

The Salty Rose



The Unique Life of  
Marie Du Trieux

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*Alchemists,  
Witches &  
A Tapper In  
New Amsterdam*



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# Creating Marie the Character



- Utilize the Timeline of Her Life
- Develop Character Traits based on Her Background and Life Experiences

# A Walloon Background



# Region of Wallonia



# Timeline for Early Life of Marie du Trieux



- ☞ Born April 5, 1617 in Amsterdam Holland. Father is **Phillipe du Trieux** (1586-1649) and mother is **Jaquemie Noiret** (1593-1622)
- ☞ (4-5) 1622: **Brother Abraham/ Phillipe** born (1622-1662)
- ☞ (5) 1622 Sister **Madeleine** born and dies
- ☞ (5) Mother dies. Father remarries **Susanne du Chesne** (b. abt 1601/2), cousin of mother on August 30, 1621 in Amsterdam.

# On to a New Life in New Amsterdam



# Marie is Among First Group of Children in New Amsterdam



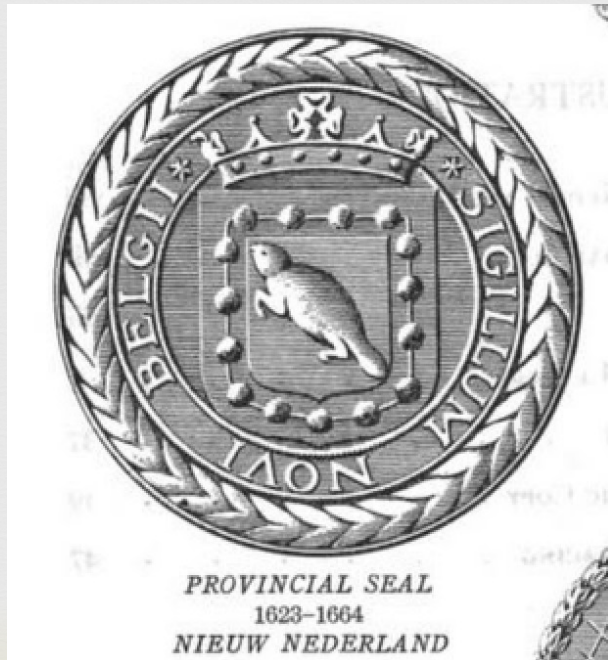
- ❧ (8) Letter of transfer given from Walloon Church in Amsterdam to take family to the New World: March 9, 1624.
- ❧ (8) March 20, 1624: Sails with family to New Amsterdam led by Jesse de Forrest, first settlers there on the ship New Netherland. Either all settle in Fort Orange or else they settle in three groups. Arrives May
- ❧ (9) Family was living on Manhattan Island where Marie spent most of her life. When arriving in New Amsterdam Philippe and Susanne built a house on Bever Craft (Beaver Street). This was one of the first (if not the first) house to be built on Bever Craft.



# Why They Came: Motivations



☞ Dutch colony: TRADE in beaver and other pelts



☞ Walloons had come to Amsterdam for RELIGIOUS reasons in part, groups of Protestants



# The Dutch West Indian Company started the colony New Netherland



- ❧ WIC had a monopoly on trade until they opened it up around 1639
- ❧ Walloon people such as the du Trieux family were on the first ships
- ❧ New Amsterdam was the main port where pelts were gathered and shipped to Europe.



# Aldert Meijer Engraving Depicting Providence



# Unique Experiences to Shape the Child Marie



- ❧ Exposure to to the wilderness, very different from the developed and cosmopolitan city of Amsterdam
- ❧ Meeting with Natives and learning about them and possibly learning their languages
- ❧ Rough and wild life of New Amsterdam, the remote trading post
- ❧ Development of skills to survive in a less developed and remote area of the Dutch empire.
- ❧ Unlike her siblings, Marie would have been able to remember life in Europe

