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Willem Gerritsz Gerritsz "William" **Couwenhoven** aka **Gerritsz, Gerretse, van Couwenhoven, van Kouwenhoven**

Born **about Jul 1636** in **Flatlands, Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, New Netherland**

Son of [Gerret \(Wolphertsen\) van Couwenhoven](#) and [Aeltje Cornelis Cool](#) ANCESTORS

Brother of [Jan Gerretse Van Couwenhoven](#), [Neeltje Gerrits \(van Couwenhoven\) Schenck](#), [Marretje Gerretse Van Couwenhoven](#) and [Gerrit Elbertsz Stoothoff](#) (half)

Husband of **[Aeltje Jorisen \(Brinckerhoff\) Couwenhoven](#)** — married 21 Mar 1660 in Flatlands, Long Island, New York

Husband of **[Jannetje Pieters Montfort](#)** — married 12 Feb 1665 in Flatlands, Long Island, New Netherland (New York)

Father of [Gerret Willemse Couwenhoven](#), [Altie \(Willemse\) Kouwenhoven](#), [Neeltje Willemse Kouwenhoven](#), [Pieter Willemse](#)

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Died **1728** at about age 91 in **Monmouth, Province of New Jersey**

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Biography

Willem Gerretse VanKouwenhoven and his twin brother Willem Gerret were born in July 1636 at Flatlands, Long Island to [Gerret Wolfertse van Couwenhoven](#) and his wife, [Aeltje Cornelis Cool](#). He married Altie Brinkerhoff and they had two children together. He then married Jannetje Pieterse Monfoort and they had 11 children together. He died in 1728 in Monmouth, New Jersey, at the impressive age of 92. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

Parents

- Father: Gerret Wolfertse van Couwenhoven
- Mother: Aeltje Cornelis Cool

Name

- Also known as Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven, William Kouwenhove, William Gerretse Van Kouwenhove, William Gerritse Couwenhoven.

Birth

- Willem (William, Wilhelm) Gerretsen Couwenhoven was born ca. 1636. at Flatlands, Kings County, New York , son of [Gerret Wolfertse van Couwenhoven](#) and [Aeltje Cornelis Cool](#) [\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

Baptism

- 1636 Flatlands, Kings, N.Y

Marriage

- Willem married, first, Altie Jorise Brinckeroff, daughter of Joris Dirksen Brinckerhoef and Susannah Dubbels and widow of Cornelis Mattys (Mathiew), on March 21, 1660 at Flatlands, Kings County, New York. [\[6\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)
- Willem married, second, Jannetje Pieterse Monfoort, daughter of Pierre Montfort and Sarah De Plancken, on February 12, 1665 (also at Flatlands). [\[6\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[12\]](#)

Death

- Willem Gerretse VanKouwenhoven died in 1728 in Monmouth, New Jersey,

when he was 92 years old.^{[13][5][8]}

- Another entry had death "between 1721 and 1723." Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven died in 1728 at Monmouth County, New Jersey.
- Willem passed away, age 87 , Abt 1723 Monmouth County, New Jersey, United States ^{[14][5]}

Burial

- 1728

Property

- Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven sold land his plantation in Brooklyn to his son William and moved to Monmouth County, NJ in November, 1709.^[6]

Civic Offices Held

- Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven was Magistrate of Brooklyn^[15] 1661, 1662, and 1664. ^{[8][9]}
- Signed a petition on May 25, 1662, as schepen. In this context "schepen" is the old Dutch word (title) for a "legal functionary [functionaris] of the local court", in this case of Brooklyn. ^{[16][8]}

Church Offices Held

- Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven was deacon in 1663 at Dutch Reformed Church, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^[6] He resided at Flatlands^{[3][8][9][10]}
- Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven was an Elder at Dutch Reformed Church, Flatlands, Kings County, New York, 1677. ^{[10][9][3]}

Oath of Allegiance

- He signed the oath of allegiance at some time between September 26 and 30, 1687, being called a resident of "flackland"^{[3][8]}

Church Records

Church membership

1. The Records of the Brick Church, Marlborough, Monmouth Co., NJ, originally known as the Reformed Church of Freehold of the Navasink, begin in 1709 and show that in that year seven children of Willem Gerretse were already members of that congregation: namely, Cornelis, Pieter, Albert, Jan, Jacob, Neeltje (Nelke), and Sara. In 1717, two other children appear as members, Annetje (Autie) and Jacomina (Jockamiinke). It was not until 1721 that the church shows as members "Willem Ger Kowwenhoven and his wife," and since the wife, Jannetje (Janneke), appears alone on the list in 1723, it seems possible that Willem Gerretse died between 1721 and 1723.

