aeltie (first party) and Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower and Antie his wife, William Brower and Mattya Brower, widow of William Brower deceased (second party), and the said Mattya Brower and William Brower, Garret Brower and Abraham Hoagland executors of the will of William Brower formerly of Brooklyn and afterwards of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess Co., yeoman and now deceased (third party). Above parties agreed to divide Real Estate of Jeremiah Brower deceased situate in Brooklyn, in agreement with the will of Jeremiah Brower." £831 was paid by Adolph Brower to the other heirs for the right to the property that consisted of a "farm piece or parcel of ground commonly called Mill Hook situate lying and being in Brooklyn aforesaid and which now part of the estate of the aforesaid Jeremiah Brower deceased together with the mill pond and all streams runs of water mill dams creeks ponds springs meadows (a certain piece of meadow called the big meadows being always intended to be excepted out of the lands intended hereby to be granted and conveyed to the said Adolphus Brower land and marshes thereunto belonging or in anywise appurtenant and all houses outhouses buildings old mill work mill stones, and all the wood and timber that already is collected for the purpose of erecting a mill on the aforesaid stream and all orchards gardens lands common pastures feedings woods underwoods ways paths passages water water courses fishings fowlings easements profits commodities advantages endowments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Mill Hook and Mill Pond belonging or in any way pertaining or which now are or formerly have been excepted..." The second and third parties were to retain docking and landing rights at the mill property as well as fishing and oyster harvesting rights. Also conveyed were the rights to "that certain tract farm piece or parcel of land also part of the estate of the said Jeremiah Brower deceased and lying and being at Gowanus in Brooklyn Township aforesaid at joining the road that leads to Brooklyn aforesaid bounded northeasterly easterly and southeasterly by lands belonging to the estate of Jacobus Vanderhoven deceased and the estate of Jacobus Degrave deceased and the road that leads from Brooklyn to Flatbush southerly southwesterly and westerly by the mill road so called that leads from Flatbush to the mill aforesaid and northwesterly by the aforesaid road that goes to Brooklyn," containing about 124 acres. In addition, Adolphus is to acquire former woodland purchased from the estate of Wilhelmus Bennet at Gowanus containing ten acres. The conveyance was signed by Jeremiah Brower; Antie, wife of Jeremiah Brower; Abraham Hoagland; Adolphus Brower; Aaltie Brower; Mattya Brower; Abraham Brower; Garrett Brower; William Brower.<sup>241</sup>

- 26    iii. Cornelia BROUWER was born before 1728 (most probably the eldest daughter, and one of two girls over ten in 1738). She married by license dated on 29 Oct 1761 Thomas Elsworth, son of Willem Elsworth and Rebecca Stillwell.<sup>242</sup> She died before May 1772.

Also known as **CATHERINE BROUWER** or Catherine Brewer.<sup>243,244</sup> Cornelia Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease.

<sup>237</sup>Willam Henry Roll, "The Roll Family Windmill," RootsWeb.com, <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=wroll&id=I41417>. Nov 2005 *There are errors in this database. Events and dates cited with this source must be confirmed with more reliable evidence. Use as a guide.*, Nov 2005. Cites *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, H.B. Hoff.

<sup>238</sup>Teunis G. Bergen, "Contributions to the History of the Early Settlers of Kings County, N.Y.: The Van Duyn Family," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.10, pp.155-161 (1879): p.159. Hereinafter cited as "NYG&BR 10:155-161 (1879)."

<sup>239</sup>Fernow, *Calender of Wills 1626-1836*, p.43.

<sup>240</sup>*Albany, NY Wills*;, New York. Surrogate's Court (Albany County) (Main Author). Albany County (New York). Clerk of the Court of Appeals (Added Author). Microfilm of original records at the Queens College Library in Flushing, New York. The testators were from various areas and counties including Albany, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, Kings, Westchester and others., FHL film #481436; Vol. AB:139.

<sup>241</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*;, lib.6, pp.343-352.

<sup>242</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44. She is called Catherine Brewer.

<sup>243</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", p.101. Brouwer-Elsworth marriages that Hoffman has been unable to fit into his Brouwer genealogy.

- THOMAS ELSWORTH** was born circa 1736 New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York.<sup>245,246</sup> He married second New York on 19 May 1772 **Maria Van Ness**.<sup>247,248</sup> He died on 21 Jan 1810 Flatlands, Long Island.<sup>249,250</sup> He was buried on 23 Jan 1810.<sup>251</sup> He appeared on the census in 1790 Flatlands, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, with 2 males over 16 (himself and son Jeremiah), 4 females Maria his wife, Rebecca his daughter, Jeremiah's wife Eve and their young daughter).<sup>252</sup>
- 27 iv. Annatje BROUWER was born before 1728 (probably the second daughter, and one of two girls over ten in 1738). She married Henry Taylor before Sep 1754.<sup>253</sup>
- Annetje Brower, the wife of Henry Taylor is named in the 18 Sep 1754 will of her father, Jeury Brower, to receive £70 six years after his decease. She witnessed the baptism of Elizabeth Brouwer, daughter of Abraham Brouwer and Mary Losee, on 18 Jun 1758 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Arie Tylor, Annatje Brouwer).<sup>254</sup>
- HENRY TAYLOR** was born before 1734. Also known as **Arie Tylor**. He witnessed the baptism of **Elizabeth Brouwer**, daughter of **Abraham Brouwer** and **Mary Losee**, on 18 Jun 1758 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Arie Tylor, Annatje Brouwer).<sup>255</sup>
- 28 v. Jeury BROUWER was born in 1728 said to be in his 48th year at death.<sup>256</sup> He married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 15 Feb 1750 Jane Elsworth, daughter of Theophilus Elsworth and Johanna Hardenbroek, (banns 14 Feb 1750) "Jeremiah Brouwer & Jane Elsworth."<sup>257</sup> He married with banns published on 24 Sep 1757 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York,

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<sup>244</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44. She is called Catherine Brewer.

<sup>245</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>246</sup>Harriet Mott Stryker-Rodda, *Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham Brower Ellsworth*, Unpublished Manuscript, 1988, Limited Edition, Privately Printed, South Orange, New Jersey, New York Genealogical and Biographical Library, New York City, New York. (Note: *There are errors in the authors account of the Brouwer family*). p.52.

<sup>247</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>248</sup>Stryker-Rodda, *Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham Brower Ellsworth*, Unpublished Manuscript, 1988 New York Genealogical and Biographical Library, p.52.

<sup>249</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>250</sup>William Bogardus, "E-mail correspondence from William Bogardus," e-mail message from Bogardus, William to Chris Chester and et al, April 23, 2007, to Chris Chester, Lilly Martin, Paul Brewer, et al; *Ancestors and Descendants of William Brower who married Mariah Helm*; "Starting with the source "Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham Brower Ellsworth and Descendants of Robert Robson", by Harriet Mott Stryker-Rodda, a Limited Edition, Privately Printed manuscript, 1988, p. 50-55, William Ellsworth (1710-1791) and his wife, Rebecca Stillwell are shown to have had six children: (1) Christopher, bp. New Utrecht Reformed Church 7 Apr 1735, mar. Sarah Brower, dau. of Jeury Brower and his second wife, Charity Stillwell; (2) Thomas Brower, b. ca. 1736, New Utrecht, d. at Flatlands, 21 Jan 1810, bur. 23 Jan 1810; 1st mar. by license 29 Oct 1761, Cornelia (Catharina) Brower, dau. of Jeury Brower and Charity Stillwell; and 2m. by license 19 May 1772, Maria Van Nuyse. Children by first wife only were: (a) Jeremiah (1762-1821), married Eve Selover; and (b) Rebecca, b. at Flatlands, ca. 1765, married A. Brower 1 Sep 1791. No children; (3) Ann, born 25 Dec 1740, bp. as "Antje" 17 Apr 1744 at Dutch Reformed Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, married by license 28 Dec 1763, Jeremiah Brower, Jr.; (4) Mary (Molly), bp. as "Mareitje" (same place and date as sister Ann), died, 9 Apr 1797, married 18 Oct 1759, Abraham Brower, b. May 1725, d. 10 Mar 1797 age 71 yrs., 10 mo., bur. Gravesend Dutch Reformed Church (Source: Inscriptions on the tombstones In and Around the Churchyard in the Village of Gravesend, Kings County, N.Y., from the "Kings County Genealogical Club Collections, Vol. I, No. 3, August 1, 1882, pp. 31-43); (5) Rebecca b. ca. 1748, married Abraham A. Brower, no children; (6) William, d. 1808, married Margaret Sebring. No children". Hereinafter cited as "Wm. Bogardus e-mail."

<sup>251</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>252</sup>Stryker-Rodda, *Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham Brower Ellsworth*, Unpublished Manuscript, 1988 New York Genealogical and Biographical Library, p.52.

<sup>253</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>254</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:95.

<sup>255</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:95.

<sup>256</sup>Kenneth Scott, "Genealogical Data From the New York Gazette and the Weekly Mercury," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.99-107 (1968-1976): 105:34. Hereinafter cited as "Gen. Data from NY Gazette & Weekly Mercury, NYGBR."

<sup>257</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.182.



