



**NYC Department of Records and Information Services Welcomes Femke Halsema, the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to celebrate New Amsterdam Cultural Heritage Day.**

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**NEW YORK** — The New York City Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) today welcome Femke Halsema, the Mayor of the City of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to celebrate the shared cultural heritage of two great cities—Amsterdam and New York City.

To commemorate the occasion, selected historical documents from the New York City Municipal Archives, its counterpart, the Stadsarchief Amsterdam, and the New York State Archives are on display at 31 Chambers Street, Manhattan. These documents detail the government’s response to residents who petitioned in 1657 to be granted the rights of citizenship, and in turn, the responsibilities that come with those rights.

The Municipal Archives and the Stadsarchief Amsterdam have been digitizing and making available 17<sup>th</sup> Century records related to New Amsterdam, the Dutch settlement that would become New York City. The partnership brings 17<sup>th</sup> Century archival collections to wider audiences and establishes opportunities for greater knowledge-sharing and storytelling. Together they have built a digital platform that shares these materials and facilitates research <https://newamsterdamstories.archives.nyc>

The documents at the Surrogate’s Court, 31 Chambers Street, will be on display to the public from Tuesday, April 9, 2019, through Friday, April 12, 2019, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Free, and open to the public.

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