

A Quandary

An Investigation into the Parents of Elizabeth (Lyzbeth) Bogaert

(born about 1659 Holland – died after 1723 Dutchess County, NY)

and was Married to Harmen Janse Knickerbocker

“She was the Mother of All the Knickerbockers”

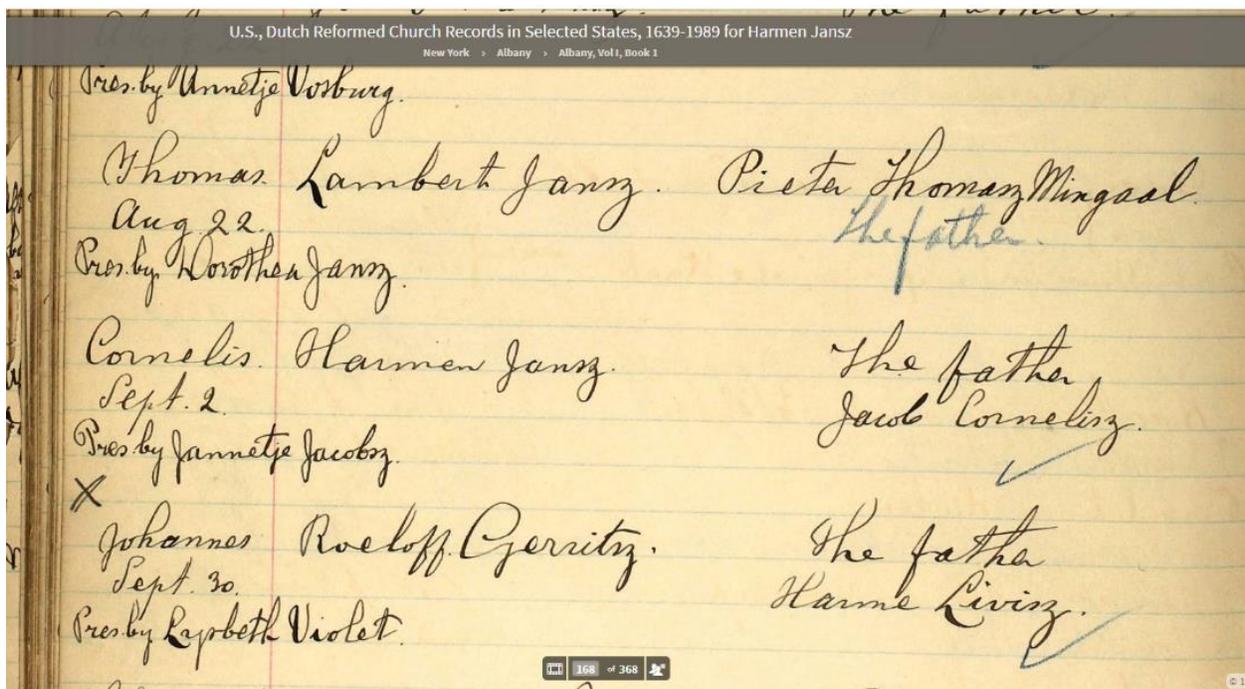
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James Riker in his 1881 “History of Harlem” gives Elizabeth’s father as Jan Louwe (hereafter Laurens) Bogaert (page 492) residing in New Harlem. Other investigators (Talcott, Tolor & Van Alstyne) have followed his lead with no documentation or indication to prove the assertion that she or her husband Harmen were connected to this family or they were ever at New Harlem or New Amsterdam.