# New Amsterdam



# Marie's siblings born in New Amsterdam



- ❧ (8) \***Sarah du Trieux** (c 1625 – 09 Nov 1692) married Isaac De Forest,
- ❧ (9)\***Susanna du Trieux** (1626 – 1660) married Evert Jansen Wendell
- ❧ (15)\***Abraham Trieux** (1632-1662)
- ❧ (18)\***Rachel du Trieux** (1635-1682) married Hendrick van Bommel in 1656, tailor, town crier
- ❧ Marie starts having her own children. Much older sister
- ❧ (25)\***Issac du Trieux** (c 24 Apr 1642 – c 1702)
- ❧ (26)\***Rebecca du Trieux** (1643-1689) marries Simon de Groot, boatswain of the ship, “Prince Maurice”
- ❧ (28)\***Jacob du Trieux** (02 Dec 1645 – 1709)

# Timeline of Marie's Early Adult Years



- ❧ (21)1638? Had **1st DAUGHTER, Aeltjen (Altie) Pieters, child born out of wedlock** and raised by her father, Pieter Wolpherson (1614-1689) **AELTJE PIETERSE VAN COUWENHOVEN**, date of birth unknown, acknowledged by father on 7 January 1642
- ❧ (23) **May 27, 1640-1704**, baptized in Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam: Birth of **1st SON Aernolt Cornelis Viele** (later an Indian translator)
- ❧ (24) **June 9, 1641 MARRIAGE to Cornelis Volkertsen Viele, close family friend (1584-1649) trader and ship owner.** 33 years older than Marie. 1641 gives up sea life and opens a tavern (also has property on the east side of Broadway, 400 ft from Wall St.) Fortune
- ❧ (25) 1643: **Birth of 2nd SON Cornelis Viele (1643-1690)** became tapper and translator in Schenectady, NY
- ❧ (28) 1645: **Birth of 2nd DAUGHTER Jacomyntjy/Jaqueline Viele (1645-1648)** Dies at 3.
- ❧ (28) April 26, 1646: Fiscal gives **first complaint of Marie selling beer to Indians.**
- ❧ (29)1647: Stuyvesant takes over as director General of Colony.

# Marie du Trieux of New Amsterdam, New Netherland

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☞ Independent, fierce, high-spirited & impudent







# Empire in the Dutch Golden Age



# New Netherland Demographics



- ❧ Golden Age at home. People don't want to go live in the wilderness.
- ❧ Few come to settle but those that come are much more diverse. Some come of their own free will and others enslaved.
- ❧ New Amsterdam had a population of only about 400 people in 1640.
- ❧ Very diverse group: Franciscan monk reported that he heard at least 18 languages spoken at that time.
- ❧ Africans, Scandinavians, Germans, Walloons, Huguenots, Jewish people, English including Puritan exiles

# Daily Life in New Netherland



- ❧ Rowdy, boisterous, often transient
- ❧ Many taverns for a small population with various entertainment
- ❧ 1647 Minister's son, Pieter Stuyvesant wants to create order especially in unruly town of New Amsterdam. WIC sends him after Kieft debacle(Indian Wars).
- ❧ Dutch Reformed Church not as rigid as Puritan Churches
- ❧ Gardens and orchards
- ❧ Activity of markets, at warehouses, at the shore with vessels of commerce

# Status of Dutch Women in New Netherland



- ☞ More rights compared to English women.
- ☞ Two kinds of marriage contracts to choose from. One allowed for full property rights.
- ☞ Active in trade and business: brokers, investors etc.



# Major Turning Points in Marie's Life



- ❧ **(30) Feb 9, 1648:** Birth of **3rd SON Pieter Volkertsen Viele (1648-1685)** Also served as an official Indian interpreter at times.
- ❧ **(30) Tavern Event: March 1648:** In a March 1648 complaint, the deacons and elders made a direct link between the evils of alcohol and the condition of poverty. Several protested to the burgomasters and schepens that tapsters were enticing their patrons to place their goods in pawn for drink. This, they said, resulted in the impoverishment of families. In response, Director Stuyvesant and his council passed ordinances prohibiting the opening of "new Alehouses, Taverns or Tippling places" without their consent.
- ❧ **(31) 1649,** First husband dies at 64 yrs of age.
- ❧ **(32) February 20, 1650, 2nd Marriage to Jan Peek, Indian trader, speculator, broker and translator between English and Dutch merchants.** They continue to run the tavern with frequent troubles for tapping after 9pm, tapping on Sunday and serving liquor to Indians. Marie manages property herself with Jan's long absences.