Children's baptisms

1. 1662 Jan 04 Gerrit; parents: Willem Gerritsen, Aeltie Joris, "from Breuckelen". Wit.: Elbert Albertsen, Hendrick Joriszen, Aeltie Cornelis. ^[17]
2. 1678 Apr 02 Albert; father: Willem Gerritsz van Couwenhov(en). Wit.: Heyltie Elberts. ^[17]

3. 1679 Feb 02 Jacob; parents: Willem Gerritsz van Couwenhoven, Jannetje Pieters Montfoort. Wit.: Pieter Montfoort, Marritje Pieters. ^[18]
4. 1681 Apr 04 Jan; parents: Willem Gerritsz van Couwenhoven, Jannetje Montfoort; op Midwoud; witnesses: Gerrit Elbertsz Stoothoff, Annetje Roelofs. ^[18]
5. 1683 Apr 22 Annetje; parents: Willem Van kouwenhoven, Jannetje Montfort; op Amersfoort; witnesses: Klaas Pietersz, Aaltje Willems. ^[18]

Children

("Bible" indicates spellings and dates taken from the transcription in the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*.^[19] Note that Stillwell made a copy of the bible page, but it was not a pure transcription.^[20])

- Child of Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven and Altie Jorise Brinckeroff was:
 1. Gerret Willemse Van Kouwenhoven, b. Jan. 4, 1662 (bible: Garrit Willemsen) ^{[19][20]} m. Aeltie ---; took the oath of allegiance in Flds in 1687 as a native; member of FlatbushRDC of Flatlands in 1677. On Apr. 27, 1701, he bought of his step-mother Jannetje Monfort and the other heirs of Pieter Monfort, Pieter's farm at the Wallabout, to which he probably removed. He also appears to have owned lands in Brooklyn in 1704, as per records of said town. No further trace. Signed his name "Gerret Counover" in 1702^[21].
- Known children of Willem Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven and Jannetje Pieterse Monfoort were:^{[19][20]}
 1. Aeltje Willemse Van Kouwenhoven+ (Dec 14, 1665 - ca. 1690) bible: Aeltien Willemsen, b. 14 Dec 1665, m. Mar. 16, 1687, Cornelis Symonse Van Aersdalen of Flatlands, d. prior to 1691^[22]
 2. Neeltje Van Kouwenhoven+ (Feb 7, 1668/69 -) bible: Neeltie Willemsen, b. 7 Feb 1669; m. John Pieterse Wyckoff of Freehold, New Jersey^[23]
 3. Pieter Willemse Van Kouwenhoven+ (Feb 12, 1671 - ca. Feb, 1755) bible: Pieter Willemsen, b. 12 Feb 1671; m. Patience da. of Elias Daws, and settled in Monmouth Co., New Jersey; d. about 1754 or 1755. Member of RD church of Freehold, New Jersey in 1709, and elder in 1711 and 1721. Will dated. Mar. 15, 1743; proved Apr. 21, 1751; recorded on p. 259, Lib. F, in Off. of Sec. of State of New Jersey. Signed his name " Pieter Couwenhoven." ^[24]
 4. Cornelis Willemse Van Kouwenhoven (Sep 29, 1672 - May 16, 1736) bible: Cornelis Willemsen van Couwenhoven b. 20 Nov 1672; m1. on Sept. 8, 1700, Margrietje R. Schenck; d. Mar. 17, 1736. Removed to N. J. and resided in 1707 at Middletown, Monmouth Co. New Jersey^[25].
 5. Sara Willemse Van Kouwenhoven+ (Dec 27, 1674 - Jan 31, 1761) bible: Saara Willemsen van Couwenhoven, b. 27 Dec 1674;^[26] m. about 1692 John R. Schenck of New Jersey, d. Jan. 31, 1761^[27]
 6. Albert Covenhoven (Dec 7, 1676 - Sep 13, 1748) bible: Albert Willemsen van Couwenhoven b. 7 Dec 1676; m. on Oct.2, 1701, Neeltje, da. of Roelof Martense Schenck. Removed to the vicinity of Freehold, New Jersey, as early as 1709. Issue:- William of New Jersey, m. Elizabeth ---. ^[28]
 7. Jacob Willemse Van Couwenhoven (Jan 29, 1679 - Jun 4, 1744) bible: Jacob Willemsen van Couwenhoven b. 29 Jan 1679; bp. Feb 02, 1679 at Flatlands, Kings County, New York. Baptism was recorded at the Reformed Church at Flatbush, Kings County, New York; sponsors were: Peter Monfort, Marritje Peters ^[29]
 8. Jan Willemse Cowenhoven (Apr 9, 1681 - bef. Dec 29, 1756) bible: Jan Willemsen van Couwenhoven b. 9 April 1681; bp. on Apr 10, 1681 at Flatlands, Kings County, New York. Baptism was recorded at the Reformed Church at Flatbush, Kings County, New York; sponsors were: Gerrit Elbertsz Stothof, Annetie Roelofs Schenk ^[30]. John Willemse m. about 1704 Coba or Jacoba Vanderveer; d. 1756. Removed from Brooklyn to New Jersey prior to