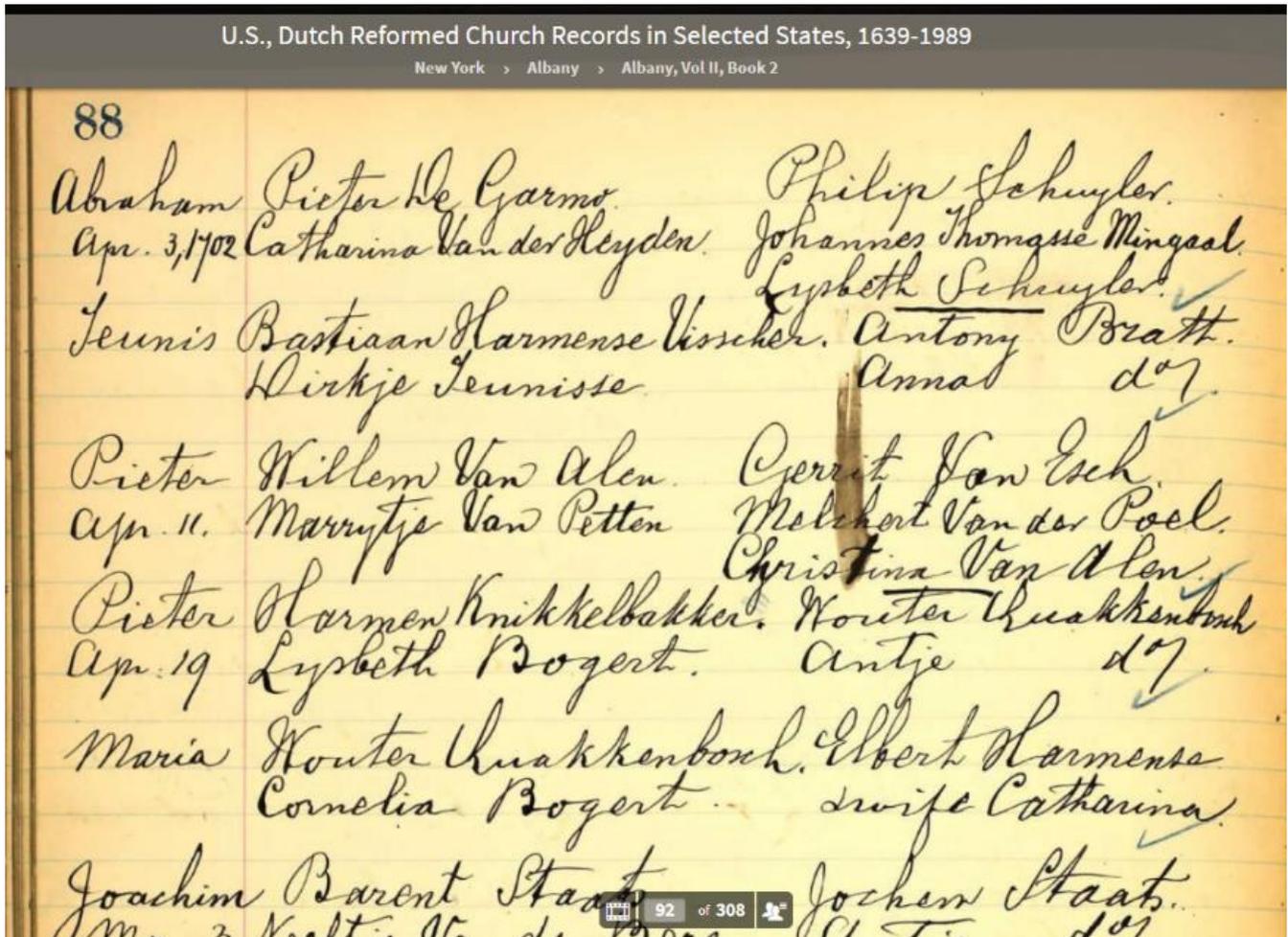
The Dutch Reformed Church records (hereafter DRC) at Albany contain the only documentation mentioning Elizabeth. Those records provided by the Holland Society are 1900 era hand written copies of early 1700 hand written Dutch entries. The error rate must be high.

My first discovery in the Albany DRC records pointing to a family connection was the baptism of Elizabeth’s 3rd son Cornelis on 2 Sep 1688. The sponsor was Jacob Cornelisz (Bogaert), the son of Cornelius who was the patriarch of the Albany Bogaerts. I assumed a close family relationship due to the sponsorship where Elizabeth might possibly be Jacob’s sister. Adding to this was Jacob’s known sister Jannetje – and Elizabeth’s naming of her first daughter the same.