Elizabeth Van de Water, daughter of Hendrick Van de Water and Annetje Skillman.<sup>258</sup> He died on 28 Apr 1776 Hackensack, Bergen Co., New Jersey; An announcement of Jeremiah's death appeared in the New York Gazette on May 6th, 1776, "Brower, Jeremiah of NYC, merchant, died last Sunday week at Hackensack in his 48th year and was burried the next day in the family vault at the New Dutch Church."<sup>259</sup>

Also known as **JEREMIAH BROWER**.<sup>260</sup> He was a merchant New York City, New York. He was admitted freeman on 29 May 1750 New York City, New York, "merchant."<sup>261</sup> Jeury Brower is mentioned in his father's will dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £200. It is noted that he did not receive a share of the mill property, and was not named as an executor, while his three brothers, Abraham, William and Adolph did and were.<sup>262</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Sara Kip, daughter of Dirk Kip and Jannetje Parsell, on 9 Mar 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremias Brouwer, Jannetje Elswort, z.h.v).<sup>263</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Jane Elsworth, daughter of John Elsworth and Hester Roome, on 26 Oct 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremias Brouwer, Jannetje Elsword, z.h.v).<sup>264</sup> In 1757, a Jeremiah Brower was granted a license to operate a tavern in New York City.<sup>265</sup> He and Elizabeth Van de Water were members of Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 22 Feb 1758.<sup>266</sup> In 1768, Jeremiah Brower, with Luke van Ranst, Isaac Sears, and Lawrence Kortright, as executors of John Schermerhorn's estate, offered a reward for the capture of Noke, a negro slave, age about 16, who ran away from the "estate of John Schermerhorne, dec'd."<sup>267</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Ann Tilley, daughter of Edward Tilley and Margita Van de Water, on 10 Feb 1768 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremia Brouwer, Elizabet Van de Water, z.h.v).<sup>268</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Henry Van de Water, son of Hendrick Van de Water and Margrita Brestede, on 3 Dec 1769 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremia Brouwer, Elizabet Van de Water, z.h.v).<sup>269</sup> He was made an executor of the will of Hendrick Van de Water on 2 May 1771; proved 18 Feb 1784. Hendrick Van De Water of the City of New York, gunsmith, in a weak state of health. To my son Albertus, one larger silver tankard, as being my eldest son, and bar from future pretences as heir at law to my real estate. The residue of my real and personal estate in six equal parts, to be paid in a proper time after my decease, one sixth part each to my sons Albertus, Henry, my daughter Elizabeth wife to Jeremiah Brouwer, my daughter Margaret wife to Edward Tilley, my daughter Sarah wife to Luke Quick, and to Janneke and Ann Pearse, the two children of my daughter Ann, deceased, late wife of William Pearse, each one twelfth part of said estate. Unto my son Henry, all my gunsmith tools, immediately after my decease, whereas he has of me fifty pounds, it is to be discounted from his share. I make my son Albertus, Jeremiah Brouwer and William Pearse and daughter Margaret, executors. Witnesses: Evert Byvanck, John Byvanck, Petrus Byvanck of said City, merchants.<sup>270</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Ann

<sup>258</sup> Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.195.

<sup>259</sup> Scott, "Gen. Data from NY Gazette & Weekly Mercury, NYGBR", 105:34.

<sup>260</sup> "Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787-1835." *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, 2006), (From material originally compiled by William A. D. Eardeley, now held by the Brooklyn Historical Society.). Online [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org), p.696. Hereinafter cited as Abstracts of Wills, etc. in NY 1787-1835.

<sup>261</sup> "Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>262</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>263</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:198.

<sup>264</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:203.

<sup>265</sup> "Colonial Taverns and Tavernkeepers of British New York City," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol. 103 (1972): 103:200, 201. In addition to Jeremiah Brower, there is also in 1757 a Rebecca Bowmen/Rebeka Brown who is issued a license. The list was apparently alphabetized for the journal article, and the original would have to be consulted to see if she was a Brower, and if there was a possible relationship. Hereinafter cited as "Colonial Taverns & Tavernkeepers of NYC, NYGBR 103 (1972)."

<sup>266</sup> "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York - Church Members List," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.59,60,61,62 (1928,1929,1930,1931): 61:172. Hereinafter cited as "Members RDC NY/NA, NYGBR."

<sup>267</sup> Scott, "Gen. Data from NY Gazette & Weekly Mercury, NYGBR", 99:212.

<sup>268</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:88.

<sup>269</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:154.

<sup>270</sup> New York Historical Society *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 12*, page 203. Hendrick Van De Water.

Tilley, daughter of Edward Tilley and Margita Van de Water, on 13 Jun 1773 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsor Jeremia Brouwer, Jr).<sup>271</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Jane Kip, daughter of Peter Kip and Jane Brouwer, on 15 Oct 1775 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremiah Brouwer, Catharina Kip).<sup>272</sup> His will was dated on 8 Apr 1776 proved 16 May 1776: "I, Jeremiah Brower, of the City of New York, but at present at New Barbados, in the Province of East New Jersey, merchant, being sick and weary in body but of sound and disposing mind and understanding... I bequeath unto my son Jeremiah my silver tankard which I will shall be in full bar of all claims and demands he may have as being my eldest son and heir at law... to my beloved wife Elizabeth the use of all the residue of my wrought plate, household furniture, bed, bedding, woolen, linnen and slaves, until my youngest child shall attain to the age of twenty one...but in case my wife Elizabeth should happen to die before any of my younger children should attain the age of twenty one...then I order and direct that all the residue of my wrought plate, household furniture (etc.) together with my whole real estate or such part thereof that my executors think proper be sold by my executors...and the proceeds arising therefrom be equally divided among my children to wit, Jeremiah, Theophilus, Jannettie, wife of Peter Kip, William, Henry, John, Elizabeth, Abraham, and to such child or children which my wife is now with child with when born if alive... Whereas I have given to each of my children that are married, the sum of £250, my other children are to receive the same, when married or of age to make them equal". He names Henry Kip, and Isaac Roosevelt, of New York, and Henry Roomer, of New Barbados, and son Theophilus, executors. Witnesses, Peter T. Curtenius, merchant, Peter Zabriskie, Lowens Akerman.<sup>273,274,275</sup> On 4 Nov 1782, Theophilus Brower, executor filed a claim with New Jersey on behalf of the estate of Jeremiah Brouwer, deceased. Included is an inventory of the damages sustained by the British or their adherents in October 1778 and on 26 November 1776.<sup>276</sup> Jeremiah Brower (or Jeury Brouwer) stated that he was living in New Barbadoes, New Jersey at the time he wrote his will in April 1776. The township of New Barbadoes was created in 1710 and existed in its largest extent before the American Revolution in Bergen County, New Jersey. It was created from territory that had been a part of Essex County, but was removed by Royal decree and added to Bergen County, and originally contained all of present day Bergen Co. west of the Hackensack River, including portions beyond the Passaic River, and added the whole territory between the two rivers from Newark Bay northward to the boundary with New York, and west to the line with Sussex Co., New Jersey. Today, New Barbadoes township exists as Hackensack, which adopted the present name in 1921. The 9 May 1787 will of Charity (Stillwell) Brower, names Theophilus Brower, merchant of NYC, "my late husband's grandson." This statement is the basis for including Jeury in the family of Jeury Brouwer and Elizabeth Hilton. No baptism record has been found for Jeury, and his first marriage in 1750 would imply that he was born by 1732. He is most certainly younger than his three brothers Abraham, William and Adolphus who would have been born between the years of 1726 and 1732, and so it appears that Jeury married at a relatively young age, say between ages 18 and 21. It is curious that in his father's 1754 will, Jeury is not devised a share in the valuable mill property at Gowanus. His three brothers each receive a share of the property while Jeury is given £200, and while his three brothers are all named as executors, Jeury is not. In addition, none of his brothers appear has sponsors for any of Jeury's children (the Abraham Brower who sponsors's Jeury's con William's baptism may be his elder brother, but that

<sup>271</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:208.

<sup>272</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 30:27.

<sup>273</sup> Abstracts of Wills, etc. in NY 1787-1835, online [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org), p.696. The guardianship papers regarding William Wyckoff Brower, Cornelia Brower and Jeremiah Henry Brower, children of Henry Brower, deceased, dated 16 Jan. 1805, state that they are the grandchildren of Jeremiah Brower of the City of New York, deceased, by his will dated 8 April 1776.

<sup>274</sup> Jeremiah Brower will (8 April 1776), New York County Surrogate's Court, Wills Vol.31, pp.190-195: FHL film #0875161, New York Co. Surrogate's Court, New York City, New York. Hereinafter cited as NY Co. Wills 31:190-195.

<sup>275</sup> New York County Surrogate's Court *Abstracts of Wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Vol. VIII. Sept 3, 1784 - 12 Jun 1785)*, Collections of the New York Historical Society (New York: Printed for the Society, 1904), page 343. Jeremiah Brower of New York, but at present of New Barbadoes, in the Province of East Jersey. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. New York Wills, v. 8*.

<sup>276</sup> Inventories of Damages by the British and Americans in New Jersey, 1776-1782, New Jersey State Archives, 225 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0307, [www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/archives.html](http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/archives.html), Vol.1 Damages by the British in Bergen County, 1.2 Saddle River Township. Claim No. 41, Brouwer, Jeremiah.

can not be claimed with certainty). Therefore, the inclusion of Jeury in this family lies solely in the link provided by the 1787 will of Charity Brower.

