

Annetje Gerrits

- Annetje Gerrits. Also known as Anna Smits.¹
- She witnessed the baptism of Tietje Janse, daughter of Jan Dirckszen, on 28 Feb 1644 at Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Harmen Arentszen, Claes Cooren, Hendrick Westercamp, Annetje Gerrits).²
- She married Hendrick Jansen before 12 Nov 1645.³
- She witnessed the baptism of Geertje Theunise, daughter of Theunis Thomaszen and Belitje Jacobs, on 12 Nov 1645 at Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Annetje Gerrits, h.v. Hend. Janszen, Smit).⁴
- On 9 Nov 1657 at New Amsterdam, "Annetje Gerrit, wife of Hend. Jansen, Smith, requires by petition, that the strip of land lying between her lot and that of Hendrick the Baker, being 9 or(?) 10 feet front on the street and 7 feet in the rear, may be granted her and entered on the strip of land."⁵
- On 31 Oct 1662 at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam, Schout Pieter Tonneman, pltf. vs. Merritje Lauwerens, deft. Pltf. concludes, that deft. shall be condemned to sit on bread and water for the term of three months or repair the same by a sum of three hundred guilders, for that the deft. dared severely to beat the wife of Hendrick Janzen Smitt in her own house and throw her twice down on the ground, according to declaration thereof produced. All with costs. Deft. denies having struck her, saying, when she was about to strike her, her husband drew her off and she fell down. Ordered that parties shall be summoned on both sides against the next Court day, to be heard together, and order deft. to bring in, what she can for her defence on the next Court day. 7 Nov 1662: Schout Pieter Tonneman, pltf. vs. Merritje Lauwerens, deft. Before coming to case in question, the W. Court order pltf. to repair to Hendrick Jansen Smitt's house and in presence of two of the neighbors of the abovementioned Hendrick Jansen, take information before the Schepen Isaack Greveraet of the matter in question, how it happened, and how he comported himself. 21 Nov 1662: Schout Pieter Tonneman, pltf. vs. Merritje Lauwerens, deft. Pltf. concludes that the deft. shall be condemned to remain in confinement for the term of six months in this City Hall on bread and water or to be fined in the sum of three hundred guilders with costs for and because she grievously beat Annetje Smitt, wife of Hendrick Jansen Smitt, in her own house and threw her on the ground; producing the information and declaration taken to this effect. The information being read to the deft. she denies having struck her and thrown her on the ground: declaring that she wishing to leave the house, her skirt caught in the fastening of the door, so that she must open the door, which struck against her body; she further relates the cause from which the difficulty arose. The deft. withdrawing, Schepen Isaack Greveraet declares, that he and the Officer taking the information, Annetje Smitt acknowledged, that she accused the deft. with being a thievish whore, which the Officer declared to be true. Burgomasters and Schepens having considered the demand and conclusion of the Officer, and read the produced declaration and weighed everything, condemn the deft., Merritje Lauwerens in a fine of fifty guilders to be applied as is proper, for and because of the injury perpetrated on Annetje Smit in her own house and further the cost of suit.⁶
- On 25 May 1665 "Annetje Gerrits, widow of Hendrick Jansen Smitt," is mentioned in an order given by the Burgomasters and Schepens of New York. "Francis Boon and Coenradt ten Eyck are hereby authorized and qualified by the President of Burgomasters and Schepens of this City, to inspect in the presence of Pieter Wolferszen van Couwenhoven, old Schepen and Street Inspector of this City, the water course [drain] between Hendrick Willemsen, baker, and Annetje Gerrits, widow of Hendrick Jansen Smitt, to consider the matter and to endeavour if possible to reconcile parties."⁷
- She witnessed the baptism of Evert Janszen, son of Jan Evertszen and Grietje Jaspers, on 14 Aug 1665 at Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Lambert de Sneyder, Annetje Gerrits).⁸
- On 10 Oct 1665 before the Court at New York, Hendrick Willemsen, baker, complained of daily damage and inconvenience through the refuse water of his neighbour Anna Smits, which she throws over his ground and in his cellar.⁹
- On 7 Apr 1668, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Annetje Gerrits, plaintiff, vs. Dirck Janszen Van der Clyff, defendant. "the Plt.: 1. default."¹⁰
- On 19 May 1668 at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam, "Upon the Complaint of Hendrick Willemsen, baker, made against Anneke Smiths." Judgement and order is to bear the date of 24 April 1666 for execution, "By ordering one of the Carpenters of this City to finish the Watercourse according to the tenure of the said order..." On 30 June 1668, Fredrick Philips and Hendrick Kip, the elder, are required and authorized to inspect the watercourse of Anna Smit's lot, in the presence of the sheriff, to see whether it has been properly constructed.¹¹
- She witnessed the baptism of Thomas Juriansz van Rypen, son of Jurian Thomaszen van Rypen and Reyckje Harmense, on 10 Jun 1668 at Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Geurt Courten, Annetje Gerrits).¹²
- On 3 Aug 1669, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Gerrit Van Tricht, plaintiff, vs. Annetje Gerrits, defendant. "the deft.: 1 default."¹³
- On 24 Aug 1669, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Gerrit Van Tricht, plaintiff, vs. Annetje Gerrits, defendant. "the deft.: 2nd default."¹⁴
- On 31 Aug 1669, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Gerrit Van Tricht, plaintiff, vs. Annetje Gerrits, defendant. Plaintiff demands from the defendant, fl.788.15 sewant according to account with costs. Defendant's attorney, Jno Sharp, requests sometime to pay. The defendant is given six weeks.¹⁵
- On 17 Jan 1670/71, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Olof Stephenszen, plaintiff, vs. Annetje Gerrits, defendant. "the deft.: 1 default."¹⁶
- On 16 Jul 1671, at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam. Soert Olfertszen, plaintiff, vs. Annetje Gerrits, defendant. Pltf. demands from deft. the sum of fl.106 in sewant for wages and lime delivered. Defendant's son in law appears, says that the plaintiff's work is not properly done. Also says he can pay in linen. This the plaintiff denies. The court orders an inspection done on the work by Sander Stulther and William Churcher. On 12 Sep 1671, Alexander Stulter and William Churcher report, and the court orders that Goert Olphertszen make the work in question good and tight...provided Annetie Gerrits furnishes the materials, or in default of materials that an appraisal be made of the damage of the work which is to be deducted from the sum due by Annetie Gerrits. On 19 Sep 1671, Sijvert Olpherse complains that Anna Smits as yet to provide the materials required. She is given 8 days to comply. If not done, execution shall be issued on the previous judgement.¹⁷

