

# Glossary

Blindanker	An anchor recessed into the wall, and rendered over.
Burgerij	Citizens; a rank of people including professionals, shop keepers, manufacturers and craftspeople
Classis	The organizing body of the Dutch Reformed church: the group of elders who have authority to ordain and otherwise regulate the individual congregations. By the 17th century, a four-part regulatory framework was in place: consistory - classis - provincial synod - national synod.
Heren XVII	[College of the] Seventeen Lords - Ruling council of the Dutch East India Company
Heren XIX	[College of the] Nineteen Lords - Ruling council of the Dutch West Indies Company
Luifelanker	An anchor with a projection, possibly for attaching something to.
New Netherland (Nieuw Nederland)	The North American territory of the WIC. It extended up the Hudson river from New York (Nieuw Amsterdam), into Long Island, and New Jersey.
Patroon	Owner or head of a company. In colonial contexts: a manorial landlord.
Sieranker	An anchor with a decorative form.
Stadhouder	Highest position in the Low Country's hierarchy. Literally 'place holder', the term was a literal translation of the French <i>lieutenant</i> , and had originally been the title given to those who stood in place of the Habsburg monarch in distant provinces
Stuiver	Low value coin. Sometimes translated as 'penny'.
VoC	<i>Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie</i> i.e. the 'United East-Indies Company' - usually translated as 'Dutch East-India Company'
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