The Families of Maria Badie and Her Three Husbands

Daughter of Thomas Badie and Aeltje Braconie, Maria Badie (sometimes referred to as Maria Thomas) was married three times and had children by all three husbands. Many of her thirteen children and 77 grandchildren left descendants. She is arguably one of the more important matriarchs of early New Netherland. Descendants in the first three generations bear the surnames: Verdon, Bennet (Andriaeszen, Willemszen), Van der Beeck, Brouwer, Schaers, Lanen, Richaud, Ammerman and Blanck.

1. MARIE THOMASDR BADIE was probably born ca. 1612 Liège (now in Belgium).\(^1\)\(^2\) She married first between 1626 and 1630 Jacob Verdon (either just prior to immigration or just after arrival at New Amsterdam).\(^3\)\(^4\) She married second probably New Amsterdam circa 1637 Willem Adriaenszen.\(^5\) She married third Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, on 9 Oct 1644 Paulus Van der Beek \(^6\) (Paulus Vander Beeck, j.m. Van Bremen, en Maria Thomas, Wed\(^6\) Van Willem de Cuyper. She died after Jan 1697.

Immigrant ancestor to America between 1626 and 1628 (estimate, an exact record of immigration has not been found) she came to New Netherlands, with her parents. She was living as late as Jan 1697. She had children with all three of her husbands and is the ancestress of countless descendants living today who can trace their origins to early New Netherland.

She witnessed the baptism of Jan Janszen, son of Jan Pieterszen and Elsje (___), on 28 Jun 1643 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Cornelis Ledert, Marie Thomas).\(^7\)
She witnessed the baptism of Pieter Corneliszen Viele, son of Cornelis Volkertszen Viele and Maria du Trieux, on 9 Feb 1648 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Aert Willemszen, Goelman Henry Schout tot Vlissingen (Sheriff at Flushing), Evert Van Embeden, Marie Thomas, Barentje Gerrits).\(^8\)

The following deposition was made by Maritie Tomas in 1663: Today, the 15th of February 1663, appeared before me, Walewyn van der Venn, Notary Public, etc., Maritie Tomas, formerly widow of Jacob Verdon, then of Willem Ariensen Bennet, and now wife of Mr. Paulus van der Beek, who at the request of her sons, Tomas Jacobsen Verdon and Willem Ariensen Bennet, declared that after the death of her said second husband, Willem Ariensen Bennet, she and her first child's guardians have found, as there had never been a partition of their property in common, which she brought to her present husband Mr. Paulus van der Beek, that (the estate consisted) after her house had been burned and destroyed in the war with the savages about 19 years ago first of a bouwery and valley at Gouwanes according to the patent thereof, then a lot with a house on the Beaver's Graft (Beaver Street) in the city (New Amsterdam), upon which there were still to be paid 100 fl., further a handmill with belongings, sold by her present husband van der Beek to Albert Pietersen Molenaer (miller), also a press with belongings to set up a cornstack, four iron hoops for

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3. Totten, "Braconie, NYGBR 65 (1934)", p.236 "as early as 1626."


a stack, a plough share, and what else belongs to a plough, a cow with her first calf, two goats, 70 skepels of wheat, a hogshead of spun tobacco, delivered at 14 st. the pound, and cash paid for it and received, half an aem of brandy; besides the aforesaid her said second husband's cooper's tools with furniture and household goods. Said estate was, however, indebted for 600 fl. to be paid to Jacob Stoffelsen for a mare, which having been paid (the) said Jacob Stoffelsen gave her, the affiant, for the prompt payment, a cow with her fist calf. Herewith she closed her deposition promising, if necessary and she be asked, to confirm it under oath. Thus done and signed in the presence of Jacob Sam and Willem Bogardt as witnesses, who signed this record with me, the Notary, on the day as above.

Jacob Sam                                              The mark              of Marite Tomas
W. Bogard

She was a member of Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, in Apr 1679. She witnessed the baptism of Thomas Verdon, son of Jacob Verdon and Femmetje Westervelt, on 23 Sep 1683 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Marretje Badie Van der Beek, Abram Willems). She witnessed the baptism of Abraham Ver Hulst, son of Jacobus Cornelisz Verhulst and Maria Willems Bennet, on 20 Apr 1690 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Willem and Jacob Bennet, Maria Baddie, and Ariaentje Van der Water). She witnessed the baptism of Isaac Ver Hulst, son of Jacobus Cornelisz Verhulst and Maria Willems Bennet, on 20 Apr 1690 Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, (sponsors Willem and Jacob Bennet, Maria Baddie, and Ariaentje Van der Water). On 28 Feb 1693/94 In a confirmatory deed, Mary Baddie, widow of Paulus Van der Beeck, confirmed to Anna Huyken, widow of William, the conveyance of 6 Aug 1679, by which Paulus Van der Beeck conveyed to William Huyken half of the farm formerly belonging to William Bredenbent, deceased.