- She witnessed the baptism of Geetruyd Mattheuse Van Nukerck, daughter of Matheus Cornelisse Van Nukerck and Anna Lubi, on 10 Sep 1671 at Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Jacob Sargiant, Annetje Gerrits).¹⁸
- On 3 Jul 1672 at Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, New Amsterdam, Sivert Olpherts complains that his execution obtained against Anna Smits is not as yet satisfied.¹⁹

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Endnotes

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- ¹Berthold Fernow, *Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, Jan. 8, 1664 to May 1, 1666, Inclusive*, The Records of New Amsterdam From 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini, Volume 5 (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897), page 300. Footnote states that Hendrick Willemsen lived on Bridge St., and Anna Smits, the wife of Hendrick Jansen, the Smith, North of him on Stone St. Hereinafter cited as *RNA v.5*.
- ²*Ibid.*, 5:34. Tietje; parents: Jan Dirckszen, Van Bremen; witnesses: Harmen Arentszen, Claes Cooren, Hendrick Westercamp backer, Annetje Gerrits.
- ³*Ibid.*, 5:87. Geertje; parents: Theunis Thomas, Metselaer; witnesses: Annetje Gerrits, h.v. Hendr. Janszen, Smit. This is the earliest record found naming Hendrick Janszen, Smit and Annetje Gerrits as husband and wife. The record of their marriage is not found in the New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church records which begin in 1639. It is most probable that Hendrick and Annetje were married much earlier than 12 November 1645, and may well have been married prior to coming to New Amsterdam.
- ⁴*Ibid.*
- ⁵Berthold Fernow, *Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, 1656 to Aug. 27, 1658, Inclusive*, The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini, Volume 2 (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897), pages 307-308. Hereinafter cited as *RNA v.2*.
- ⁶Berthold Fernow, *Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, Jan. 3, 1662, to Dec. 18, 1663, Inclusive*, The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini, Volume 4 (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897), pages 154, 157, 163. Hereinafter cited as *RNA v.4*.
- ⁷Fernow, *RNA v.5*, page 238.
- ⁸Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 7:26. Evert; parents: Jan Evertszen, Grietje Jaspers.
- ⁹Fernow, *RNA v.5*, page 300. Footnote states that Hendrick Willemsen lived on Bridge St., and Anna Smits, the wife of Hendrick Jansen, the Smith, North of him on Stone St.
- ¹⁰Berthold Fernow, *Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, May 8, 1666, to Sept. 5, 1673, Inclusive*, The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini, Volume 6 (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897), page 124. She is called, Anna Smiths. The matter of the suit is not stated. Hereinafter cited as *RNA v.6*.
- ¹¹*Ibid.*, pages 127, 138.
- ¹²Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 7:127. Thomas; parents: Jeuriaen Thomaszen, Ryckie Hermans.
- ¹³Fernow, *RNA v.6*, page 190.
- ¹⁴*Ibid.*, page 192.
- ¹⁵*Ibid.*, page 193.
- ¹⁶*Ibid.*, page 277.
- ¹⁷*Ibid.*, pages 313, 317-318. Olphertszen's name is written as "Goert". Page 329 where is is called Sjvert Olpherse and she, Anna Smits.
- ¹⁸Evans (Ed.), *Baptisms RDC New Amsterdam/New York (1639-1730)*, page 103. Geertruyd; parents: Mattheus Corneliszen, Annetje Jacobs.
- ¹⁹Fernow, *RNA v.5*, page 370.