1709^[31].

9. Annetje Willemse Van Cowenhoven (April 13, 1683 -); bible Annetie Willemsen Van Couwenhoven b. 13 April 1683; bp. on Apr 22, 1683 at Flatlands, Kings County, New York. Baptism was recorded at the Reformed Church at Flatbush, Kings County, New York; sponsors were: Claas Peterz Wykof, Aaltie Willems.^[32]
10. William Willemse Van Kouwenhoven (March 7, 1685/86 - January 19, 1769) bible: Willem Willemsen van Couenhoven b. 7 Mar 1686; m. June 5, 1709, Annetie dau. of Lucas Stevense Voorhies; d. Jan. 19, 1769. Will da. Dec. 10, 1757; proved Mar. 13, 1769; recorded on p. 534, Lib. 26, N. Y. surr. off.. Signed his name " Willem Kouwenhoven."^[33]
11. Jacomina Cowenhoven+ (December 28, 1689 - after 1774) bible: Jaquemijntie Willemsen Van Couwenhoven b. 28 Dec 1689; m. June 5, 1709, Elbert Williamsen of Monmouth Co., NJ.^[34]

Research Notes

1. On the earliest surviving list of members of the Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn 12 Se p 1660, appears the names of Willem Gerritse Van Couwenhoven, his first wife, and her parents.
2. He was Magistrate of Brooklyn 1661,1662, and 1664. Willem Gerretse, on behalf of his first wife, was one of the three heirs to the Brooklyn grant of his father-in law, Joris Dickson Brinckerhoff, and joined with the other heirs in selling this property on 16 Jan 1661.
3. Steven Mix noted in a comment that "the death date [given by a merged profile] of January 3, 1662/63 from the Ancestral File is probably a confusion with the death date of his first wife, Aeltje. Also, he would not be alive for the birth of all of his later children by Jannetje. Most sources say instead that Willem died 1728, which makes much more sense."
4. The existence of the original Bible of Willem Gerretse, with his own record of his marriages and the births of his children, states that he married 'Aeltien Joris' in the year 1660.^{[19][20]} She was Altje, daughter of Joris Dickerson Brinckerhoff, and was the widow of Cornelis Matty (Mathiew). She died on 3 Jun 1663, and Willem Gerretse married 'Jannetie Peters' on 12 Feb 1665. Jannetje was the daughter of Peter Monfort. She was baptized as Jannetje on 8 May 1646 in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam.

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