I was somewhat suspicious of the connection as second son Lawrence would normally be named after his maternal grandfather. This Cornelis dies young.

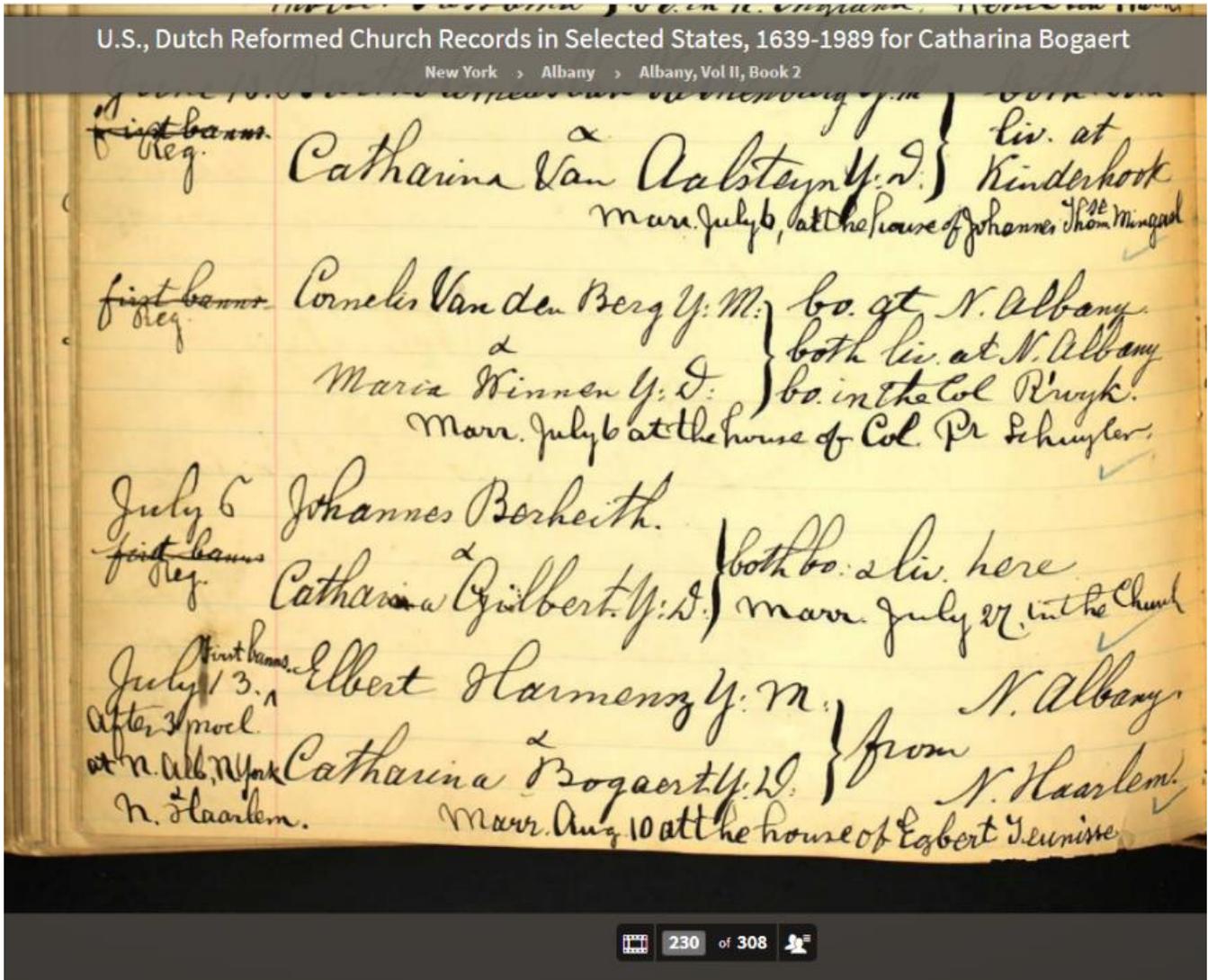


On 19 April 1702 both Elizabeth and sister Cornelia celebrate the baptisms of Peter Knickerbocker and Maria Quackenbush. The children are first cousins. Please note the witnesses to Maria's baptism – Elbert Harmenz and his wife Catharina (Bogaert) – who is identified as their sister in the various references.



