

Both of the emigrant brothers settled first in the then little village and township of Brooklyn, and soon became prominent there. The elder lived and died there, but the younger removed after some years to Staten Island and, late in life, to New Jersey. Their children settled, some of them, in Brooklyn township, and others in the near vicinity on Long Island—at Flatbush, Flatlands, New Utrecht, Gravesend, Jamaica, and Hempstead, and on Staten Island, across the Narrows.

The early colonists of the New Netherlands, of whom the early DORLANDS formed a part and parcel, in some respects of quality and character resembled the first New England colonists and the oppressed exiles who founded at a later date Penn's free commonwealth. The hardy Dutch emigrants brought with them their wives and families, and they meant to stay and grow up with the country. In their Fatherland the old feudal order had disintegrated, and society had experienced a radical renovation; and the Dutch race, emancipated from the shackles that had bound it for ages, had lately risen to international influence, had become a prime factor in all the larger fields of progressive enterprise and trade, and was then leading the van in liberal education and in all the varied arts of honorable industry.

With the Holland emigrants had also come French Huguenots, and Walloon emigrants of Gallic extraction from the Belgic provinces, whose immediate ancestors had suffered persecution for conscience' sake, and who themselves were ardently devoted to the cause of civil and religious liberty. These settled chiefly in New Amsterdam, on Staten Island, and on the western end of Long Island;