

Aert Pieterszn Tack

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In the records of Notary J. de Winter in Amsterdam [Amsterdam Municipal Archives, 2279/X-24] we read that on May 15, 1652 Adriaen van der Donck contracted for Nieuw Nederland:

- Aert Pietersz Tack, for 100 guilders per yaer
- Jacob Jansz, from Etten, for 90 guilders per year
- Jannetje Gerrits, from Loon, for 48 guilders
- Maijcken Huijbertsen, from Raamsdonck, for 36 guilders.

Jannetje Gerrits married, in New Amsterdam, Nov 29, 1652 Hans Janssen van Noordtstrandt and Maijcken Huijbertsen married, in New Amsterdam, Sep 3, 1653 Hans Fommer. They are not subject of this article, but it is interesting because it proves that they departed from the Netherlands shortly after Van der Donck contracted them. It is most likely that also Aert and Jacob arrived in New Netherland in 1652 or the beginning of 1653.

Our subject is Aert Pietersz Tack He was born in Etten, Noord Brabant, The Netherlands, and emigrated to New Netherland. He married Annetje Adriaens and had two children with her. He resided in Wiltwijck but, as a farmer, had severe financial problems. He deserted his wife, who married a few years later Jacob Janszn van Etten, their farmhand. I did not study the American Juridicial Archives myself but it is concluded that after Aert disappeared, Annetje asked for a divorce in 1664.

Hardly nothing is known of Aert after 1663.

In this article I will summarize what is known already and what I found in the Etten Archives.

- 1626 Aert Pietersz Tack was baptised in Etten, Noord Brabant, The Netherlands, in the Roman Catholic Church on July 26, 1626. The baptism record reads (in Latin):

Anno 1626.

Die 26 Junij.

Baptizani Arnoldinij Petri Petri et Mariae Antonij suscep[erun]t Henricus Andreas Goswinij et Anthonia Joannis.

[In the year 1626

On the day of 26 June

Baptised Arnoldus, son of Peter Peterszn and Maria Anthonisdr; witnessed: Henricus Andreas son of Gosewijn and Anthonia Jansdr.]

- 1639, Feb 24. Quirijn Anthonis Quirijnssen, as guardian, and Cornelis Peeterssen Tack, as overseer, of the orphans of Peeter Peeterssen Tack, named Cornelis, Aert and Peter, by his late wife Maijken Anthonis Quirijnsdr, make an agreement that the father will raise his children properly. Part of the agreement is that the father will send his sons during the wintermonths to school in order to learn them to read and write [I doubt that Aert was successful here; I come to this later]. When the children are of age they have to receive from the father 20 rijnsgulden [rijn-guilder] as part of their maternal inheritance. [Etten, ORA 383, Feb 24, 1639]
- 1647, Oct 12. The house, barns, lands etc. of the late Anneken Jans van Goorl, widow of Anthonis Quirijnssen, is divided between the children and grandchildren [many called by name]. For this purpose the whole estate was divided in 5 equal parts and blind lots were drawn (the first lot was for the children of Peeter Peeterssen Tack and they got the house, cowhouse and some land). Aert is still living in Etten then. [Etten, ORA 386, Oct 12, 1647]
- 1652, May 15. contract between Adriaen van der Donck and Aert Pietersz Tack for 100 guilders per year [Amsterdam, Notary De Winter, 2279/X-24]