# Life with Jan: Babies and More



- ❧ (34) 1651, Birth of **3rd DAUGHTER Annatje Peek (1651-1690)**
- ❧ (36) 1653: Father Phillipe du Trieux and brother die in Indian raid
- ❧ (36) 1653: Birth of **4th SON Johannes Peek (1653-1707)**
- ❧ **EVENT: 1655:** Jan builds new house/bldg. on former lot of Volckertsen Viele. Sells it in 1656.
- ❧ (36) **EVENT:** Jan sells two homes in Fort Orange
- ❧ (38) 1656: **Birth of 5th SON Jacobus Peek (1656-1731)**
- ❧ (39) 1657: Birth of **4th DAUGHTER Maria Peek (1658-1672)**

# Ongoing Trouble at the Tavern



- ❧ (36) EVENT:1653 tapping during preaching
- ❧ (37) EVENT Oct 6, 1654: Cornelis van Tienhoven is Sheriff and testifies in Court that he has found drinking clubs at the house of Jan Peek with dancing and jumping and entertainment of disorderly people.
- ❧ (38) EVENT 1655: Jan locked up for felonious assault on a soldier in his tavern who had tried to attack his wife.



# Time Differences



☞ New Netherland: like the father country followed Gregorian time: 11 days ahead of New England. Same calendar we use today



☞ New England: England not wanting to follow Pope Gregory's edict of 1582 for a new calendar continued to follow the Julian calendar until 1752.



# The Downfall of New Netherlands



- ❧ Not a large enough population to compete with New England
- ❧ More interested in trade than colonization or settling the land
- ❧ Neglect by the Dutch West India Company. Never given enough resources to protect themselves or develop in pace with the English
- ❧ The ill-advised and rash Indian wars led to widespread destruction
- ❧ Squeezed by two English colonies as well as continued native conflicts weakened the colony greatly.

# Marie's Downfall



- ❧ (42) 1660 Last record of Jan: He is up north selling property. Did he leave Marie or did he die shortly afterward? No evidence of reason for his disappearance from the records
- ❧ (46) Before Jan 3, 1664: husband Jan Peek dies.
- ❧ (46) Banishment from New Amsterdam on Jan 4, 1664 and fine of 500 guilders for selling liquor to the Indians. Jan 24, requests permission to go to Fort Orange.

# The Rise of the English



- ❧ Increasing population coupled with settlement by families created strongholds in wilderness communities.
- ❧ As a result, expansion and development were rapid and solid.
- ❧ The English had been more strategic in their wars against natives and the takeover of their land.
- ❧ By the 1660s the English crown was in power again and was interested in connecting their colonies of New England and Virginia. They took a much more active role than the Dutch in securing the future of their colonies.

# The Inevitable Surrender of New Netherland in 1664 to the English



# Marie's Brief Return to NYC



œ(47) Sept 8, 1664: New Amsterdam becomes NY with British take over from Peter Stuyvesant under Col. Nicolls. Moves back to NYC. Marie returns and lives on Hoogh St (near Town Hall) Duke Street for awhile.

# Marie Mellows in Schenectady in Later Life.



- ❧(55) 1672: Youngest daughter Maria dies at age 15.
- ❧(56) 1673: Dutch briefly gain control of New York.
- ❧(57) 1674: English regain control of NY again.
- ❧(67) 1684? Death in Schenectady, NY

# Final Personality Sketch For Marie Du Trieux



- ☞ Highly energized and energetic, High-spirited, Fire in the belly, Confidence
- ☞ Smarts, Survivor
- ☞ Possible leadership skills, zest, forthright and direct, restless,
- ☞ Create and do new things, make a statement, be out there, honest, joy of life, looks forward to life and challenges, adventuresome,
- ☞ Extrovert signs, social, make friends readily, good communication skills, good with groups of people
- ☞ Verbal and mental skills
- ☞ Practical, Down-to-earth, Pragmatic, Wants sense of security,
- ☞ Social aspirations/endeavors tempered by practical considerations and financial considerations
- ☞ Good healthy life force, lives longer than most people
- ☞ Men in life are leaders and champions, verile
- ☞ Artistic, likes nice things and spend money
- ☞ Friendly, artistic, business administration and organization, speaks her mind, good communication skills, out in the world, pragmatic, functional, successful in many ways.



# Marie Has Many Descendants Including, Chazz, Sky & River.



# Thank you for your interest!

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