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November 29, 1999

Dear Titra,

Thank you for your letter of November 20th.

It was very kind of you to send the information about the Baggerman/Hoekstra family history, this is all new information to me.

I have enclosed a new printing of the Hoekstra family as now living in Missouri. Some of these members would I believe be the grandchildren or great grand children of my grandmother's brother. He was Ben Hoekstra. He owned an extensive farm in Gumbo, Missouri. His children were Louis, Eugene, Lillie and Sadie. The only male heirs would have been the children of Louis. The land was fertile Missouri River bottom land. My father would take me there to hunt for ducks.

If there is a charge for the publications, I will be glad to pay for them,

Best regards,

VERY GOOD INFO
ON FAMILY
ATTACHED

COPY

Nov. 10, 1999.

Calgary AB

Dear William,

Your second letter arrived, but it had been ^{probably} in rainwater - it was in too bad a condition to get something out of it.

Enclosed please find a copy of the letters written to your great-uncle and aunt Henry + Fredericke VanHock. Also a list of the descendants, as far as I have found.

Please send additional information, also about the other branches of the family.

About lists of Hockstra's: I have those of the CD Rom discs of 1996 tel. directories. They are available at the Family History Center of the Mormon Church. But there are so many with that surname. Also the gap in time of over 100 years is too great to make contacting any of them much more than guesswork. However, I may try to phone a few based on location in Illinois. The big question is, whether anybody is really interested (outside me).

The father of your great-grandmother Fitts Wassenear
was an unusually capable man, and I was curious for
any evidence ^{of the same} amongst her descendants.

Computers: I use my son Jacob's computer, but I am
not familiar with e-mail or internet. I think
I should learn how to do that too sometime!

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely, Jitia Piera.

P.S. Did not your father and your grandmother
keep contact with brothers and sisters / cousins?
Or did correspondence and addresses get lost?
J.
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September 23, 1999

Dear Titia,

I was glad to receive your telephone call, and was most interested in the family history information that you gave.

The photograph enclosed is that of my grandmother, Nellie (nee Hoekstra) Baggerman. She was born in Leewarden .

The picture above is of myself and my wife Jane.

After speaking to you I used my computer to call up the name Hoekstra. Just under "A" and "B" there were 20 names in the US. Considering the large number of names I did not attempt a print out of all the names. Could do a complete print out if you are interested.

I will go over my family records and send you information under Hoekstra and Baggerman.

Best Regards,

Family of Reinder Jans Hoekstra:

Reinder Jans Hoekstra, baker in Berlikum, born in Marrum Dec. 18, 1789, died in Deinum May 27, 1873. Son of Jan Reinders Hoekstra, baker, and Ynske Piebes.

Married in Berlikum May 10, 1812 with:

Richtje Cornelis van Postma, farmer, born in Berlikum Mar. 20, 1791, died in Leeuwarden Nov. 4, 1865, daughter of Cornelis Jans van Postma, baker, and Sjoerdje Thomas de Groot.

Children:

Sjoerdtje 1813-1814;

Sjoerdtje born Dec. 30, 1814. Married with Nanne Jans Kuperus;

Ienske, born Nov. 10, 1816, died Jan. 17, 1874. Married first with Gerben Sipkes Olivier, later with Jelte van Temmen;

Kornelis born July 6, 1820

Tietje born Nov. 29 1821, died in Leeuwarden Jan 16, 1900 Married to Hieltje Gales Hoekstra;

Jan born Aug. 8, 1823, died March 13, 1870 in the USA;

Maaïke born May 30, 1833, died April 21, 1835.

Jitske Bentes Wassenaar was nu. 4 out of 12 children.

