

along the East Coast known as New Netherlands. It stretched from Gloucester, NJ, to Albany, NY, and into Brooklyn. In the 1698 census, the city had nearly 5,000 inhabitants.²

Quickly making the port home, Reyniers apparently loved to walk-the-walk up the Big Apple's first "ladies mile," the East River shoreline meeting-place known as the Strand (now Pearl Street). On these strolls, she is reported to have often hiked her petticoats to display her wares for passing sailors. Many of the goodly settlers of New Amsterdam were staunch Calvinists, members of the Reformed Dutch Church, and were deeply offended by her conduct. They organized a banishment campaign that led to the Common Council expelling her from New Amsterdam; adding insult to injury, she was forced to pay the cost of the trial.³

1898 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

Notes:

¹ Edwin G. Burrows and Mike Wallace, *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

² Cantwell and Wall 2001; Jaffe/xxx' NYC gov/xx]

³ Morning News, June 21, 2005; Burrows & Wallace/34-35; http://d1xkzao2ij.site.aplus.net/genealogy/docs/d_reyniers_grietje_1602_bio.pdf

For more information:

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