- 1655 June 21. Aert Pieterszen, pltf. vs. Adriaen van der Donck, deft. Pltf. demands payment of a balance of fl.138 for seven quarter-year's service rendered to deft. van der Donck [Berthold Fernow, "Records of New Amsterdam From 1653 to 1674 Anno Domini", Vol.1 (Minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens 1653-1655), p.323; with thanks to Lorine McGinnis Schulze, June 1, 2001]
- 1659, Nov 26. Cornelis Peetersen Tack, d'Oude [the elder] acts as guardian for Aert Peeterszen Tack, the latter being 'uitlandich' [out of the country]. The record describes the selling of a piece of land that was inherited from Stijntje [Christina] Anthonis Quirijnsen, Aert's aunt. [Etten, ORA 392, Nov 26, 1659]
- ?1660 Aert Peeterszen Tack married Annetje Adriaens from Amsterdam. We know that on Aug 29, 1645 in the Old Church of Amsterdam was baptised Annet, daughter of Aerjan Janss and Geertje Jans. Witnessed by Agniet and Anna Terhase; but we don't know if she is the Annetje who married our Aert. [Baptisms Amsterdam, Old Church, 8/63]
- 1660 Oct 23. Aert Pieterszen Tack paid part of an inheritance from his grandfather Teunis Crijnen, to Jan Henrix van Bael; in the same time empowering that man to collect the inheritance for him from his brother [?] Cornelis Pietersz Tack, dwelling at Etten. Aert was then residing in Rensselaerswijck and made his mark for signature [! he should have learned how to write, see also the 1639 record]. [The Early Records of Albany, Notarial Papers]
- 1661, Jan 14. Cornelis Peetersen Tack, d'Oude acts as the guardian for Aert Peeterszen Tack, now 'uitlandigh'. the record states that Jan Merte Cox has a debt to Aert of 90 gulden, 4 stuiver, 2 oort. In the margin it reads that this debt is paid back on April 14, 1662. [Etten, ORA 393, Jan 14, 1661]
- 1661, Aug 14. Aert's son Cornelis was baptised in Kingston. [Kingston Baptismal Register of the Dutch Reformed Church, record ID 7]
- 1661 November. Aert Pieterszen Tack is mentioned on a beer and wine excise taxlist for Wiltwijck; he is charged 6 guilders (while others are charged 50 to 60 guilders or more). [Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, translated and edited by Berthold Fernow, Vol.13, p.212; with thanks to Howard Swain, June 2, 2001]
- 1663, May 9. Aert Peetersen Tack appears before the Schepenen in Etten and discharges his uncle as keeper of an inheritance of 170 guilders from Heijltjen Peetersen Tack, as original described before the Schepenen of Standdaarbuiten, in a record of March 5, 1659 [the Standdaarbuiten records for this period are lost]. [Etten, ORA 394, May 9, 1663]. Most likely this Heijltjen is the sister (Helena) of Aert's father; I was not successful yet in finding more evidence for this assumption.
- 1663, June 23. Aert Peetersen Tack appears before the Schepenen in Etten and discharges his uncle Cornelis Peetersen Tack as his guardian for all affairs. [Etten, ORA 394, June 23, 1663]
- 1663, Aug [date torn out]. Aert's daughter Grietje was baptised in Kingston. As mother is mentioned: Grietje Vooght. I think that is meant that Grietje acted as the child's guardian [in Dutch: 'voogd']; remember that at that time Aert was in Etten, The Netherlands. [Kingston Baptismal Register of the Dutch Reformed Church, record ID 26]
- 1664, Jan 20. Aert Tack, from the Barony of Breda [Etten is part of the Barony of Breda], is recorded on the shiplist of De Trouw [The Faith]. **See for the entry in the accountbook the included copy**. In the published lists (see for instance A.J.F. van Laer, Yearbook 1902 of the Holland Society of New York) the name 'Aert' is erroneously transcribed as 'Evert'. [Thanks to Dorothy Koenig's mediation with the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society for the copy of the original account book]
- 1664, Aug 21. Anneke Adriaens is granted letters of divorce and permission to marry another man. Aert fails to appear before Court. [Done at Fort Amsterdam.]

- 1665, Jan 11. Annetje Adriaens remarried Jacob Janszn van Etten. From the marriagerecord we learn that Annetje Adriaens is likely born in Amsterdam.

Jacob Jansen of Etten, in Brabant, and Annetje Ariens of Amsterdam, deserted wife of Aert Pietersen Tack, both residing here in Wiltwijck. First publications of Banns 28 December 1664; second 4 January; third 11 January 1665

[Source: Kingston Dutch Reformed Church, record ID 16]

- 1669, Feb 4. Adriaentien Adriaan Thonen, widow of Peeter Peetersen Tak sells a piece of land. In the record are mentioned the children of her late husband Peter and Adriaen; Jacob Anthonis Matthijssen as guardian of the orphan of Cornelis Peetersen Tak; and Aert Peeters Tak, being ‘uijtlandigh’. [Etten, ORA 397, Feb 4, 1669]

From this we can conclude:

- Aert must have left his wife and farm between December 1662 and February 1663.
His daughter was baptised August 1663 and likely born in August as well. If this second child was his, and we don't have reasons to believe that it was not, the departure date must be December 1662 or later. He appears before the Schepenen in Etten on May 9, 1663 and, with an estimated traveltime of three months, he must have been aboard before the first week of February 1663.
- Aert departed from the Netherlands to New Netherland again Jan 20, 1664 on the ship “De Trouw”; the ship arrived April 21, 1664.
I don't know where he settled after arriving. Apparantly not at his farm or in the neighbourhood.

