

# Catharina Wessels Staats

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**Catharina (Tryntie) Wessels** was born in Europe about 1623. She was the daughter of Beverwyck baker [Jochem Wessels](#) and his wife Geertruy Hieronimus.

By 1642, she had become the wife of New Netherland pioneer [Abraham Staats](#). In that year, she was nineteen years old. The marriage produced at least seven children who established the [Staats](#) name in New Netherland and New York.

Her family was prominent in Beverwyck/Albany but also owned a family farm across the Hudson and south of the city.

Abraham Staats probably died after naming Tryntie as his heir in a will filed in April 1683. Although she was not included in either of the two Staats households listed on the city [census](#) of 1697, perhaps Tryntie was living on the family farm across the Hudson on Staats Island! Her Albany property in the first ward was assessed substantially in 1702.

Tryntie Wessels Staats died in 1703 and was buried from the Albany [Dutch church](#) where she was a longtime member.



## notes



**Sources:** The life of Catharina/ Tryntie Wessels Staats is CAP [biography number](#) 6863. This profile is derived chiefly from [family](#) and [community-based resources](#). Interesting [online exposition!](#)

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