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Catharina Bogaert married Elbert Hermanz on 10 Aug 1701. Banns are published at both Albany and Harlem. She is of New Harlem. Their sister, and therefore themselves, are members of the Harlem branch as reported historically. There are no entries for this couple after April 1702 (above).



Developing a Working Hypothesis

It is clear from the records that Elizabeth is confirmed as the daughter of Jan Laurens. The naming of the second son after the maternal grandfather holds. The sparse documentary evidence supports the following broad narrative.

Elizabeth is born in Holland, the second child and oldest daughter of Jan Laurens Bogaert, about 1659. She is the 4-year-old on the Spotted Cow and her brother Pieter is the seven-year-old. Gysbert who was baptized in 1663 at the Brooklyn DRC, was either born on the boat or at New Amsterdam. Some commentators have placed him as the second born 4-year-old on the Spotted Cow.

THE OLIVE TREE GENEALOGY: Ships' Passenger Lists

DE BONTE KOE

(The Spotted Cow) April 1663

Captain Jan Bergen

- Hendrick Corneliss, from New Netherland
- Staes de Groot, from Tricht
- Elsje Barents, the Wife of Adam Bremen, and servant girl
- Jan Laurens, [Bogaert] from Schonderwoert, and Wife and two children, 7 & 4 yrs
Thomas Bontjezen, Cook, and child, 8 yrs

The following are the children of Jan Laurens. He only baptized the boys. The girls age and position are estimated by assuming their age at marriage is about 19 years.

Child	Born/Bapt	Where	Spouse	Marr Date	Where	# Child	Died
Pieter	1656	Holland	Fytje Vlierbloom	1686	New York	8	
Elizabeth	1659	Holland	Harme Janse Knickerbocker	Abt 1678	Albany	8	aft 1723
Gysbert	1663	Bedford	Annetje Jansen			6	
Claes	1668	Bedford	Beeltje Van Schaick (1)	1685	New York	4	1727
			Margaret Van Tilburgh (2)	1707		9	
Marritje	1670	Bedford	Pieter Haring	1687	New York	12	
Johannes	1675	Harlem	Died Young				
Cornelia	1677	Harlem	Wouter Quackenbush	1696	Albany	5	1736
Johannes	1679	Harlem	Classie Van Schaick	1700			
Catharina	1682	Harlem	Elbert Harmensz	1701	Albany		
Jannetje	1685	Harlem	George Holmes	1704		3	

Jan Laurens has too many daughters to feed (5) so he sends his oldest Elizabeth to live with his first cousin Cornelis at Renssalaerswyck. Cornelis apparently had but one daughter Jannetje – who I don't find in the Albany DRC records. It is possible that Elizabeth was indentured. This long-term relationship with

this Albany family by Elizabeth is the reason Jacob Bogaert was the sponsor for her third male baby Cornelis – who was named in honor of Jacob's deceased father. Jacob, although a second cousin, was more of a big brother than her own brothers in Harlem.

Elizabeth met and married Harmen Janse at Rensselaerswyck. It is very possible that Elizabeth's younger sister Cornelia was sent to help in her household after Elizabeth's marriage and birth of her children. The difficulty of traveling the 150 miles between Albany and New Amsterdam cannot be over stated. Albany was isolated except by difficult river travel.