Below a short overview of the mentioned families TACK, QUIRIJNEN and VAN ETTEN. All baptisms and marriages took place in the Roman Catholic Church of Etten, NB.

TACK

- I Peter Peterszn TACK, born abt. 1562, married abt. 1590 Maria ARNOLDUS. Four children, ordering not certain. We did not find the baptisms of the frirst two children and it is concluded that they are born before 1594, in which year the baptism book starts.
 1. Peter Peterszn TACK, born abt 1592 [follows II]
 2. Cornelis Peterszn TACK, born abt. 1594; married abt. 1626 Catharina PETERSDR; 8 children.
 3. Helena Petersdr TACK, bap. April 23, 1595; parents: Petri Petri alias Tack, Mariae Arnoldi; witn.: Paulij Michaelis, Maria Marcelij.
 4. Arnoldus Peterszn TACK, bap. May 15, 1598; parents: Petri Petri Tack, Maria Arnoldi; witn.: Petrus Anthonij, Anna Jacobi. Maybe he is the Aert Pieterszen TACK who married Nov. 5, 1622 Heijltjen DIRRIX, widow of Cornelis FRANSEN.
- II. Peter Peterszn TACK, born abt. 1592, married first abt. 1618 Maijke (Maria) Anthonisdr. QUIRIJNEN, bap. Jan 18, 1596 (see also the QUIRIJNEN family); married second abt. 1634 Adriana ADRIAENSEN (THONEN [Anthonisdr]).

From the first marriage:

1. Cornelis Peterszn TACK, bap. July 27, 1622; parents: Petri Petri, Maria Antonij; witn.: Antonius Quirinij, Maria Johannes; married 1652 Antonia Jacobs Anthonis MATTHJSDR; 1 son.
2. Peter Peterszn Tack, bap. may 13, 1625; parents: Petri Peeterss, Maria Anthonij; witn.: Cornelius Petri, Joanna Cornelij; Meulen eijndt [on the Mill's end; this was a part of Etten, situated just outside the village; also the ‘Van Etten’ and the Quirijnen family lived there]; died 1630 or before.
3. Arnoldus Peterszn TACK, bap. July 26, 1626; parents: Petri Petri, Mariae Anthonij; witn.: Henricus Andreas Goswijnij, Anthonia Joannis. Also known as Aert Pietersz TACK. [follows III]
4. Peter Peterszn TACK, bap. Nov 24, 1630; parents: Petri Petri, Maria Antonij; witn.: Christianij Cornelij, Anna Judoci; married 1653 Helena MERTENS (VAN LOON); 5 children.

From the second marriage:

5. Adriaen Peterszn TACK, bap. July 26, 1637; parents: Petri Petri, Adriane Adrians; witn.: Margareta Antonij, Adriani Cornelij Conincx; married 1665 Antonia Jansdr VERMUNT; 9 children.

- III. Arnoldus (Aert) Peterszn (Pietersz) TACK, bap. July 26, 1626; married, likely in Albany, abt 1660, Annetje ADRIAENS. She remarried, in Kingston, Jan 11, 1665 Jacob Janszn VAN ETTEN (see also the VAN ETTEN family).

Children of Aert TACK and Annetje ADRIAENS:

1. Cornelis TACK, bap., in Kingston, Aug 14, 1661; parents: Aart Pietersen Tack, Annetje Adriaensen; witn.: Andries Harmensen, Pieter Lookermans, Geertruij Andriessen from Fort Orange; married, in Kingston, Nov 18, 1688 Barbara METSELAER, 10 children.
2. Grietje TACK, bap., in Kingston, Aug, 1663; parents: Aart Pietersen Tack, Grietjen Vooght [!]; witn.: Jacob Jansen, Barber Andries; she married abt. 1681 Luur Jacobszn VAN KUIJKENDAEL, 11 children.