**JANE ELSWORTH** was baptized on 14 Oct 1730 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsor Gabriel Crook.<sup>277</sup> She died before 18 Feb 1759; (and probably before 1757).<sup>278</sup> Also known as **Jannetje**. She was a member of Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 20 May 1751 "Jenneka Elsworth, h.v.v. Jeremia Brouwer."<sup>279</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Sara Kip**, daughter of **Dirk Kip** and **Jannetje Parsell**, on 9 Mar 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremias Brouwer, Jannetje Elswort, z.h.v).<sup>280</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jane Elsworth**, daughter of **John Elsworth** and **Hester Roome**, on 26 Oct 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremias Brouwer, Jannetje Elswort, z.h.v).<sup>281</sup> On 18 Feb 1759 Her father's will mentions, "my grandchildren, Jeremiah, Theophilus and Jane, the children of my late daughter Jane, wife of Jeremiah Brower."<sup>282</sup>

**ELIZABETH VAN DE WATER** was baptized on 12 Nov 1735 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Cornelis Clopper, Maris Skilman, h.v.v. Joh<sup>s</sup> Band.<sup>283</sup> She possibly died between 1776 and 1781.<sup>284</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Ann Tilley**, daughter of **Edward Tilley** and **Margita Van de Water**, on 10 Feb 1768 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremia Brouwer, Elizabet Van de Water, z.h.v).<sup>285</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Henry Van de Water**, son of **Hendrick Van de Water** and **Margrita Brestede**, on 3 Dec 1769 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jeremia Brouwer, Elizabet Van de Water, z.h.v).<sup>286</sup> She was named in her father's will dated on 2 May 1771 "wife of Jeremiah Brower."<sup>287</sup>

- 29 vi. Adolph BROUWER was born before 1732 (states his age as 73 in Nov. 1818, but was of legal age in 1754 when he was bequeathed property and named as an executor in his father's will, and is most probably older than his brother Jeury). He married Aeltje Hulst, daughter of Anthony Hulst and Altie van Duyn, Dutch Reformed Church, Fishkill, Dutchess Co., New York, on 6 Jan 1777.<sup>288</sup> He died on 19 Jul 1827 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York; "aged 87."<sup>289</sup>

Also known as **ADOLPHUS BROWER**.<sup>290</sup> He appeared on the census in 1738 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as one of the two male children in his father's household under the age of ten.<sup>291</sup> The will of "Jeury Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller", dated 18 Sep 1754, leaves his whole estate in the township of Brooklyn to his three sons, Abraham, William, and Adolph in equal shares,

<sup>277</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:117.

<sup>278</sup> Howard S.F. Randolph, "The Elsworth Family of New York City," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol.64, pp.255-267 (1933): "Died before 18 Feb 1759". Hereinafter cited as "NYG&BR 64:255-267."

<sup>279</sup> "Members RDC NY/NA, NYGBR", 61:77.

<sup>280</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:198.

<sup>281</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:203.

<sup>282</sup> New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. NY Wills v.6 1760-1766*, page 23. Theophilus Ellsworth of New York, shipwright.

<sup>283</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:188.

<sup>284</sup> Lilly Martin, "Re: A Request regarding Jeury Brower, b.1731," e-mail message from Martin, Lilly (unknown address) to Chris Chester, 15 Dec 2006, "According to the story written by Dr. Abraham Brower's daughter, Elizabeth Vandewater Brower did not live long after he husband died. I don't have a date or place for her death, but we can imagine it is between 1776 and 1781, likely. Jeremiah died in New Jersey, but he was buried in Manhattan in the RDC, there is a record for that. She should be buried at the same place, but I don't have a record for that". Hereinafter cited as "L. Martin e-mail 12-15-2006."

<sup>285</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:88.

<sup>286</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:154.

<sup>287</sup> New York Historical Society *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 12*, page 203. Hendrick Van De Water.

<sup>288</sup> "Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.83 (1952): 83:98. Hereinafter cited as "Marriages RDC Fishkill, NYGBR 83 (1952)."

<sup>289</sup> "Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, *Long Island Patriot* of 20 Jul 1827.

<sup>290</sup> Adolphus Brower will (April 10, 1825), Will of Adolphus Brower of Brooklyn Lib. 3, pp. 206-209, New York Surrogate's Court, Kings Co., New York, photo copy and transcript by the Long Island Historical Society, in the William B. Bogardus Collection, Box 5, WIL WW-70. Hereinafter cited as Adolphus Brower, Will.

<sup>291</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

with Abraham to receive £5 as his birthright. The three, Abraham, William, and Adolph, are named as executors.<sup>292</sup> On 30 Apr 1773, Adolph was arrested for fishing on a Sunday (*History of New Utrecht*).<sup>293</sup> He served during the Revolutionary War. as a private at New Utrecht.<sup>294</sup> In a conveyance dated 18 Nov 1785 "Between Adolphus Brouwer of Brookland, Kings Co., yeoman and one of the sons of Jeremiah Brower of same place, yeoman deceased, and his (Adolph's) wife Aeltie (first party) and Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower and Antie his wife, William Brower and Mattya Brower, widow of William Brower deceased (second party), and the said Mattya Brower and William Brower, Garret Brower and Abraham Hoagland executors of the will of William Brower formerly of Brooklyn and afterwards of Rumbout Precinct, Dutchess Co., yeoman and now deceased (third party). Above parties agreed to divide Real Estate of Jeremiah Brower deceased situate in Brooklyn, in agreement with the will of Jeremiah Brower." £831 was paid by Adolph Brower to the other heirs for the right to the property that consisted of a "farm piece or parcel of ground commonly called Mill Hook situate lying and being in Brooklyn aforesaid and which now part of the estate of the aforesaid Jeremiah Brower deceased together with the mill pond and all streams runs of water mill dams creeks ponds springs meadows (a certain piece of meadow called the big meadows being always intended to be excepted out of the lands intended hereby to be granted and conveyed to the said Adolphus Brower land and marshes thereunto belonging or in anywise appurtenant and all houses outhouses buildings old mill work mill stones, and all the wood and timber that already is collected for the purpose of erecting a mill on the aforesaid stream and all orchards gardens lands common pastures feedings woods underwoods ways paths passages water water courses fishings fowlings easements profits commodities advantages endowments and hereditaments whatsoever to the said Mill Hook and Mill Pond belonging or in any way pertaining or which now are or formerly have been excepted..." The second and third parties were to retain docking and landing rights at the mill property as well as fishing and oyster harvesting rights. Also conveyed were the rights to "that certain tract farm piece or parcel of land also part of the estate of the said Jeremiah Brower deceased and lying and being at Gowanus in Brooklyn Township aforesaid at joining the road that leads to Brooklyn aforesaid bounded northeasterly easterly and southeasterly by lands belonging to the estate of Jacobus Vanderhoven deceased and the estate of Jacobus Degrave deceased and the road that leads from Brooklyn to Flatbush southerly southwesterly and westerly by the mill road so called that leads from Flatbush to the mill aforesaid and northwesterly by the aforesaid road that goes to Brooklyn," containing about 124 acres. In addition, Adolphus is to acquire former woodland purchased from the estate of Wilhelmus Bennet at Gowanus containing ten acres. The conveyance was signed by Jeremiah Brower; Antie, wife of Jeremiah Brower; Abraham Hoagland; Adolphus Brower; Aaltie Brower; Mattya Brower; Abraham Brower; Garrett Brower; William Brower.<sup>295</sup> He appeared on the census in 1790 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Adolphus Brower with a family of 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16, 5 females, and 3 slaves. On the census sheet, the Browsers enumerated in succession are: Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower, William Brower, Jeremiah Brower, Court Johnston, Abraham Brower, Jr., Adolphus Brower.<sup>296</sup> "My loveing brother Adolphus Brower" was named by Abraham Brower, as executor of his will dated 13 Feb 1797.<sup>297</sup> By a deed dated 4 Mar 1798, "Adolph Brower of the township of Brooklyn in Kings County in the State of New York miller and Altie his wife of the first part and John C. Freeke of the City and County of New York in the State of New York merchant of the other part..." sold for "four thousand eight hundred pounds current money of the State of New York," property described as "that certain farm piece or parcel of ground commonly called Mill Hook situate lying and being in the township of Brooklyn in Kings County in the State of New York and which was part of the estate of Jeremiah Brower deceased with the mill pond and all the streams runs of water Mill dams creeks ponds springs meadow (except a piece of meadow called the Big Meadow) lands and marshes thereunto belonging or in anywise appurtenant and all houses and house buildings Mills Millstones and all other Mill works thereunto belonging and all orchards gardens lands common pastures feedings wood underwoods ways paths passages waters watercourses fishing fowling easements profits commodities advantages..." An exception allowed "Abraham Brower, Jeremiah

<sup>292</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>293</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>294</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>295</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.6, pp.343-352.

<sup>296</sup>1790 US Census, Roll M637-6, image 0372.

<sup>297</sup>*Kings Co. Wills v.1-2*, pp.235-238.



Brower and Antie his wife, William Brower and Mattie Brower widow and relic of William Brower deceased and Mattie Brower, William Brower and Abraham Hogeland executors of the Last Will and Testament of William Brower deceased formerly of Brooklyn," to retain the lawful authority to land and land goods, etc. on the dock at Mill Hook, and "shall also have the privilege of keeping a reasonable quantity of oysters and other shellfish." With this deed, the mill property originally settled by Adam Brouwer Berkhoven in the mid 1600s, was for the first time no longer owned by a Brouwer descendant.<sup>298</sup> He appeared on the census in 1800 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Adolphus Brower, with a household of 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-15, 2 females 16-25, 1 female over 45, 3 other free persons, and 2 slaves. Enumerated between Thomas Poole and John Devaney. Jeremiah Brower is enumerated on the same sheet, as are John C. Freeke, and Jeremiah Denton.<sup>299</sup> He was a member of Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, in 1807.<sup>300</sup> He appeared on the census in 1810 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Adolphus Brower, with a household of 1 male 10-15, 1 male 16-25, 1 male over 45, 2? females 10-15, 2 females 16-25, 1 female over 45. Enumerated between James Harper and Thomas Pool.<sup>301</sup> On 21 Oct 1818, Adolphus Brower, aged 73, was deposed at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in Kings County, New York regarding the petition of Mary Brower, widow of Abraham Brower and the heirs of Jeremiah Brower, deceased, for reparation for the loss of the mill and property during the Battle of Long Island in August 1776. Adolphus stated that at the time he resided on lands just adjoining the lot belonging to Abraham Brower and Jeremiah Brower on Long Island near Brooklyn, and stated that Abraham and Jeremiah were his cousins.<sup>302</sup> He appeared on the census in 1820 Gowanus, Kings Co., New York, as

<sup>298</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7; v.7*, pp.188-190.

<sup>299</sup> MyFamily.com, *1800 United States Federal Census*, Online Database (Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, 2003), Federal Census, Roll 23, p.639, image 16. Hereinafter cited as *1800 US Census*.

