



JACOB WOLFERTS VAN COWENHOVEN

LANDOWNER, BREWER

AGE IN 1642: 27

PRODUCT: BEER

JACOB WOLFERTS VAN COWENHOVEN IMMIGRATED TO NEW NETHERLANDS AS A CHILD IN 1625. HIS FATHER, WOLFERTS GERRIT VAN COWENHOVEN, PURCHASED THE SETTLEMENT THAT BECAME KNOWN AS BROOKLYN'S GERRITSEN BEACH FROM PENHAWITZ. AS AN ADULT, JACOB ADVOCATED ATTACKING THE LENAPE AND THE DWIC REWARDED HIM WITH MORE LAND AFTER KIEFT'S WAR. JACOB WAS UNLUCKY IN BUSINESS, BUT EVENTUALLY BECAME A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF NEW AMSTERDAM. HE OPENED HIS LARGE BREWERY AT THE CORNER OF STONE AND BROAD STREETS IN 1657.



CATALINA ANTHONY

FARMER, HEALER

AGE IN 1642: Unknown (mid-30's-40's)

PRODUCTS: PEACHES

STATUS: HALF-FREE, FORMERLY ENSLAVED

CATALINA ANTHONY WAS THE WIDOW OF JOCHEM ANTHONY AND MOST LIKELY SPENT MANY YEARS IN INVOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE DWIC. SHE HELD HER LAND UNTIL THE LATE 1640's, WHEN HER PLOT WAS SOLD. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, BUT HER NEIGHBORS IN THE LAND OF THE BLACKS CREATED A THRIVING RURAL COMMUNITY THAT LASTED UNTIL THE EARLY 18TH CENTURY. THEY HARBORED RUNAWAYS A CENTURY BEFORE THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.