QUIRIJNEN

- I. Anthonis QUIRIJNEN, born abt. 1565; married abt. 1590 Anna JANS (VAN GOORL). Seven children, ordering of the first two children not proven. Anna Jans VAN GOORL was mentioned as a baptism sponsor of one of her grandchildren on Sep 12, 1665, although she was already dead in 1647!
1. Quirijn Anthoniszn QUIRIJNEN, born abt. 1592; died before 1647; married Anthonia JANSZR; 5 children.
 2. Maijke (Maria), de Oude, Anthonisdr QUIRIJNEN, born abt. 1594; married Philip BASTIAENSZN (VAN PUTTE); children.
 3. Maijke (Maria), de Jonge, Anthonisdr QUIRIJNEN, bap. Jan 18, 1596; parents: Antonij Quirinij, Anna Joannis; witn.: Cornelus Joannis, Adriana Jacobi; married abt. 1618 Peter Peterszn TACK, born abt. 1592 (see also TACK family).
 4. Adriana Anthonisdr QUIRIJNEN, bap. Aug 26, 1598; parents: Anthonij Quirinij, Anne Joannis; witn.: Adrianus Petri Gowens [or Gobbens], Maria Stephani; died before 1647; no known marriage.
 5. Johannes Anthoniszn QUIRIJNEN, bap. Nov 20, 1605; parents: Antonij Quirinij, Anna Johannis; witn.: Michael Johannis [possibly Michiel Johannis Michielsen GOUVERNEUR, my great...grandfather], Anthonia Nicolai; died before 1647; no known marriage.
 6. Franciscus Anthoniszn QUIRIJNEN, bap. Apr 1, 1607; parents: Antonij Quirinij, Anna Joannis; witn.: Adrianus Joannis, Margareta Joannis; died between 1647 and 1659; married Dingena JANSZR (VAN MEIR); children.
 7. Christina Anthonisdr QUIRIJNEN, bap. Nov 11, 1609; parents: Antonij Quirinij, Anna Joannis; witn.: Antonij Adrianij, Johanna Janetij; died between 1647 and 1659; not married.

VAN ETTEN

- I. Marinus ADRIAENSZN, born abt. 1573; married Maria HENDRICKSEN.

From this marriage:

1. Johannes MARINUSZN, bap. Mar 23, 1597; parents: Marini Adriani, Marie Henrici; witn.: Joannes Walteri Hugonis, Joanna Simonis. [follows II]
2. Marinus MARINUSZN, bap. Dec 29, 1602; parents: Marini Adriani, Maria Henrici; witn.: Thoma Joannis, Anna Marini

- II. Johannes MARINUSZN, bap. Mar 23, 1597; married about 1621 Wilhelmina JOHANNESDR.

From this marriage:

1. Maria JANSZR, bap. Feb 7, 1622; parents: Joannis Marini, Wilhelmie Joannis; witn.: Jacobus Henrici, Wouterie [?] Petri.
2. Marinus JANSZN, bap. Nov 12, 1623; parents: Joannis Marini, Wilhelmie Joannis; witn.: Henrico Jacobi, Maria ...enne; opt Meulenendt [on the Mill's end; this was a part of Etten, situated just outside the village; also the Tack and the Quirijnen family lived there]

3. Marinus JANSZN, bap. Aug 9, 1626; parents: Joannis Marini, Wilhelme Joannis; witn.: Hubertus Antonij, Emerentiane Joannis.
4. Arnoldus JANSZN, bap Feb 11, 1629; parents: Joannis Marinussen, Wilhelmie Joannis; witn.: Adrianus Cornelij de Bruijn, Catharine Joannis.
5. Maria JANSZR, bap. Mar 14, 1632; parents: Joannis Marinus, Guilijlme Joannis; witn.: Joest Andreus, Maria Joannis.
6. Jacobus JANSZN, bap. Oct 22, 1634; parents: Joannis Marini, Wilhelme Joannis; witn.: Marinus Joannis, Adriana Jacobi; also known as Jacobus Jansen VAN ETTEN; married Annetje ADRIAENS former wife of Aert Pieters TACK (see also TACK family) [follows III]
7. Joannis JANSZN, bap. Apr 2, 1638; parents: Joannis Marini, Wilhelmie Joannis; witn.: ??