<sup>300</sup> "Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>301</sup> MyFamily.com, *1810 United States Federal Census*, Online Database (Provo, Utah: My Family.com Inc., 2003), Federal Census, Roll 28, p.618, image 77.00. Hereinafter cited as *1810 US Census*.

<sup>302</sup> Brower Mill Petition, *1818 Congressional petition, by Mary Brower, widow of Abraham Brower deceased, on behalf of descendants of Jeremiah Brower, deceased* (Washington, D.C.: NARA, Nov. 25, 1818), State of New York

Kings County

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, before me William Forman first Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of Kings County, personally appeared Adolphus Brower aged 73 years, who being duly sworn on his oath saith that previous to and during a part of the Revolutionary War he resided on lands just adjoining the lot then belonging to Abraham Brower and Jeremiah Brower on Long Island near Brooklyn, that the building on the lot of Abraham and Jeremiah Brower consisted of a large house and barn and a grist Mill, that those buildings were burnt by the American Army during the Revolutionary War, and at the time that the British landed on Long Island and marched up to New York, and this Deponant further saith, that those buildings were situated without the American lines and were burnt as this Deponant was then informed by the orders of General Greene to keep them from benefiting the enemy, and this Deponant further saith that the said Abraham Brower and Jeremiah Brower were his cousins, and that he was acquainted with them, that they were both in service in the American Army on Long Island at the time the property was burnt, and that their families fled from their home upon the approach of the enemy destitute of anything, but their cloaths, and that a large quantity of grain in the Mill and barn and all the furniture in the house was consumed and destroyed by the fire, and this deponant further saith that the said Abraham and Jeremiah owned a large Mill boat which was then laying in the creek near the Mill, that they had loaded that boat with furniture, provisions, and grains for the purpose of removing, but that the enemy come on so soon that it was impossible to get it out of the creek, and that the boat and it's contents fell into the hands of the enemy and was never restored, that the boat was of the capacity to carry about five hundred bushels of grain and was worth at that time at least two hundred and fifty dollars without the contents.

And this Deponant further saith that the house, barn, and Mill which were burnt were worth five thousand dollars without taking into consideration the water privelage or the value of the land, or the property which might have been destroyed in either of the buildings. And this deponat further saith that Mary Brower is the widow of Abraham brower, deceased. And that Lawrence Brower, George Brower, Sarah Vachter, Charity Tidemon, Anna Van Cleve wife of benjamin Van Cleve, and Rebecca Shannon

Adol Brower, with a household of 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 2 females 26-45, 1 female over 45, 1 person engaged in agriculture.<sup>303</sup> His will was dated on 10 Apr 1825 proved 11 Sep 1827. I Adolphus Brower of Brooklyn in the County of Kings and State of New York, being weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding (Blessed be God) do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Alta Brower all my household and kitchen furniture, plate, beds, bedding linen, china including my clock and watch to have and to hold the same forever. And I do order and direct that executors herein after named shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell off at public vendue all my live stock, waggons, ploughs and all implements of husbandry of what nature or kind soever. And I do further order and direct that my executors shall also sell within one year after my decease the farm whereon I now reside together with any other real estate I may "die" seized or possessed of and to give good and sufficient deeds for the same and after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid and satisfied the proceeds that remain of my said real estate and also the proceeds of the said livestock, waggons and implements of husbandry I dispose of as follows, that is to say, First I give and bequeath to my said wife one share or seventh part of the said proceeds. Also I give and bequeath to my son John Brower one share or seventh part thereof after deducting the sum of five hundred dollars I paid for him during my lifetime. Also I give and bequeath to my son Garrit Brower one share or seventh part thereof. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Letty Miserole, widow of Francis Meserole one share or seventh part thereof after deducting the sum of five hundred dollars I paid for her husband Francis Meserole. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bennet wife of Jacob Bennet one share or seventh part thereof to be put out at interest by my executors on good security the interest to be paid to her during her natural life and after her decease the same shall be divided among her children share and share alike. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Cornelia Bennet wife of Richard Bennet one share or seventh part thereof to be put out at interest by my execuotrs on good security the interest to be paid to her during her natural life and after her decease the same shall be divided among her children share and share alike. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Lefferts wife of Rem Lefferts one share or seventh part thereof. And as to any other personal estate not here in disposed of I give and bequeath the same to my said wife. And lastly I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son in law Rem Lefferts and my friends Abraham Remsen and Nehemiah Denton to be the executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any hereto after made.

Signed Adolphus Brower, wit:Theods Polhemus, John Van Houten, Joshua L. Pell.

Codicil dated 13 Jun 1825 states, Whereas I have by my said will given to my two daughters Elizabeth Bennet the wife of Jacob Bennet, and Cornelia Bennet the wife of Richard Bennet each one share or seventh part of the proceeds of my real estate, livestock and impliments of husbandry to be put out at interest to be paid to them during their natural lives and after their decease the same to be divided among their children. Now therefore I do further order and direct that the reasonable funeral expenses of my said two daughters Elizabeth and Cornelia shall be first deducted and paid out of the said monies

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wife of John Shannon, are the children and heirs of Jeremiah Brower, deceased. And this Deponant further saith that the American Army ordered out the grain from the barns in the neighbourhood and had it burnt at that time to keep it from the enemy and this was done as the deponant was informed by order of the Commander in Chief, and further this deponant saith not.

Taken and sworn the day and year mentioned above written before me.

Adolphus Brower

William Furman first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Kings County.

I certify that I am acquainted with the above deponant and BELIEVE HIM TO BE A MAN OF TRUTH AND VERACITY.

William Furman.

Abraham Vanderveer. Photocopy in the possession of Lilly Martin. Transcribed by Lilly Martin, 2007..

Hereinafter cited as *1818 Congressional Petition*.

<sup>303</sup> Ancestry.com, *1820 United States Federal Census*., Digital image of original census records (Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com, 2003), Federal Census, Roll M33-64, p.170A, image 180. Hereinafter cited as *1820 US Census*.

before the same shall be paid over to their children by my executors named in the said will.<sup>304,305</sup>  
Administration of Adolph Brouwer's estate was granted on 19 Sep 1860 Garret Brower appointed  
administor (all executors being deceased).<sup>306</sup>

**AELTJE HULST** was probably born between 1750 and 1760 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York. She  
possibly married **John Plant** on 3 Oct 1832 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York.<sup>307</sup> She  
died before 26 Dec 1839; (inventory of estate).<sup>308</sup> Also known as **Althea Brower** (married name).<sup>309,310</sup>  
Also known as **Aeltje Holtz**.<sup>311</sup> She was named in her father's will dated on 17 May 1813 daughter  
Altje, wife of Adolph Brown (*sic*).<sup>312</sup> Inventory of estate taken on 26 Dec 1839 taken by Richard H.  
Cornwell. Total \$2767.50. Includes notes of John A. Brower, Garret Brower, Cornelia Bennet and  
Elizabeth Bennet, and money in the hand of Rem Lefferts due the deceased. Sworn to by Garret  
Brower, administrator of the estate of Altheah Brower, 30 Dec 1839.<sup>313</sup> On 4 Oct 1841 at the  
Surrogate's Court, Kings County, New York, settlement of the estate of Althea Brower, deceased. Heirs  
recorded as: Garret Brower, John A. Brower, Letty Meserole, Maria Lefferts, Cornelia Bennet, Elizabeth  
Bennet's heirs (4).<sup>314</sup>

- 30 vii. Maria BROUWER was born say 1735 (possibly the third daughter). She married Cornelius Bennet, son  
of Jacobus Bennet and Elizabeth Abrahamse Brouwer, Flatbush, Kings Co., New York, on 5 Nov 1757  
(license dated 31 Oct 1757).<sup>315,316,317</sup>

Also known as **MARY BROWER**.<sup>318</sup> Also known as **MARY BREWER**.<sup>319</sup> Maria Brower is named in  
the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £50 six  
years after his decease. Cornelius and Maria (Brouwer) Bennet had the burials of four children  
recorded at the New York RDC with dates of 20 June 1770; 18 July 1770; 26 Oct. 1794; 27 June 1797.  
Which known children correspond to each date has not been determined.<sup>320</sup>

**CORNELIUS BENNET** was baptized on 24 Sep 1732 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond,  
Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Jan Rol, Jr., \_\_\_\_Merril.<sup>321</sup> He died on 27 Oct

<sup>304</sup>*Kings County Surrogate's Court, Wills v.3-4, 1823-1835*; FHL film #0872179 (Salt Lake City: Filmed by the  
Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971), Microfilm of original records at the Kings County Courthouse, Brooklyn, New York.,  
3:206. Hereinafter cited as *Kings Co. Wills v.3-4, 1823-1835*.

<sup>305</sup>Adolphus Brower, Will Lib. 3, pp. 206-209.

<sup>306</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>307</sup>"Marriages from 1801 to 1866 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City," *New York Genealogical and  
Biographical Record* vol.70-72, 89 (1939-41, 1958): 72:170. Hereinafter cited as "RDC NYC Marr. 1801-1866, NYGBR 70-  
72, 89."

<sup>308</sup>William B. Bogardus Collection of Brouwer, Brower and Brewer Family Material and Correspondence, Anneke Jans and  
Everardus Bogardus Descendants Association, Wilmington, Ohio, Box 5, WIL WW-101, Inventory and Appraisal of  
Personal Property of the Estate of Altheah Brower, sworn to by Garret Brower on December 30, 1839. Received by  
William B. Bogardus from correspondent 134-S. The source of the documents is not given, although the instrument is on  
file at the Kings County Surrogate's Court. . Hereafter cited as William B. Bogardus Collection.

<sup>309</sup>"Brouwer Beginnings" by William J. Hoffman, Manuscript New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

<sup>310</sup>William B. Bogardus Collection, Box 5, WIL WW-101.

<sup>311</sup>"Marriages RDC Fishkill, NYGBR 83 (1952)", 83:98.

