

AARON DE GRAU(W)<sup>a</sup> The name is a partial translation of  
 LEENDERT ARENTSEN DE GRAU(W)<sup>1</sup> (Leuntie Alberts Leydecker) the earlier Dutch form of "de Grauw,"—  
 MARRITIE LEENDERTS DE GRAUW (BARENTS JACOBSEN KOOL) "the Gray."

AARON DE GRAU(W)<sup>a</sup> probably b Holland

LEENDERT ARENTSEN DE GRAU(W)<sup>1</sup> (Aaron<sup>a</sup>) b Holland; d before 24 Mar 1664; m LEUNTIE ALBERTS d/o Albert LEYDECKER/DECKER. He was a member of one of the Walloon families who were the first settlers of New Amsterdam. He came to New Netherlands from Holland in the early part of 1638 in the ship "Dolphin," after what Elston calls "a stormy voyage of which he retained a vividly unfavorable recollection." He was bequeathed a legacy in Holland. He gave his power of attorney to Jan Classen Lydecker on 12 Sep 1648 to collect for him. Director General William Keift leased him Bouwery No. 3 on Manhattan Island, formerly occupied by Peter Blyvelt, on 18 May 1639. On 19 Oct 1645 he received a patent for 29 morgens of land including the farm mentioned which was thereafter known as Stuyvesant's Bouwery and which gave its name to the famous street in New York City. The records show various items from 1639 to 1646 about his leasing, selling and building houses, and his name appears as Aeerden, Arenden, and Arentsen Leendert.

- Issue: 1 MARRITIE/MARY LEENDERTSE was living as late as 1668; m c 1638  
BARENT JACOBS(Z)EN (bp 18 May 1610, Nieuwe Kirk, Amsterdam, Holland;  
living as late as 1671) s/o Jacob KOOL/COOL  
 2 Aaftje Leendertse m 1655  
 3 Albert Leendertszen m 18 Nov 1656 Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels widow  
 of Cornelis Claeszen Swits  
 4 Arent Leendertszen m/1 1 Mar 1660 Gysbertje Hermans; m/2 7 Jun 1679  
 Marritje Hendricks widow of Waulter Gerritszen; had 10 children  
 5 Cornelis Leendertszen

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