Her father was Bente Willems Wassenaar, married May 11, 1820 with Jetske Sijbes Sijbesma, born Jan. 11, 1798, died Nov. 2, 1830

Jitske was born Nov. 2, 1828 in Vrouwenparochie, she married Jan Reinders Hoekstra May 16, 1849 in Menaldumadeel.



farmer
+ alderman

Father of
Jitske B.
Wassenaar

Bente Willems Wassenaar, 1795—1880, XII. 1253, landbouwer en wethouder, bestuurslid van diverse organisaties, vooruitstrevende persoonlijkheid, één der eerste leden van de vrijdenkersvereniging „de Dageraad” progressive personality. one of the first members of the free thinkers movement.



farmer
alderman

Willem Bentes Wassenaar, 1840—1897, XIII. 1567, landbouwer te St. Jacobiparochie, Dijkgraaf van Het Bildt, gemeenteraadslid en wethouder aldaar



← 2 half brothers
of Jitske Bentes Wassenaar.



farmer, Co فرمان of the agric. corp of Franeker,

Tjerk Bentes Wassenaar, 1845—1930, XIII. 1570, landbouwer, mede-op- board member of richter van de Franeker landbouw- or any institutions coöperatie in 1897, bestuurslid van and organizations vele instellingen en organisaties

H lidmaten. In Juni 1847 met attestatie van Finkum naar Stiens.

D GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, landbouwer in Finkum en daarna rentenier in Stiens, geboren in Jelsum 9 febr 1785 en overleden in Stiens 17 mei 1866, zoon van Gaele Klazes Hoekstra en Pietje Jans van der Mey (1423-113), trouwt in Stiens 9 aug 1815 SJIEUWKE HIJLTJES KUPERUS, weduwe van zijn broer Jan (zie B), geboren in Huins 20 dec 1775 en overleden in Stiens 7 maart 1853, dochter van Hijltje Sippes Kuperus en Appelonia Jacobs. Twee kinderen: D1-D2.

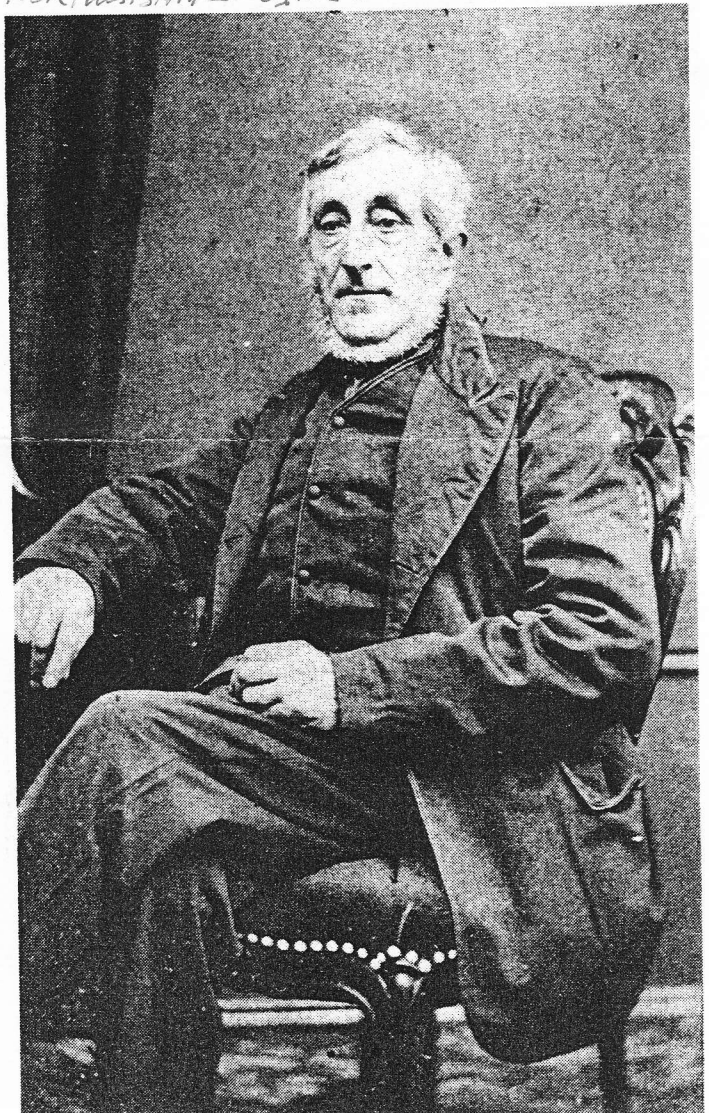
Om dit huwelijk te voltrekken is door wederzijdse ouders een verzoek uitgegaan naar de Koning om dispensatie van artikel 162 van het Burgerlijk Wetboek te verkrijgen, hetwelk is verleend bij Koninklijk Besluit van 30 juni 1815, no. 25.