<sup>312</sup>Abstracts of Wills, etc. in NY 1787-1835, online www.americanancestors.org, Kings Co., page 64 (records abstracted  
by DeWitt Van Buren in Abstracts of Wills of Kings County Recorded at Brooklyn, N. Y.; NEHGS Library, Boston, call  
number F127.K5 V36).

<sup>313</sup>William B. Bogardus Collection, Box 5, WIL WW-101.

<sup>314</sup>William B. Bogardus Collection, Box 5, WIL WW-101.

<sup>315</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.25, 44.

<sup>316</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:97 fn.

<sup>317</sup>*RDC Flatbush Records*;; Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and  
Biographical Society, New York City, 2:19. Cornelis Bennet, y.m. from Brooklyn and Maria Brower, y.d. from Brooklyn, m.  
in my house in Vlakkos 5 Nov. 1757.

<sup>318</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.25.

<sup>319</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44.

<sup>320</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>321</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 37:191.

1795.<sup>322</sup> He was buried on 28 Oct 1795 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York.<sup>323</sup>

Cornelius Bennet had four children, names not given, buried at the New York Reformed Dutch Church, with dates: 20 June 1770; 18 July 1770; 26 October 1794; 27 June 1797.<sup>324</sup>

- 31 viii. Jannetje BROUWER was born say 1736 (possibly the fourth daughter). She probably married Jurian Bennet before 1756.<sup>325,326</sup>

Jannetje Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease.

**JURIAN BENNET** was baptized on 20 Dec 1724 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Fredrik Bergen, Gerritje Veghte.<sup>327</sup> Also known as **Jurgen Bennet**.<sup>328</sup>

- 32 ix. Elizabeth BROUWER was born say 1739 (possibly the fifth daughter).

Elizabeth Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease.

- 33 x. Lena BROUWER was born say 1741 (possibly the sixth daughter).

Lena Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease.

- 34 xi. Sara BROUWER was born before 1743 (possibly the youngest daughter). She married by license dated on 16 Feb 1759 New York Christopher Elsworth, son of Willem Elsworth and Rebecca Stillwell.<sup>329</sup> She died after 1794.<sup>330</sup>

Sara Brower is named in the will of her father, Jeury Brower, dated 18 Sep 1754, to receive £30 on her marriage day, and £70 six years after his decease. She witnessed the baptism of Abraham Bennet, son of Cornelius Bennet and Maria Brouwer, on 10 Dec 1766 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors de Vader, Sara Brouwer, j.d).<sup>331</sup> Hoffman, in Brouwer Beginnings, states that Sara married William Elsworth, Jr. (bp.1733). This is contradicted by both The Elsworth Family of New York City and the Stoutenburgh Genealogy which states that William Elsworth, Jr. married Hendricka Stoutenburgh. An RDC New York record of the Elsworth-Stoutenburgh marriage gives a date of 10 Oct 1756 (banns 5 Oct 1756). No records of a marriage for Sara and this William Elsworth has been found. It is likely that Hoffman was in error on this point.<sup>332</sup>

<sup>322</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>323</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>324</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26. #239.

<sup>325</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:26.

<sup>326</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:33, baptism record of son, Jan.

<sup>327</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:31.

<sup>328</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:25. #236.

<sup>329</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.45.

<sup>330</sup>William Bogardus, "Hiley Brower," e-mail message from Bogardus, William (unknown address) to Chris Chester, Paul Brewer and et al, 8 Jan 2007, "By the way, William J. Hoffman in his manuscript of "BROUWER Beginnings" at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in New York City (the only place I believe that it is available) states that Sara BROUWER was the daughter of Jeury BROUWER and not the daughter of Abraham as claimed in Col. Fam. of Am. X:244); died after 1794 and married William ELSWORTH, Jr., bp. 5 Aug 1733 at the New York Dutch Reformed Church, son of William ELSWORTH and Maria GRUMME, and removed to Brooklyn. Bur. Jan. 30, 1784, prob. Brooklyn. Their daughter, Elisabeth ELSWORTH, bo. Brooklyn, July 4, 1761; died N.Y. Feb. 27, 1829. Married Warwick, Orange Co., NY, Aug. 7, 1777, Abijah WHITNEY (1754-1802). (St. Nicholas Soc. 1923 and p. 91. Whitney Fam. of Conn.) Based on the date of baptism of William ELSWORTH Jr. in 1733, it could be speculated that Sara was born near the same time as period as William and thus she is quite possibly an early child of Jeury and his first wife, Elizabeth HILTON, whom he married in 1726 rather than his second wife, Charity STILLWELL, whom he married in 1747". Hereinafter cited as "Wm. Bogardus e-mail 1-8-2007."

<sup>331</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 29:80. Abraham; parents: Cornelius Bennet, Maria Brouwer.

<sup>332</sup>Bogardus, "Wm. Bogardus e-mail 1-8-2007," e-mail to Chester, Brewer and et al, 8 Jan 2007, April 23, 2007, to Chris Chester, et al; Re: Ancestors and Descendants of William Brower who married Mariah Helm; "Incidentally, in Hoffman's notes about Sarah, HE states the following: "Sara Brouwer (note the Sara dau. of Abraham as claimed in Col. Fam. of Am. X:244); died after 1794, married William Elsworth, Jr., son of William Elsworth and Maria Van Grumme, bp. NYDR, Aug. 5, 1733, removed to Brooklyn. Bur. Jan. 30, 1784, prob. Brkl". "Child: a. Elisabeth Elsworth, bo. Brkl. Jul. 4, 1761; died N.Y Feb. 27, 1829. Married Warwick, Orange Co., N.Y., Aug. 7, 1777. Abijah Whitney 1754-1802. (St. Nicholas Soc.



**CHRISTOPHER ELSWORTH** was baptized on 7 Apr 1735 New Utrecht Reformed Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York.<sup>333,334</sup> Also known as **Christofel Elsworth**.<sup>335</sup>

**CHARITY STILLWELL** was born before 1730 (and possibly much earlier if she was contemporary in age to her only known husband. Charity is not known to have had any children of her own after her marriage). She died between 9 May 1787 and 8 Mar 1790. Also known as **Geertje Stillwell** (Geertje the Dutch equivalent of the English, Charity).<sup>336</sup> In 1787 **Charity Stillwell** resided Goshen, Orange Co., New York.<sup>337</sup> Her will was dated on 9 May 1787 proved 8 Mar 1790, "Charity Brouwer, now of Precinct of Goshen, Orange Co., widow of Jeremiah Brower late of Kings County on Nassau Island...First I give and bequeath unto Charity Tedomun and to her heirs my black velvet cloak as a testimony of my regard for her. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Sickles and Elizabeth Whitney wife of Abyjah Whitney of the said county of Orange all my wearing apparel to be equally divided between them each one half. Thirdly after all my funeral charges and expenses are paid I give and bequeath unto William Elsworth, Jeremiah Elsworth, the aforesaid Elizabeth Whitney and Charity Tedomun to be equally divided among them in four shares such sum and sums of money that shall at the time of my decease be due to me from my said late husband's grandson Theophilus Brower of New York City, merchant." She names as executor, "the aforesaid William Elsworth." Witnesses: John Hathorn, Eliz. Hathorn, Sibil Willing.<sup>338</sup>

There were no children of **Jeury<sup>2</sup> Abrahamsz Brouwer** and **Charity Stillwell**.

**6. JANNETJE<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSE BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was probably born between 1700 and 1705 Gowanus, Kings Co., Long Island, New York. She married **Johannes Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Helena Pauluse Turck**, before 1725. She died on 28 Apr 1760 New York City, New York.<sup>339</sup>

She witnessed the baptism of **Jurrie Leeuw**, son of **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** and **Marytje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 27 Aug 1721 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Jacob Bennet, Jannetje Brouwers).<sup>340</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Helena Reyn**, daughter of **Jan Frederic Reyn** and **Magdalena Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 29 Jul 1722 Reformed Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., New York, (sponsors Joost Vredenburg, Jannetje Brouwer).<sup>341</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Joseph Burger**, son of **Nicolaas Burger** and **Debora Blydenburg**, on 27 Sep 1727 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Joh.z. Jannetje Brouwer, s.h.v).<sup>342</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Cavalier**, daughter of **Henricus Cavalier** and **Helena Burger**, on 19 Sep 1731 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, s.h.v).<sup>343</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Drinkwater**, daughter of **Edward Drinkwater** and **Helena Burger**, on 26 Feb 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Helena

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1923, p. 91. Whitney Fam. of Conn.)" In "The Elsworth Family of New York City, with the Related Families of Rommen-Romme-van Langstraat and Roome", by Howard S.F. Randolph, NYGBR Vol. 64: (Apr 1933) pp. 154-166; and (Jul 1933) pp. 255-267, on p. 267 it states that this William Elsworth, Jr., bp. 1733, married (license Oct. 5, 1756, NYM:128) Oct. 10, 1756 (MDC:193), Hendrika Stoutenburgh, sister of Tobias Stoutenburgh, baker (WNYHS-XII:416), and does not show a daughter Elizabeth bo. Brkl. Jul 4, 1761. This is confirmed in the Stoutenburgh Genealogy also. In this regard, I believe that Hoffman is in error and that the Elizabeth Ellsworth who married Abijah Whitney was the daughter of Christopher Ellsworth and Sarah Brower and not a William Ellsworth and Sarah Brower. Abijah was the son of Daniel Whitney and Thankful Burt. Also, Abijah's and Elizabeth's children were: in the following order: (1) Daniel; (2) John; (3) Jeremiah; (4) Mary; (5) Charity; (6) Joel; (7) Sarah; (8) Abigail; (9) Morris Fought; (10) James B.; (11) Abijah Ann. -- no Elizabeth! (Note: Sarah was probably very young when her mother Elizabeth Hilton died and before Christopher married Charity Stillwell in 1747 - - and thus raised by Charity. WBB)."

<sup>333</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>334</sup>Stryker-Rodda, *Ancestors and Descendants of Abraham Brower Ellsworth*, Unpublished Manuscript, 1988 New York Genealogical and Biographical Library, p.50.