III. Jacob Janszn VAN ETTEN, bap. Oct 22, 1634; married, in Kingston, Jan 11, 1665 Annetje Ariens of Amsterdam, deserted wife of Aert Pietersen TACK, both residing Wiltwijck (banns Dec 28, 1664; Jan 4 and Jan 11, 1665)

From this marriage:

1. Jan VAN ETTEN, bap. Kingston, Jan 3, 1666; parents: Jacob Jansen, Annetjen Ariaens; witn.: Jan Cornelisse, Jan Tijssen, Willempje Jacobs; married first May 1690 Jannetje ROOSA; 10 children; married second, in Kingston, July 22, 1731 (intention May 30) Cornelia VAN AKEN, widow of Jan CHAMBERS.
2. Sijtje VAN ETTEN, bap. Kingston, Mar 25, 1668; parents: Jacob Jansen, Annetje Adriaens; witn.: Jan Broers and his wife; married, in Kingston, 1685 (intention April 23) Jan EVERTSZN TERWILLIGEN; 12 children.
3. Adriaen VAN ETTEN, bap. Kingston, Jun 26, 1670; parents: Jacob Yansen Van Etten, Annetie Adriaens; witn.: --; married abt. 1694 Catharina CROM; 5 children.
4. Pieter VAN ETTEN, born ?Kingston, abt. 1672; married, in Kingston, Oct 12, 1697 Eva DE HOOGES; 7 children.
5. Petronella VAN ETTEN, born Marbletown, abt. 1674; married, in Kingston, June 21, 1696 Aldert ROOSA.
6. Heijltje VAN ETTEN, born Marbletown; bap. Kingston, Apr 21, 1679; parents: Jacob Jansse Van Etten, Annetie Gelvins; witn.: Jacob Jansse Decker, Gijsbert Albertsse, Jannetie Craffers; married, in Kingston, Nov 12, 1699 Willem VAN VREDENBURG; 13 children.
7. Emanuel VAN ETTEN, born Marbletown; bap. Kingston, Dec 29, 1681; parents: Jacob Jansz van Ette, Annetje Adriaendr.; witn.: Leendert Barentz Cool, Maritie [no surname given]; married, in Kingston, May 10, 1702 Antje DE HOOGES; 10 children.
8. Tietje VAN ETTEN, born Marbletown; bap. Kingston, Feb 24, 1684; parents: Jacob Janse van Etten, Annetie Adriaanz; witn.: Nicolaus Antoni, Engeltie Heijndrix; married, in Kingston, May 10, 1702 Evert ROOSA; 11 children.
9. Jacobus VAN ETTEN, bap. Kingston, May 2, 1686; father: Jacob van Etten, Annetie Ariaans; witn.: Jan Rosa, Hillegond Willemz; married abt. 1710 Rebecca ROOSA; 10 children.
10. Geesje VAN ETTEN, born Hurely; bap. Kingston, Dec 25, 1688; parents: Jacob Jansen Van Etthe, Annetje Adriaentse Kam; witn.: Barbara Metselaer, Jannetje [surname not given]; married, in Kingston, 1704 (intention Nov 25) Jacob DECKER; 5 children.

Comments:

- The records in the church books are written in Latin; the Schepen records in Dutch. I used ‘normalised’ names here, but the actual names in the records are given as well. A few examples:
 - Helena – Heijltjen
 - Arnoldus – Aert
 - Jois, Joes (mostly written with an abbreviation mark above) – Jo[ann]is, Jo[ann]es – Jan, Janssen, Jannen
 - Quirijn – Crijn
 - Franciscus – Frans
- Dingena JANSZR (VAN MEIR) means that Dingena is the daughter of Jan and that she is from Meir. In the Etten records she is sometimes mentioned Dingena JANSZR, but also Dingena Jansdr VAN MEIR. This occurred with VAN LOON, VAN PUTTE, VAN GOORL as well.

- I tried to transcribe the original records as accurate as possible, but I'm sure some mistakes are made; please forgive me. I have copies of most of the records, so if you have any doubt please ask me and I will examine them again.
- If you have specific questions, also on the related families or next generations, feel free to ask.
- The research is still going on. I welcome corrections, additions and/or suggestions.

Sources:

- Etten NB, Baptism and Marriage books of the Roman Catholic, the Sint Lambertus, Church (they start 1594)
- Etten NB, ORA (Oud Rechterlijk Archief [Old Judicial Archive])
- Kingston, Dutch Reformed Church records

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