Kinderen van
Gaele Gaeles Hoekstra en Sjieuwke Hijltjes Kuperus (D).

D1 HIJLTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA (zie ook B4A), landbouwer in Finkum en daar geboren 4 aug 1816 en overleden in Finkum 17 maart 1891, trouwt in Leeuwarden 8 mei 1845 TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Berlikum 29 nov 1821 en overleden in Leeuwarden 16 jan 1900, dochter van Reinder Jans Hoekstra, bakker en landbouwer, en Richtje Cornelis Postma. Vier kinderen: D11-D12-D13-D14.

SISTER OF JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA.

HER HUSBAND HIJLTJE WROTE THE LETTERS.



So far I have been very lucky, finding three members of two branches. It also gave a better insight into their reasons for leaving Friesland.

The following letters appeared in the Jelsumer Hoekstra's News from the Family Circle from Nov. 1987 on until Nov. 1997, with a follow-up in April and Nov 1999, with the following introduction:

"Some time ago we received a number of interesting papers from the family H.K. Rijnks in Paterswolde for use in our family book. Two copies of letters sent by REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA to his son JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA were included in this. The correspondence was continued by his son-in-law Hijtje Gaeles Hoekstra of Finkum. We thought that these might be of interest to our readers and therefore asked to Rijnks family for permission to print these in our Family Magazine."

The first one is following Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of November 21, 1987 - Letter #1::

Dear Son Jan R. Hoekstra!

Leeuwarden, June 7, 1867.

I have not responded to your request to write you by return mail. This was not with the intention of showing a lack of interest. The opposite is true, but things are sometimes getting delayed in one's old age. You also asked me as well as your father-in-law for a transfer of money, so you can start a business there. Having heard for your father-in-law, that he was not inclined to do so, I now too have to inform you, that I cannot support you wish. The reason therefore is, that the capital/ my assets would not be sufficient to send you more, a fact which you will be able to clearly deduct yourself from the Inventory. Otherwise I would shortchange the other children too much, which is absolutely impossible in the view of my religious convictions. I hope you will not be offended by me, and thus I thought that my writing could be delayed somewhat.

Furthermore I thought to know that the death of Jan N. Kuperus on March 1, 1867 was written to you by your father-in-law. His widow was delivered of a daughter on April 14, 1867, given the name of Janna. That this was a very heavy loss for the widow and very sad for his parents and me as grandfather, you will feel deeply with us.

That your daughter Richtje was married on March 2, 1867, so to see, as you were writing, with a very good young man, has me delighted greatly, and I am wishing them every blessing in their married life.

Kornelis N. Kuperus was married on May 16, 1867 with Neeltje Jakobs Koopmans from Beetgum and they are living at the house at Nanne's, because they don't yet have a farm. Farms are very high in rent.

Everything is alright with Nanne and Sjoerdje, as well as their children. Two daughters of Hieltje and Tietje were married on May 9, 1867; Sjieuwke with Doede Johannes Span of Britsum; they are living on a farm at the end of the Stiensers Canal at the Dokkumer Ee river. Richtje with Jakob Minnes Andringa of Cornjum; they are living on a farm belonging to heirs of Andringa, where Watze Brems was living. Brems has left for Tjummarum for the farm of R. de Beer, who has passed away. Hieltje and Tietje and the other children are also doing well, and presently in good health. Hieltje's father Gale G. Hoekstra died May 17, 1866, something you might not know yet.