JACOB VERDON (first husband) was probably born between 1600 and 1610 La Rochelle, France. He died before Nov 1634 Manhattan Island, New Netherland. Also known as Jacob Janss.

Little is known of Jacob Verdon, the progenitor of the Verdon, Ferdon and Pardon families in America, he appears only once in the New Netherland Records, although his first name of Jacob is apparent from the patronymic of his children. He had to have been in the New Netherland Colony very early as his daughter Magdalena was called a native of New Netherland when she was married in 1645. An abstract from the early Dutch records in 1634 names Marritgen Thomas, widow of Jacob Janss from Rochel. Arguing that in a settlement as tiny as Manhattan was in 1634 it would be highly unlikely that there was another Jacob with a wife named Marritgen Thomas, it has been presumed that this record refers to Jacob Verdon and Maria Thomas Badie. In which case it tells us Jacob's patronymic, and therefore the name of his father, Jan (probably Jean). It also states that he is from "Rochel" which most likely refers to La Rochelle, home of the Huguenots in France. However, the index to the Reformed Church of La Rochelle (FHL film #119956) shows no Verdons during this time period. The possibility still exists that Jacob could have came from a small village in the vicinity of La Rochelle. The

9Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 93:196-197.
Amsterdam marriage and baptism indexes, as well as the index of the Bibliothèque Wallonnie of Leiden, contain no entries for Jacob or his wife. Her place of origin remains unknown.\textsuperscript{17}

The early generations of the Verdon family are covered by John Reynolds Totten in "Verdon Family Notes," published in the \textit{New York Genealogical and Biographical Record}, vol.64, pp.105-132, April 1933. William J. Hoffman in "Brouwer Corrections," \textit{NYG\&BR} 69:172-180 (April 1938) followed with corrections to "Verdon Family Notes," particularly in regard to the Brouwer family descendants. Descendants are found with the surname spelled variously as Verdon, Ferdon, Fardon, Perdon, etc.

Children of Marie\textsuperscript{1} Thomasdr Badie and Jacob Verdon were as follows:

1. Magdalena\textsuperscript{2} Jacobs VERDON was probably born between 1627 and 1629 Manhattan Island, New Netherland. \textit{(location as per her marriage record in 1645)}. No record of baptism has been found for Magdalena. The approximate date of 1627 assumes that she was no more than age 45 when her youngest known son, Nicholas, was born in 1672. If, however, it is accepted that Daniel, born 1678, is in fact her son, Magdalena's birth date may as late as 1631 (See Harry Macy, Jr., "Some New Light on Aeltje Braconie and Maria Badie," \textit{NYGBR} 142 (Jan 2011): 21-36). She married Adam Brouwer Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, on 21 Mar 1645 (Banns 19 Mar 1645).

2. Thomas VERDON was born before 1634 New Netherland. He married first before Jun 1655 Barbara Imbroeck, daughter of \textit{(____) Van Imbroeck}. He married with banns published on 1 Jun 1659 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, Jannetje Claes Bonen, daughter of Claes Bonen. He married third on 26 Apr 1696 Ytie Jeuriens. He died before 21 Nov 1699.

\textbf{WILLEM ADRIAENSZEN} (second husband) was born before 1615 "in possibly France, but more likely Holland," according to W. V. Ledley, although Denmark is also a possibility (see below). The date assumes that he was at least 21 at the time of his only known marriage.\textsuperscript{18} He died between 9 Mar 1644 and 9 Sep 1644; His death possibly occurred during the "Indian Wars" of this period, a time during which Willem's house was burned down.\textsuperscript{19,20} Also known as \textbf{Willem Adrianese Bennet}.\textsuperscript{21,22,23} Also known as \textbf{Willem de Cuyper} (or \textit{William the cooper}, his trade, as called in the marriage record of his widow, Maria Thomas, 9 Oct 1644).\textsuperscript{24} He came to New Netherland before 1636. The first record for Willem is dated 1636 when he and Jacques Bentyn (possibly a clue to Willem's Bennet surname) purchased 936 acres of land at Gowanus. On 26 Dec 1639, Jacques Bentyn sold his interest to Willem Adriaensz. Little is known of Willem except that he is only referred to in fact the Bennet surname after his death, and that he was a cooper by trade. On 9 Sept. 1644, his property was patented by Gov. Kieft to Mary Thomas widow of Willem Adriaensz Bennet, deceased. It was property that later was between 28th and 41st streets in Brooklyn.\textsuperscript{25} There are, in addition to the families descended from Willem Bennet, several other Bennett families of English origins, found in the early settlements of New England and in parts of New Jersey. Willem's descendants can be distinguished, at