<sup>335</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>336</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>337</sup>Abstracts of Wills, etc. in NY 1787-1835, online www.americanancestors.org, Kings Co., p.5. Will of Charity Brower.

<sup>338</sup>*Kings Co. Wills v.1-2*, pp.59-61.

<sup>339</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>340</sup>*RDC Flatbush Records*, Microfilm of typescripts (5 v.) made in 1915 in possession of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York City, 1:16. Parents Hendrick Van Leeuwen, Marya his wife.

<sup>341</sup>"RDC New Utrecht, L.I.", 112:134. Helena; parents: Jan Frederick Rhyn, Helena.

<sup>342</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:166.

<sup>343</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

Brouwer, s.h.v. (Helena probably and error for Jannetje)).<sup>344</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Johannes Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Elizabeth Lavall**, on 18 Oct 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>345</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Barentze**, daughter of **Barent Barentze** and **Cornelia Burger**, on 15 Jun 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>346</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Jansen**, daughter of **Johannes Jansen** and **Jannetje Burger**, on 4 Jul 1759 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>347</sup> "The baptisms of their (Jannetje Brouwer and Johannes Burger) children are important, because some of the sponsors prove the marriages of some of Jannetje's relatives."<sup>348</sup>

**JOHANNES BURGER** was baptized on 5 Dec 1701 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York; sponsors Johannis Plevier & wife Cornelia Van Schaik. He died on 13 Feb 1761 New York City, New York.<sup>349</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Johannes van Lewen**, son of **Hendrick Van Leeuwen** and **Marytje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 2 Oct 1726 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Thomas Richarson & Johannes Burger, Geertruy Corse, h.v.v. Theo Richarson).<sup>350</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Joseph Burger**, son of **Nicolaas Burger** and **Debora Blydenburg**, on 27 Sep 1727 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Joh.z. Jannetje Brouwer, s.h.v.).<sup>351</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Cavelier**, daughter of **Henricus Cavelier** and **Helena Burger**, on 19 Sep 1731 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, s.h.v.).<sup>352</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Drinkwater**, daughter of **Edward Drinkwater** and **Helena Burger**, on 26 Feb 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Helena Brouwer, s.h.v. (Helena probably and error for Jannetje)).<sup>353</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Johannes Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Elizabeth Lavall**, on 18 Oct 1749 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>354</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Barentze**, daughter of **Barent Barentze** and **Cornelia Burger**, on 15 Jun 1755 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>355</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Jannetje Jansen**, daughter of **Johannes Jansen** and **Jannetje Burger**, on 4 Jul 1759 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer, z.h.v.).<sup>356</sup>

Children of **Jannetje<sup>2</sup> Abrahamse Brouwer** and **Johannes Burger** all born Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, were as follows:

- 35 i. Johannes<sup>3</sup> BURGER was baptized on 29 Sep 1725; sponsors Johannes Burger Sr., Helena Turck, s.h.v.<sup>357</sup> He married Elizabeth Lavall between 1747 and 1749.

**ELIZABETH LAVALL.** Also known as **Elizabeth Lyon.**<sup>358</sup>

- 36 ii. Cornelia BURGER was baptized on 23 Aug 1728; sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Caljer, z.h.v.<sup>359</sup> She died on 8 Apr 1729 New York City, New York.
- 37 iii. Helena BURGER was baptized on 7 Jun 1730; sponsors Jan Reyn, Helena Brouwer, s.h.v.<sup>360</sup> She married Edward Drinkwater Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 17 Sep 1748 (banns 6 Sept. 1748) "Edward Drinkwater & Eleanor Burger."<sup>361</sup>  
Also known as **LEA.**<sup>362</sup> Also known as **ELEANOR** (her marriage record).<sup>363</sup>

<sup>344</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:15.

<sup>345</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:61.

<sup>346</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:200.

<sup>347</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:105.

<sup>348</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:102.

<sup>349</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings."

<sup>350</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:118.

<sup>351</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:166.

<sup>352</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:157.

<sup>353</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:15.

<sup>354</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:61.

<sup>355</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:200.

<sup>356</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:105.

<sup>357</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 20:72.

<sup>358</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:61.

<sup>359</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:31.

<sup>360</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 21:115.

<sup>361</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.179.

- 38 iv. Cornelia BURGER was baptized on 2 Apr 1732; sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Maria Brouwer, wed.<sup>364</sup> She married Barent Barentze Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 24 Sep 1754 (banns 21 Sep 1754) "Barent Barentse & Cornelia Burger."<sup>365</sup>
- 39 v. Abraham BURGER was baptized on 28 Apr 1734; sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Sarah Kimber, z.h.v.<sup>366</sup>
- 40 vi. Jannetje BURGER was baptized on 1 Feb 1736; sponsors Cornelis Turck, Catharina van Tilburg h.v.v. C. Turck.<sup>367</sup> She died before Dec 1739.
- 41 vii. Annatje BURGER was baptized on 18 Dec 1737; sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Reyn, j.d., & Sara Schimba.<sup>368</sup>
- 42 viii. Jannetje BURGER was baptized on 2 Dec 1739; sponsors Abraham Leuw, Cornelia Reyn, j.d. Cornelia Bennet, j.d.<sup>369</sup> She married Johannes Jansen before 1759.<sup>370</sup>
- 43 ix. Elizabeth BURGER was baptized on 19 Apr 1742; sponsors Jurrie Brouwer, Elizabeth Hilton, z.h.v.<sup>371</sup> She died before Mar 1746.
- 44 x. Elizabeth BURGER was baptized on 2 Mar 1746; sponsors William de Peyster, Elizabeth Cregier husb. Abraham Leeuw.<sup>372</sup>

**7. ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> ABRAHAMSZ BROUWER** (Abraham<sup>1</sup>) was baptized on 15 Dec 1706 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York; witnesses Isaac Hendrickse, Magdaleentje Blauw.<sup>373</sup> He married **Sara Kimber** before 1731.<sup>374</sup> He died between 29 Sep 1755 and 26 Feb 1756.

He witnessed the baptism of **Elisabet Bennet**, daughter of **Jacobus Bennet** and **Elizabeth Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 21 May 1727 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York, (sponsor Abraham Brouwer, Jr).<sup>375</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 28 Apr 1734 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Sarah Kimber, z.h.v.)<sup>376</sup>, On 3 Sep 1737, "Abraham Brouwer of the town of Brookland in Kings County on the Island Nassau at a place called Gowanus" conveyed to "his son Jurian Brouwer miller of the same place"... "All that grist mill situate lying and being in the town of Brookland abovesaid at a place called Gowanus and the hindermost part of all his old land in ye said town so as it is now staked out, and Also two lots of woodland in said town, and are known by the number three and number four as they were laid out and Also the half his orchard also as it is now staked out and Also the half of all his meadow in said town so as it now staked out, and Also all ye house and improvements to the old mill above named..." On the same date, by a seperate deed, Abraham Brouwer conveyed to "Abraham Brouwer, Junr. of the same place, miller"... "All that grist mill called the new mill and the dam and pond thereunto situate standing and lying in the town of Brookland aforesaid as Also the half of his old land (that is) the foremost part so as it is now staked out and the full half of his whole orchard so as it is now staked out, and Also the full half of all his meadow also as it is now staked out, and also two lots of woods in said town and are known to be numbers six and eight with all of the improvements next to said mill."<sup>377</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Annatje Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 18 Dec 1737 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Reyn, j.d., & Sara Schimba).<sup>378</sup> The only baptisms of his children found have been Maria, who is not named in the will and must have died young, and that of Abraham in 1739.<sup>379</sup> He appeared on the census in 1738 Brooklyn, Kings Co.,

<sup>362</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 26:130.

<sup>363</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.179.

<sup>364</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:9.

<sup>365</sup>Purple, *Marriages, RDC NA/NY*, p.189.

<sup>366</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:141.

<sup>367</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:190.

<sup>368</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:78.

<sup>369</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:196. Jannetje; parents: Johannes Burger, Jannetje Brouwer.

<sup>370</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 28:105.

<sup>371</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 24:76.

<sup>372</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 25:69.

<sup>373</sup>van der Linde, *OFDRC Brooklyn*, page 150. Abraham; parents: Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia.

<sup>374</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>375</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:124.

<sup>376</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:141.

<sup>377</sup>*Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, lib.5, pp.138-9 and 140-1.

<sup>378</sup>Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:78.

<sup>379</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

New York, with a family of 2 males over 10, 1 female, and 2 males under 10.<sup>380</sup> A List of a Foot Company under the command of Capt. Joseph Robinson, taken in New York on Jan. 21, 1737/8 includes the names of "Jacob Bruar, John Bruar, Abram Bruar, and Everardus Bruar."<sup>381</sup> "Abraham Brouwer Jr." and "Juryen Brouwer" are recorded 10 December 1742, on a Kings County list "of all ye persons which their names are hereunder subscribed and have a right in ye deed of ye house and ground therein mentioned (that is to say) of ye fourth or quarter part as in ye said deed setts forth each according to the sum subscribed to and are followith (viz)."<sup>382</sup> On 24 Aug. 1751, Isaac Sebring and Catharina his wife made an agreement to dig a ditch from Gowanus Bay to the East River, under certain restrictions, with, among others, Jury Brower and Abraham Brower of Gowanus. Wit: William Brower.<sup>383</sup> He witnessed the baptism of **Isaac Kip**, son of **Isaac Kip** and **Helena Auke**, on 4 Apr 1753 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Maria Kimber, Wed. van Isaac Auke).<sup>384</sup> By an agreement dated 16 Sep 1754 (recorded in 1757, Kings Co. Deeds 6:14) Nicholas Veghte of Gowanus, agreed to maintain a flood gate in the creek running before his door so "that Abraham Brower of the same place, should not lose any water out his mill pond."<sup>385</sup> On 20 Sep 1754, Abraham Brower and Jeury Blaw, both of Gowanus, yeomen, on the one part, and Nicholas Veghte, "of the same place," yeoman, on the second part made an agreement by which, for five shillings, Nicholas Veghte was to "make use of a certain ditch or creek lying and being at Gowanus in the township of Brookland...running from before the door of said Nicholas Veghte westerly to the killitie or creek between the meadow of Peter Staats and said Jeury Blau so to the main creek which leads out into Gowanus Bay with any craft whatsoever to have full ingress egress and regress without any obstruction hinderance interception or mollestation of them the said Jeury Blau and Abraham Brower."<sup>386</sup> The 1755 census of Slaves on Long Island finds Abrm Brewer in Brooklyn with "one Negro man cald Coffe," and "one Negro Wench Judy."<sup>387</sup> His will was dated on 29 Sep 1755 proved 26 Feb 1756. Abraham Brower of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller, being very sick in body. My executors are to dispose of all my lots in New York and to pay my debts, and if that is not sufficient my executors "must sell and dispose of so many of my negro men and negro wenches as they shall think fit." Leaves to his two sons, Abraham Brouwer and Jury Brouwer, the latter under age, his wife Sara, and his daughters Cornelia, Helena, Jannetie, Elisabeth, and Sara. Executors, his brother Jury Brower, Jury Blaw, and Abraham Brower, oldest son of brother Jury Brower. Wit: William Brower, Simon Boerum, and Jacob Bennet.<sup>388</sup>