When Cornelia marries Wouter Quackenbush Jr. in late 1696, the record states she is from Albany and not Harlem. She must have been living with Elizabeth for an extended period. The Quackenbush family is 3 doors from Harmen in the 1697 era Rensselaerswyck census. Wouter Senior owns a brick yard at Albany. [Link](#) (Baker/Backer naming connection?)

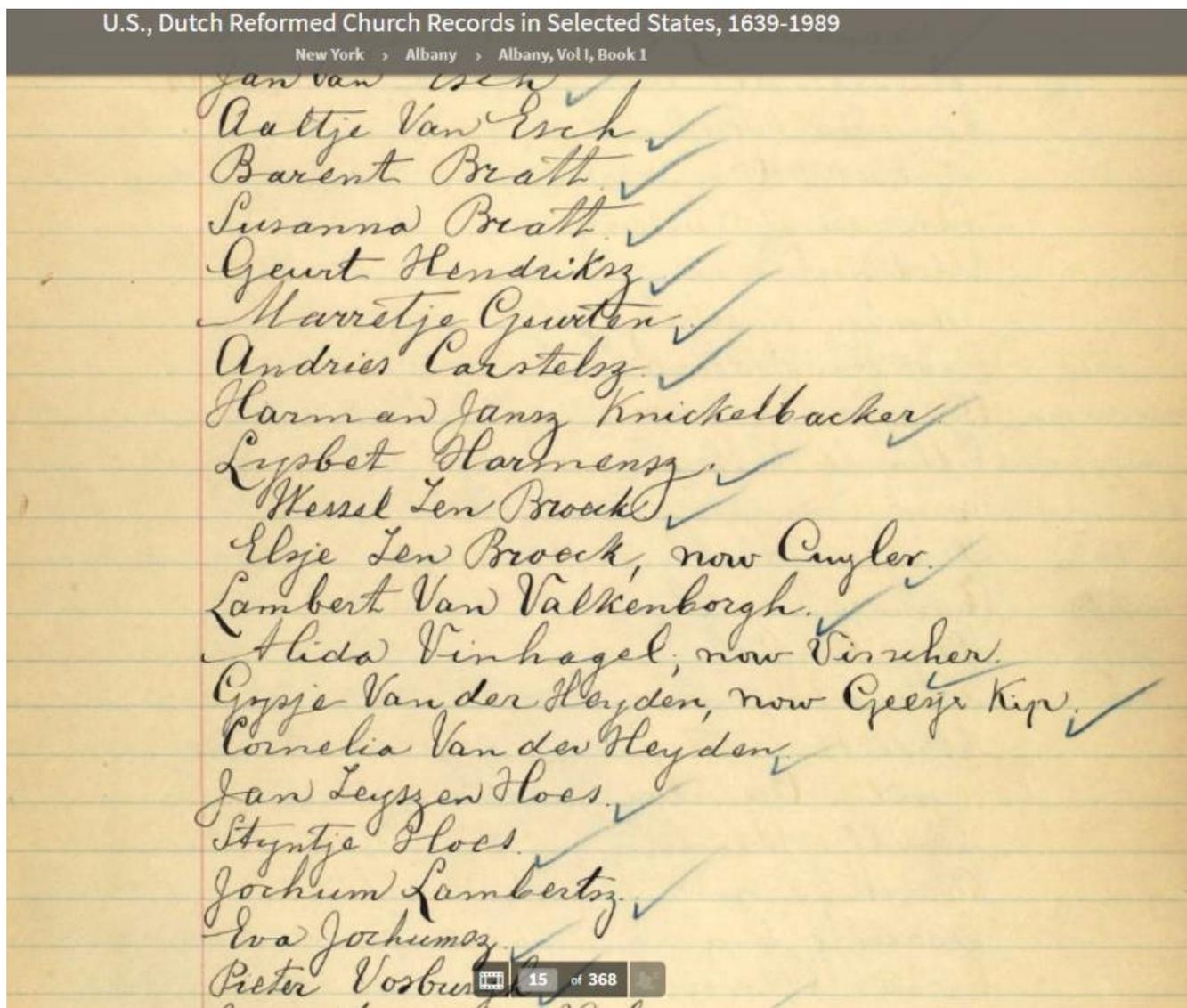
Wouter Jr. moves to Albany proper after his marriage to Cornelia. Cornelia's younger sister Catharina joins her sisters at Albany. She probably lives with Cornelia to help with her new children. Shortly thereafter she meets and marries Elbert Hermansz on 10 August 1701. He the son of Egbert Teunise who also lives in Albany proper. It is noted that Harmen Knickerbocker's oldest son Johannes marries Annetje Quackenbush at Rensselaerswyck 27 Sept. 1701. Jan Laurens Bogaert dies in New Amsterdam in 1707.