\textsuperscript{17}Macy, "NYGBR 123 (1992)", 123:23. From New Netherlands notarial abstracts, translation by the staff of the New Netherland Project, Albnay: "Dirck Corss and Claes van Elslandt, both having been long in the service of the West India Company in New Netherland, declare at the request of Wouter van Twiller, formerly director there in the name of the Comp(an)y, that they have known him in New Netherland and that they had also been council members in Fort Amsterdam on 18 November 1634 when the director had Marritgen Thomas, widow of Jacob Janss, from Rochel, summoned on account of some names which she had called him because he was supposed to have spoken dishonorably to her. Before the council she declared that Wouter van Twiller said or did nothing of the sort."

\textsuperscript{18}Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 93:195.


\textsuperscript{20}Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 93:196.

\textsuperscript{21}Totten, "Verdon Family Notes."

\textsuperscript{22}John Reynolds Totten, "Van Der Beek Family Notes," \textit{New York Genealogical & Biographical Record} Vol. 64, pp.229-243; 367-387 (1933): p.230. Hereinafter cited as "Van der Beek, NYGBR 64 (1933)."

\textsuperscript{23}Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn."

\textsuperscript{24}Totten, "Van der Beek, NYGBR 64 (1933)", p.230.

\textsuperscript{25}Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 93:196.
least in the earlier generations, by the appearance of a single "t" at the end of the name, as compared to a double "tt" more commonly found with the other families (this is not a steadfast rule and there are exceptions).

Willem Bennet's origins are not certain. It is noted that in the earlier records, his sons are always recorded under the patronymic, "Willemszen," until some time after their own marriages when they are primarily seen as "Adriaen Willems Bennet," and "Willem Willems Bennet." Willem himself, is always recorded as "Willem Adriaenszen," in other words, "Willem son of Adriaen." The Bennet surname was adopted by the sons after the English conquest of New Netherland. In the 1698 census of Brooklyn, where five Bennets are recorded, none of them are distinguished by either of the letters "E" for English, or "F" for French. Both sons and grandsons of Willem Adriaensen took oaths of allegiance at Kings County in 1687. These oaths were generally administered by the English Royal Government to only non-English persons. Previously published accounts of Willem, by Provost (1948) and Ledley (1963) lean towards the belief that Willem was of French Huguenot descent, and conclude that while that can not be determined with certainty, he was most likely not of English descent.

In 1931, Andrew D. Chidsey of Easton, Pa. completed a manuscript titled, "Some Descendants of William Adriaense Bennet of Long Island, 1636." A copy is in the library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Mass. (call no. Mss A 2291). Beginning with vol. 93 no. 4 in 1962 and continuing through vol. 95 no. 4 in 1964, Wilson V. Ledley published, in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, a five generation account of William Adriaens Bennet. The work was an attempt to complete and publish the earlier work of John Reynold Totten, whose manuscript on the first three generations of Bennet descendants was never published before his death. Ledley appears to have relied on the early work done by Andrew D. Chidsey who focused on the Pennsylvania lines of descent. Andrew J. Provost, Jr., also devoted a chapter to the Bennet family in his "Early Settlers of Bushwick, Long Island," compiled in 1948. A new look into the origins of Willem Adriaensz appeared in NYGBR v.123 (1992) pp.21-22, "Origins of Some New Netherland Families," by Harry Macy, Jr., who identifies some entries found in Van Rensselaer Bowier Manuscripts (Albany, 1908) regarding a Willem Adriaensz, cooper, as pertaining to Willem Adriaensen of Long Island. If the connection is correct, then it appears that Willem Adriaensen was among the first Europeans to acquire land on Long Island, doing so in probably 1636 (whether or not Jacque Bentyn, who also bought land on Long Island at this early time, is a relation of Willem or not as not yet been determined). The VRBM entries state that Willem Andriaesz was from "Elseneur," which is identified as Helsingör in Denmark. Although this can not prove Willem's ethnic origins, it does appear that he was in Denmark before arriving at New Netherland.