**SARA KIMBER** was born before 1715. Also known as **Sara Schimba** (bapt. rec. of niece, Annatje Burger). She witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Burger**, son of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 28 Apr 1734 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Sarah Kimber, z.h.v).<sup>389</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Annatje Burger**, daughter of **Johannes Burger** and **Jannetje Abrahamse Brouwer**, on 18 Dec 1737 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Cornelia Reyn, j.d., & Sara Schimba).<sup>390</sup> Sara is named in her husband, Abraham Brouwer's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>391</sup>

Children of **Abraham<sup>2</sup> Abrahamsz Brouwer** and **Sara Kimber** were as follows:

- 45 i. Maria<sup>3</sup> BROUWER was baptized on 9 May 1731 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York; wit.: Isaac Auken, Maria s.v.<sup>392</sup> She died before Sep 1755; as she is not named in her father's will.<sup>393</sup>
- 46 ii. Cornelia BROUWER was born say 1733.  
Cornelia is named in her father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>394</sup>

<sup>380</sup> O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.246.

<sup>381</sup> O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.269-70.

<sup>382</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, v.5, p.119-120.

<sup>383</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:99.

<sup>384</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 27:33.

<sup>385</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, v.6, p.14.

<sup>386</sup> *Kings Co., NY Deeds v.5-7*, v.6, p.13.

<sup>387</sup> O'Callaghan, *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York*, p.208. Slaves on Long Island, 1755.

<sup>388</sup> New York (County) Surrogate's Court Abs. *NY Co. Wills v. 5, 1754-1760*, page 96. Abraham Brower, of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller.

<sup>389</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 22:141.

<sup>390</sup> Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 23:78.

<sup>391</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>392</sup> "RDC New Utrecht, L.I.", 112 (1981):205. Marya; parents: Abraham Brouwer, Jr., Sara Kimber, s.v.

<sup>393</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>394</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.



- 47 iii. Helena BROUWER was born say 1735. She married Thomas Palmer, son of William Palmer and Hester Taber, Presbyterian Church, Rombout, Dutchess Co., New York, on 27 Apr 1758 "Thomas Palmer, Alenah Brewer.<sup>395</sup>"

Also known as **ALEHNAH BROUWER**.<sup>396</sup> Helena is named in her father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>397</sup> "My loving wife Alenah," is named in her husband's will dated 27 June 1787.<sup>398</sup>

**THOMAS PALMER** was born on 20 Mar 1730/31 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts.<sup>399</sup> He died between 3 Jul 1787 and 30 Nov 1787 Newburgh, Orange Co., New York. He was named in his father's will dated on 21 Mar 1774.<sup>400</sup> On 6 May 1776, a notice appearing in the New York Gazette stated that Simon, a mulatto slave, age about 30, born at Raritan, New Jersey, ran away on April 14th from Thomas Palmer of "New-Burgh," Ulster Co., New York.<sup>401</sup> On 22 Jan 1776 **Thomas Palmer** conveyed to **Nicholas Brouwer** for forty-five pounds, 4000 acres of land situate in the County of \_\_\_\_ on the northwest side of the Sackendoga Branch of the Hudson River, within part of the Indian purchase of 166,000 acres made in the year 1773 by the said subscriber for himself and others. The said Brower, his heirs or assigns to have the said quarter of 4000 acres quantity and quality with land out of the tract of the said subscriber as a tennant in common with him, his heirs or assigns. The said Brower paying the future charges for the said 4000 acres. Signed and sealed by Thomas Palmer. Witnessed by Nicholas Brower, Junior, Sarah Flair. In an addendum, Thomas Palmer further agrees that the witness named Nicholas Brower shall be entitled with me for 3000 acres in another tract not yet divided of the national domain situate on the northwest branch of the Susquehannah River provided I obtain it. Signed by Thomas Palmer.<sup>402</sup> His will was dated on 27 Jun 1787 proved 30 Nov 1787. Called Thomas Palmer of Newburgh, Esquire. "My Homestead Farm, and also the farm I bought of David Weed situate in the county of Ulster be not isposed of or sold until my youngest surviving Child shall come to lawful age." "Said farm to be occupied by my loving wife Alenah, and my son Thomas, for their maintenance and support, and for the maintenance and support and education of my children, who are under age." Leaves to his wife, "over and above her Dower" all lands and tenements, 1/12 a part of personal estate. To sons William and Thomas, all wearing apparel and surveying instruments. Residue, when sold, to son William 2/11 parts, to Thomas 3/11 parts, to daughter Alenah 1/11 part, to daughter Nancy Butler 1/11 part, to daughter Sarah 1/11 part, to daughter Mary Ann Dugan 1/11 part, to daughter Julia 1/11 part, and 1/11 part "including what my daughter Esther has already received as a Portion of my Estate" to Martin Wynant and Elnathan Foster "for the use of my said Daughter Esther during her life," the interest to be paid to her, if he survives her husband, Charles Hatch, she is to receive the full share, and if she should die before her husband, her children are to receive the share when they come of age. "The Money I have in my Upper Spring Drawer, I direct to be appropriated to the purpose of defraying the Expense of patenting my new lands, first repaying thereout the Monies I have received of other Proprietors." Names his brother Beriah Palmer, wife and son Thomas as executors. Signed by Thomas Palmer, witnessed by Samuel Buchanan, Adolphus Brouwer, Phineas Bowman. Codicil dated 3 July 1787 appoints son William as one of the executors, witnessed by William Lawrence, Robert Morison, and Samuel Buchanan.<sup>403</sup>

- 48 iv. Jannetje BROUWER was born say 1737.

<sup>395</sup>"Rumbout & Poughkeepsie Prebyterian Marriages", 69:288.

<sup>396</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>397</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>398</sup>Gustove Anjou, *Ulster County, N.Y. Probate Records, Vol. II* (New York: Gustov Anjou, 1906), pp.20-22. Hereinafter cited as *Ulster Co., N.Y. Probate Records, Vol.II*.

<sup>399</sup>"Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850," online www.newenglandancestors.org. . Hereinafter cited as Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

<sup>400</sup>Ralph V. Wood Jr., "Francis Cooke," *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, (Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1996), v.12, page 331. Hereinafter cited as "*Mayflower Families v.12*."

<sup>401</sup>Scott, "Gen. Data from NY Gazette & Weekly Mercury, NYGBR", 105:34.

<sup>402</sup>Castro Collection of Original Family Documents, Inherited documents and family letters. Originals in the possession of Kathleen Castro. Transcribed copies made by Kathleen Castro from the original documents. Copies in possession of Chris Chester, Kent, New York acquired from Kathleen Castro, Documents relating to the descendants of Nicholas Brouwer, B-14, Deed (original), dated January 22, 1776, signed by Thomas Palmer. Photocopy of original. Hereinafter cited as Castro Collection of Original Family Documents.

<sup>403</sup>Anjou, *Ulster Co., N.Y. Probate Records, Vol.II*, pp.20-22.

- Jannetje is named in her father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>404</sup>
- 49 v. Jury BROUWER was probably born between 1738 and 1748 Gowanus, Kings Co., Long Island, New York. He married by license dated on 28 Dec 1763 New York Anna Elsworth, daughter of Willem Elsworth and Rebecca Stillwell.<sup>405</sup> He is said to have married Annatie Bennet by Ledley (NYGBR 95:159) who cites the fact that Annatie's brother, Winant, mentioned his "brother-in-law" Jeremiah Brower in his will of 1802. However, the brother-in-law Jeremiah Brower who Winant Bennet was likely referring to, was a husband of his wife's sister. It is not likely that Annatie Bennet married Jeremiah Brower.<sup>406</sup> He died before 1818.<sup>407</sup>

Also known as **JEREMIAH BROUWER**.<sup>408</sup> Also known as **JEREMIAH BROWER**. He was named in his father's will dated on 29 Sep 1755 called under age.<sup>409</sup> He appeared on the census in 1790 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Jeremiah Brower, with a household of 5 males over 16, 2 males under 16, and 6 females. On the census sheet, the Browsers enumerated in succession are: Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower, William Brower, Jeremiah Brower, Court Johnston, Abraham Brower, Jr., Adolphus Brower.<sup>410</sup> He appeared on the census in 1800 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Jeremiah Brower, with a household of 2 males under 10, 1 male 26-44, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-15, 2 females 16-25, 1 female over 45. Enumerated between George Brower and Margaret Duffelle. A Robert Brower is enumerated on the same page.<sup>411</sup> George Brower and Jeremiah Brower are enumerated in succession on the 1800 Federal Census.<sup>412</sup>

**ANNA ELSWORTH** was born on 25 Dec 1740.<sup>413</sup> She was baptized on 17 Apr 1744 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Cornelis Corsci..., Jannetje Corsen (baptized with sister, Mareitje, *although the entry may be read as only one child baptized named Antje Maretje, or Anna Maria a name previously used in the Elsworth family*).<sup>414</sup> She died in Aug 1776; by drowning, the night she and her family fled Gowanus, Brooklyn as American soldiers burned the Brouwer mill.<sup>415</sup> Also known as **Antje Elsworth**.<sup>416</sup>

**ANNATIE BENNET** was born circa 1756 Kings Co., Long Island, New York.<sup>417</sup> She was named in her father's will dated on 14 May 1768.<sup>418</sup>

- 50 vi. Abraham BROUWER was baptized on 18 Feb 1739 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New Utrecht, Kings Co., Long Island, New York; sponsors Abraham Brouwer and Elizabeth z.h.v.<sup>419</sup> He married by license dated on 18 Oct 1758 New York City, New York, Mary Elsworth, daughter of Willem Elsworth and Rebecca Stillwell.<sup>420</sup> He died before Nov 1818; when his widow and children petitioned the U.S. Congress for reimbursment for losses to their father's property incurred during the Revolutionary War.