Jelte and Ynsche and Nanne's children are also fine, although IJnsche has from time to time problems with rheumatism. I myself am in pretty good condition and health, but my walk is deteriorating continuously, so that I don't trust myself any more by myself. The loss of mother makes me feel quite down hearted in my old day. My last sister Dirkje J. Hoekstra died May 27, 1867 at the home of Sjoerd and Janke in Berlikum. She was totally blind in the end.

Otherwise business is going much the same as before. The railroad is creating quite a bit of activity. All cattle markets, that is to say the cattle markets in Friesland have been suspended in precaution of the cattle typhus, which is not in this province at the moment, but of which there were 2 or 3 cases last year. In Holland and Utrecht all animals are being killed on farms with the disease, as well as those which are thought to have been contaminated with the disease. We had here almost no winter at all, but very much rain, so that the water was exceptionally high, and as a result much land was flooded. The spring was very cold and chilly, so that it looked like a poor growth. There is some recovery, but there will not be much hay in lots of places. The flax was mainly sown in land too cold and too wet, or too late for expecting a good crop. The potatoes were too wet and suffered from frost. The other crops are doing fairly well. The cows are very expensive here, but because there are no markets, one does not exactly know. Everything is pretty quiet. One is looking forward to the reopening of the markets. I don't know what else to write you.

Expecting that my letter may find you in good health is the sincere wish of me, and your brother-in-law and sister. (Apparently the father Reinder Hoekstra, born in 1789, 77 years old, was living with daughter

LETTERS TO A FRISIAN EMIGRANT 1865 - 1890

It was during a family reunion in Friesland in 1978, that a group of Hoekstra's decided to find out more about their family as well as their ancestors. It turned out that their Hoekstra ancestors had lived from about 1660 on in Jelsum 2 miles north of the capital city of Leeuwarden in the province of Friesland, and were prosperous and prominent farmers there during the 18th century. The committee then decided to identify themselves from other Hoekstra's as Jelsumer Hoekstra's.

The family tree was worked out from a (Jelsumer) Hoekstra born in 1711.

Their book was printed in 1990, but has been sold out.

It is possible that other Hoekstra families are related to them through one of several descendants in the 17th century. However, so far nothing more has been established than a likelihood.

Church and Court Records of the 17th century have often been lost and are very incomplete.

The Jelsumer Hoekstra's were of Mennonite origin, as so many people in Friesland shortly after the Reformation. There are hardly any Mennonite records of before 1700. Moreover, their adult baptism upon confession of faith gave no other record than the name of the believer.

The Reformed Church became the state church in 1580. At the infant baptism in the Reformed Church the name of the child and that of the father was given as well as the approximate date of birth.

The name Hoekstra could point towards a location at a corner (corner=hoek); it might be taken from the man's name Hoeke; but it might also have been taken from the village Hoek, which was one of the three villages incorporated into the city of Leeuwarden. There was a Hoekster or Hoekstra Gate at the north east side of Leeuwarden in the 16th century. In 1811, during the time of the French occupation of The Netherlands by Napoleon, everybody had to take on a surname. The name Hoekstra was registered more than 300 times in Friesland. Sometimes families took on names that had been in the family a long time ago, as was the case with Jan Reinders Hoekstra's grandfather.

The question often asked about my relationship to the Hoekstra's:

Yes I have Jelsumer Hoekstra's in my ancestors when I am going back to about 1640. I am also related to all the descendants of their family tree, because the wife of their forefather, the one born in 1711, was married to a sister of one of my foremothers.

Yes, I am related to Jan Reinders Hoekstra and Jitske Bintes Wassenaar, who left for America in 1865. On his side through the De Groot ancestors; my great-great-grandmother was a De Groot of the same family. On her side through the Wassenaar's: another great-great-grandmother was a Wassenaar, but the two branches come only together in about 1600.