Children of Marie Thomasdr Badie and Willem Adriaenszen were as follows:

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i. Arien Willemsen BENNET was born either 1636 or 1637 Gowanus, Kings County, (according to testimony on 14 Feb. 1664, he stated he was then 27 years of age, residing at New Utrecht). He married Agnietje Jans Van Dyck, daughter of Jan Thomaszen Van Dyck and Tryntje Agges, Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 3 Dec 1662.

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ii. Willem Willemszen BENNET was born either 1638 or 1639 New Amsterdam. He married Gertrude Van Mulheym Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, on 9 Apr 1660. He possibly died between Apr 1689 and 1698 when he is mentioned on a deed, and when is not found on the Brooklyn census.

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iii. Christian WILLEMZEN was baptized on 6 Jan 1641 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam. He died before Mar 1642.

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iv. Christian WILLEMZEN was baptized on 30 Mar 1642 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam. He probably died before May 1663 He is not mentioned in a petition for the partition of his father's landed property on 10 May 1663. He most likely died unmarried and at a young age.

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v. Marritje WILLEMSE was baptized on 9 Mar 1644 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam. She married first circa 1664 Johannes Christoffel Schaers. She married with banns published on 25 Apr 1690 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatbush, Kings Co., Long Island, New York, Hendrick Thijssen, son of Thys Jansen Laenen Van Peelt and Maryken Gijsberts.

PAULUS VAN DER BEEK (third husband) was born by in 1623 probably Bremen, Germany. He died in 1680 probably Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York.

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26Ledley, "Willem Adriaense Bennet of Brooklyn", 93:194-5.


28Totten, "Van der Beek, NYGBR 64 (1933)."

29Totten, "Van der Beek, NYGBR 64 (1933)."
Also known as Mr. Paulus Chirurgyn. He was a surgeon in the service of the Dutch West India Company.

He witnessed the baptism of Pieter Adamsz Brouwer, son of Adam Brouwer and Magdalena Jacobs Verdon, on 23 Sep 1646 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Mr. Paulus van der Beeek, Willem Bredenbent, Aeltje Braconye, Mary du Trieux).

He witnessed the baptism of Johannes Evertsen Wendel, son of Evert Jansen Wendel and Susanna du Trieux, on 2 Feb 1649 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Philip du Trieux, Mr. Paulus Van der Beeek, Johannes Rodenburg, Marie en Sara du Trieux).

He witnessed the baptism of Jan Theuniszen, son of Theunis Nyssen and Phebe Sales, on 12 Apr 1654 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Jan Evertszen Bout, Albert Corn. Wantenaer, Willem Bredenbent, Mr. Paulus Van der Beeck, Aeltje Cornelis, Grietje Jans).

He witnessed the baptism of Jacob Verdon, son of Thomas Verdon and Barbara Imb roeck, on 19 Mar 1656 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Mr. Paulus Van Der Beeck, Mr. Gysbert van Inbroeck, Aeltje Braconye). He was a surgeon in the service of the Dutch West India Company.

He witnessed the baptism of Jan Jeuriaenszen, son of Jeuriaen Janszen and Harmentje Jans, on 1 Jan 1659 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Mr. Paulus Van der Beeck, Tryntie de Haes).

He witnessed the baptism of Susanna Thomase, daughter of Thomas Franszen and Else Jans, on 9 Apr 1659 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Mr. Paulus Van der Beeck, Annetie Verveelens).

He witnessed the baptism of Maria Willemse Bennet, daughter of Willem Willemszen Bennet and Gertrude Van Mulheym, on 10 Apr 1661 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Paulus Van der Beeck, Arie Willemszen, Marritie Willems).

He witnessed the baptism of Willem Roelofszen, son of Roelof Janszen and Geesje Claesz, on 31 Jul 1661 Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, (sponsors Paulus Van der Beeck, Arie Willemszen, Marritie Willems).

He witnessed the baptism of Tryntje Adriaensz Bennet, daughter of Arien Willemszen Bennet and Agnietje Jans Van Dyck, on 3 Feb 1664 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Mr. Paulus VanderBeek of Gujanes, Teunis Janssen, Tryntie Agens).