<sup>404</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>405</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44, M.B. vol.VII, p.526.

<sup>406</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:159. #254.

<sup>407</sup>Lillian Martin, "Discussion of Jeremiah Brewer of Highgate, Vermont," e-mail message from Martin, Lillian (unknown address) to William Bogardus, Karen Sims, Chris, Brewer, Richard Chester and Perry Brewer, 29 Oct 2006; 31 Oct 2006. Hereinafter cited as "L. Martin, e-mail 10-29-2006."

<sup>408</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", p.101. Brouwer-Elsworth marriages that Hoffman has been unable to fit into his Brouwer genealogy.

<sup>409</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abs. NY Co. Wills v. 5, 1754-1760*, page 96. Abraham Brower, of Gowanus in the township of Brookland, miller.

<sup>410</sup>1790 US Census, Roll M637-6, image 0372.

<sup>411</sup>"Federal Census, 1800. Kings County, Long Island, New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.55 (1924): 55:128. Hereinafter cited as "1800 Census, Kings Co., NY, NYGBR 55 (1924)."

<sup>412</sup>"1800 Census, Kings Co., NY, NYGBR 55 (1924)", 55:128.

<sup>413</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, chart no.7L.

<sup>414</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:288.

<sup>415</sup>1818 Congressional Petition.

<sup>416</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, chart no.7L.

<sup>417</sup>Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 95:159. #254.

<sup>418</sup>New York (County) Surrogate's Court *Abstracts of Wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Vol. VII. June 6, 1766-Nov. 29, 1771*, Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1898 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1898), pages 197-198. Abstracting Lib. 26, p. 376. Hereinafter cited as *Abs. N.Y. Co. Wills v.7*.

<sup>419</sup>"RDC New Utrecht, L.I.", 113 (1982):76. Abraham; parents: Abraham Brouwer, Jr., Sara, s.v.

<sup>420</sup>Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.44.

Abraham is named as the eldest son in his father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>421</sup> He was a member of Dutch Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, on 6 Nov 1778 (seat owner).<sup>422</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Maria Helm, daughter of Jonas Helm and Sara Brouwer, on 28 Dec 1783 Dutch Reformed Church, Claverack, Columbia Co., New York, (sponsors Abraham Brower, Maritje Elsworth).<sup>423</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Abraham Brouwer, son of William Brouwer and Mariah Helm, on 19 Jun 1785 Dutch Reformed Church, Claverack, Columbia Co., New York, (sponsors Abraham Brower, Maritje Elsworth).<sup>424</sup> He witnessed the baptism of Abraham Helm, son of Jonas Helm and Sara Brouwer, on 6 Jul 1788 Dutch Reformed Church, Claverack, Columbia Co., New York, (sponsors Abraham Brouwer, Catharina Brouwer).<sup>425</sup> He appeared on the census in 1790 Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, as Abraham Brower, Jr. with a household of four males over 13, and three females. On the census sheet, the Browsers enumerated in succession are: Abraham Brower, Jeremiah Brower, William Brower, Jeremiah Brower, Court Johnston, Abraham Brower, Jr., Adolphus Brower.<sup>426</sup> He was living in 1815 Paterson, Passaic Co., New Jersey.<sup>427</sup> He is mentioned in a letter from Charles Vail to Pitt Carl Esq. on 16 Jan 1852 Writing from Riverhead (Suffolk Co., Long Island), Charles Vail is seeking the aid of Pitt Carl, Esq. of New York City in determining whether or not his wife (whose mother was a Brower) is entitled to claims upon the Trinity Church property. Charles Vail writes, "My wife's grandfather lived on the west end of Long Island but lost his property and moved to the state of New Jersey but had his mill at Goanses burnt and other property destroyed by the British in the Revolutionary War. And when I knew the old man he lived in Paterson, New Jersey and was a very aged man and that was in 1815. I think his name was Abraham and he had four sons--Jerry, Abraham, Christopher and William. Christopher and William I knew. He also had 3 daughters--Sally, Caty, and Rebecca, the mother of my wife. My wife's mother is dead and so is all her brothers and sisters." Charles Vail also mentions speaking with "Catherin Cannon sister," who lives in Riverhead, whose mother was also a Brower, but from a different family.<sup>428</sup>

**MARY ELSWORTH** was baptized on 17 Apr 1744 Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, Staten Island, (Richmond Co.), New York; sponsors Cornelis Corsci..., Jannetje Corsen.<sup>429</sup> Also known as **Mareitje Elsworth**.<sup>430</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Maria Helm**, daughter of **Jonas Helm** and **Sara Brouwer**, on 28 Dec 1783 Dutch Reformed Church, Claverack, Columbia Co., New York, (sponsors Abraham Brower, Maritje Elsworth).<sup>431</sup> She witnessed the baptism of **Abraham Brouwer**, son of **William Brouwer** and **Mariah Helm**, on 19 Jun 1785 Dutch Reformed Church, Claverack, Columbia Co., New York, (sponsors Abraham Brower, Maritje Elsworth).<sup>432</sup> She was living in 1818 Paterson, (then Essex Co.), New Jersey. On 25 Nov 1818, Mary Brower, widow of Abraham Brower deceased, and on behalf of the descendants of Jeremiah Brower deceased, petitioned the U.S. Congress (Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims) seeking renumeration for losses incurred in August of 1776, when the house, barn, mill, and other property belonging jointly to Abraham and Jeremiah Brower were destroyed during the Battle of Long Island. The claimants were listed as "Mary Brower, widow of Abraham Brower deceased...Lawrence Brower, George Brower, Sarah Vachter, Charity Tidemon, Benjamin Van Cleve and Anna his wife, John Shannon and Rebecca his wife, heirs of

<sup>421</sup>Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>422</sup>Hagemeyer and Dobson, "Seat Owners, Brooklyn Dutch Reformed Church, 1769/1778", 141:132.

<sup>423</sup>"Records of the Dutch Reformed Church of Claverack, Columbia County, New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* vol.74-83 (1943-1950): 81:236. Hereinafter cited as "RDC Claverack, NY, NYGBR 74-83."

<sup>424</sup>"RDC Claverack, NY, NYGBR 74-83", 81:241.

<sup>425</sup>"RDC Claverack, NY, NYGBR 74-83", 82:141.

<sup>426</sup>1790 US Census, Roll M637-6, image 0372.

<sup>427</sup>Castro Collection of Original Family Documents, Inherited documents and family letters, Kent, New York, Documents relating to the descendants of Nicholas Brouwer, C-12, Charles Vail of Riverhead, L.I. to Pitt Carl, Esq. of NYC, letter dated January 16, 1852.

<sup>428</sup>Castro Collection of Original Family Documents, Inherited documents and family letters, Kent, New York, Documents relating to the descendants of Nicholas Brouwer, C-12, Charles Vail of Riverhead, L.I. to Pitt Carl, Esq. of NYC, letter dated January 16, 1852.

<sup>429</sup>"RDC Pt. Richmond Bapt.", 37:288.

<sup>430</sup>Bogardus, *Dear "Cousin"*, Chart 7L.

<sup>431</sup>"RDC Claverack, NY, NYGBR 74-83", 81:236.

<sup>432</sup>"RDC Claverack, NY, NYGBR 74-83", 81:241.

Jeremiah Brower deceased." The petition was rejected on 30 Nov 1818.<sup>433</sup> Hoffman in his series of articles titled Brouwer Beginnings (TAG 23 & 24, 1947-48) placed Maria Elsworth as the second wife of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797) and placed Maria Losier as the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816). Careful analysis of the will of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797), the 1818 Congressional Petition filed by the widow of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816) and the names of both couple's offspring have led to the conclusion that Hoffman had the two Marias reversed, and in actuality it was Maria Elsworth who was the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1739-1816), while Maria Losier was the wife of Abraham Brouwer (1726-1797).

- 51 vii. Elizabeth BROUWER was born say 1742.

Elizabeth is named in her father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>434</sup>

- 52 viii. Sara BROUWER was born say 1744. She probably married Robert Thomas on 28 Aug 1762 Trinity Church Parish, New York City, New York, (lic. dated 25 Aug 1762).<sup>435,436</sup>

Sara is named in her father's will dated 29 Sep. 1755.<sup>437</sup>

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<sup>433</sup> 1818 Congressional Petition.

<sup>434</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.

<sup>435</sup> "Records of Trinity Church Parish, New York City," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* Vol.67-93 (1936-1962): 70:42. Hereinafter cited as "Trinity Church Parish Records."

<sup>436</sup> Kelby and Scott, *New York Marriages Previous to 1784*, p.49.

<sup>437</sup> Hoffman, "Brouwer Beginnings", 24:98.