Elizabeth dies after 1723 at Dutchess County and must be buried with her husband at Red Hook on the bluff overlooking the river.

Two of Elizabeth's brothers marry Van Schaick women. Antoni Van Schaick is the sponsor at the baptism of Elizabeth's second son Laurens. It is not known if these women have an Albany connection to this family? I'm sure a more thorough analysis will find additional connections between these, and other, allied families.

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Appendix: DRC Membership listing and baptisms of the remaining children.



Membership listing of Harman and Elizabeth. Page 11 of Volume 1.

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Child & Date	Parents	Witnesses
Laurens Jan. 1, 1686. Pres. by Maristje Van Schayk.	Harne Jansz Van Bommel	Antoni Van Schayk. ✓

Marie Jan. 10. Pres. by Emmetje Opreene.	Piere Boggy.	The father Jan Opreene. ✓
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Andries } Pieter } twins Jan. 10. Pres. by Annetje Pratt & Antje Cross.	Jan Albertsz Prath.	Antoni Prath. ✓
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Anna	Jan Reddy	Jochum Lambertsz.
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Lawrence baptism, 1 Jan 1686.

Jan. 3.	Geertje Denderiksz.	Janneke Schremerboom
Jan. 3.	Lidia (illegitimate) Brechje.	Eytje Pisteroz.
Jan. 6.	Cornelis Harmen Jansz. Lysbet Jansz.	Takel Dirckz. Aaltje Van Erck.
Jan. 10.	Denderik Johannes Cuyler. Elje Ten Broek.	Abraham Schuyler Sara Verbrugge.
Jan. 10.	Sacharias Abraham Dekker. Anna Sikkkel.	Isak Isakz. Catehijntje Abiansz.

Second Cornelis baptized 6 Jan. 1692

July 21.	Christine Abraham Schuyler. Geertuy Ten Broek.	Pieter D. Schuyler. Wessel Ten Broek. Styntje Ten Broek.
July 21.	Cornelia Cornelis Van Scherluyn. Geertuy Harmensz.	Philip Wendell. Hida Vinhagel.
July 21.	Cornelia Harmen Knikkelbacker. Lysbeth Bogart.	Ewert Van Erck. Cornelia Bogart.
Aug. 4.	Jochum Johannes Brath. Maria Ketchuym.	Barent Brath. Rachel Vander Heyden.
Aug. 18.	Hermannus Frerik Harmansz. Margriet Hansz.	Tjeck Harmensz. Ariaantje Harmensz.
	Elje Johannes Cuyler.	Meindert Schuyler.

Cornelia baptized 20 July 1695

Child's Name	Parent	Witnesses
Saartje. Sept 3, 1699.	Samuel Gardemier. Helena Hendrickse	Wessel Dirriks. Sara Wingemans.
Evert.	Herman Jansse Lybet Boogert	Evert Ridder. Antje Ridders ✓
Jacob	Isack Vorburg Annetje Goes.	Jan Goes. Teuntje Goes. ✓
Volckert.	Hendrick Wouw. Keeltje Meynerts.	Andries Wouw. Crijtje Teunisse. ✓
Isack	Jan Fort	Maas Ruyse.

Evert is baptized 3 Sept. 1699.

He is named after Evert Ridder whose wife is Antje Quackenbush.