He witnessed the baptism of Catharina Dirkse, daughter of Dirck Jansen and Marritie Teunis Nyssen, on 2 Apr 1677 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Jacob Verden, Paulus Vander Beek, and Stynitje).

He witnessed the baptism of Catherine Dirkse Amerman, daughter of Dirck Jans Ammerman and Aeltje Van der Beek, on 2 Apr 1677 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (godfathers: Jacob Perdon, Poulis van der Beeck, godmother: Steijntie Al(berts?!)).

30Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 5:86 Catharina; parents: Mr. Paulus, Chirurgin.

31Totten, "Van der Beek, NYGBR 64 (1933)", 64:229.


33Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 5:92.


37Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, 6:42. Jan; parents: Jeuriaen Janszen, Harmtie Jans.


41van der Linde, OFDRC Brooklyn, page 114. Trijntje; parents: Willem Willemsen, Agnietje Jans (from Cujanes).

42Baptisms 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.454. The record is repeated on p.456, but with the date of 2 April 1678, and same sponsors. Hereinafter cited as Brooklyn Baptisms (T.G. Bergen).

43van der Linde, OFDRC Brooklyn, page 156. Catharina; father: Dirck Jansz, (mother not recorded).
He witnessed the baptism of Sara Van der Beek, daughter of Paulus Van der Beek and Sara Schouten, on 10 Feb 1678 Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, (sponsors Mr. Paulus V. der Beek and Sara Schouten).  

On 2 Dec 1678 Paulus Van der Beek conveyed to Paulus Van der Beek half of "a farm formerly belonging to William Bredenbent, deceased."  

On 6 Aug 1679 Paulus Van der Beek conveyed to Willem Huyken half of a farm formerly belonging to William Bredenbent, deceased, the other half having been conveyed to Paulus Van der Beeck, Jr., on 2 Dec 1678.  

In 1933, James Reynolds Totten published "Van Der Beek Family Notes" (NYG&BR 64:229-243). He states that Paulus Van Der Beek was an unmarried man when he arrived in New Amsterdam, a surgeon in the employ of the Dutch West India Company and served in Curaçoa and on board the Company's ships. As stated in his marriage record, the earliest record of Paulus in New Amsterdam, he was from Bremen, Germany. He appears as the sponsor in numerous baptisms recorded at the Reformed Dutch Churches in New Amsterdam/New York, Brooklyn, and Flatbush, the last appearance being on 10 Feb 1678. He lived in New Amsterdam until as late as 5 Nov 1656, and Kings Co. Manuscripts state he was of Brooklyn in 1655. He was a member of the Convention in 1653; Farmer of the Revenue, 1656-1661; Ferry Master between Manhattan and Brooklyn in 1662; and was a Great Burgher (presumably in Brooklyn) in 1657. He and his wife Marie Badie were members of the Dutch Church at Flatbush.  

Children of Marie Thomasdr Badie and Paulus Van der Beek all baptized Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, were as follows:

9 i. Catherine VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 10 Sep 1645. She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam, on 26 Aug 1661 Daniel Richaud. She married second Reformed Dutch Church, Flatlands, Kings Co., New York, on 19 Oct 1679 Peter Corsen, son of Cors Pieterszen and Tryntje Hendricks. She died between 29 Apr 1694 and 28 Mar 1698.

10 ii. Coenradt VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 1 Sep 1647. He married first before 1674 Elsje Jans. He married second Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 21 Oct 1702 Catherine Cocks (lic. dated 20 Oct 1702). He died between 7 Jul 1706 and 9 Jan 1707.

11 iii. Aeltje VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 30 May 1649. She married Dirck Jans Ammerman circa 1670 or a bit earlier (a marriage record has not been found). She died after 20 Sep 1709.

12 iv. Paulus VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 27 Nov 1650. He married Sara Schouten, daughter of Jan Lucaszen Schouten and Sara Jans, Old First Dutch Reformed Church, Breuckelen (Brooklyn), Kings Co., Long Island, New York, on 13 May 1677. He died before 24 Oct 1691.

13 v. Hester VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 15 Dec 1652. She married first Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 25 Nov 1673 Jeuriaen Blanck, son of Jeuriaen Blanck and Tryntje Claes. She married second Reformed Dutch Church, New York City, New York, on 11 Sep 1715 Gayn Miller. She died on 26 Sep 1727.

14 vi. Isaac VAN DER BEEK was baptized on 5 Nov 1656.

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44van der Linde, OFDRC Brooklyn, page 117. Sara; parents: Poulus van der Beeck, Sara Schouten.