How I made contact with the Jelsumer Hoekstra's: in Feb. 1983 I gave my (late) husband a subscription to a Dutch-Canadian-American magazine, and in the second issue we received, the Jelsumer Hoekstra's had placed an ad trying to find a lost descendant. I was born and raised in Cornjum, one mile north of Jelsum and I knew of the Hoekstra family because of relationship through marriage. From about 1941 on with great lapses I researched my own ancestors and also others. When in The Netherlands in Nov. 1983 I contacted the chairman of the Jelsumer Hoekstra's, Reinder Matthijs Hoekstra, and offered to find the descendants with whom the contact had been lost. Most but not all were found - I was unable to locate the offspring of Sijbe Reinders Hoekstra, who left The Netherlands in 1881. The ones I found, were almost all unable to understand Dutch, so I started translating the Jelsumer Hoekstra magazine.

A Jelsumer Hoekstra, Hieltje Gaeles Hoekstra was married on May 8, 1845 with Tietje Reinders Hoekstra, one of your Hoekstra family. It was her younger brother Jan, who left for America in 1865. Copies of two letters of Tietje and Jan's father, Reinder Jans Hoekstra, to his son Jan, ended up with Hieltje and Tietje, after their father was unable to continue. Hieltje was one of a number of family members, who continued the correspondence, but he also kept copies of his letters. They gave the impression of a close-knit family.

It was because of the translation and therefore a close examination of those letters, telling of the sorrow and hardship the family of Jan Hoekstra and Jitske Wassenaar had experienced, through lack of money, the loss of the parents, two husbands, and at least three children during the first 15 years, that I was wondering and liked to know, what had become of them and their descendants.

Sjoerdije and her husband Nanne Jans Kuperus, in Leeuwarden. Later they moved to Deinum, about 3 miles west of Leeuwarden. T.P.)

To: Jan Reinders Hoekstra in Saint Louis or Elsewhere
In North America.

Sent upon request to your son-in-law Hendrik van Hoek.

With friendly greetings of the you
loving father Reinder J. Hoekstra

Please write the address clearly.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of July 21, 1988. Letter #2:

Honored Son Jan R. Hoekstra!

Leeuwarden, Sept. 6, 1867

I received the letter from you, of July 21, 1867, in reasonable good health. I understand from it that you have received my letter of June 7, 1867. You asked again for money, so that you and your family can build a better life. I am convinced that you write me this with good intentions and favorable prospects, even though I told you in my last letter, if I remember correctly, that I am not going to involve myself in financial transactions. I would then have to negotiate for you again, since I have in my opinion already too many debts, more than I should take upon me and still be able to lead a reasonable life in my old age. You know that I do not receive any interest on my loaned money, but I do have to pay on what I owe. So I am telling you again, that I cannot comply with your request. I have also talked about this with your brothers-in-law, who at any rate need their money very urgently in connection with the marriages of their children. Especially now that (this serves also as an announcement to you) Sijtske, the daughter of Nanne and Sjoerdije, is the bride of Auke, a son of Kornelis Aukes Dijkstra of Nieuwe Bildt Zijl. They are also bidding for a farm, which again involves Nanne financially.

While happy about your good health of you and your family (except Reinder and Jitske at this time) and of (Henry) Van Hoek and Richtje. I sadly remember the death of your highly regarded wife Jitske. I realize quite clearly how much she may be missed by you with regard to your children. I cannot advise you with your household and the education of your children, since I am completely unfamiliar with the situation in your country, but if you teach them as much as possible in all moral virtues you will reap the best fruits, when your hair turns gray.

I don't know anything to tell you in particular. It has been going very well this summer in the agriculture, crops as well as dairy. There is enough hay and of good quality, and the crops have been giving in general a pretty good yield. The cattle are presently in good health. The lung disease is taking few victims. Cattle breeding keeps on being strongly promoted, because the cattle prices are still very high. Butter and cheese make a good price, so the rent of the farms is not going down.

There has been a factory built for coarse paper production in Leeuwarden near the railroad and the garbage dump. People expect a new grain bourse (exchange building) to be located in the Ruiterskwartier area beside the large middle class citizens high school which was built in 1866 and 1867 across from the cattle market. The construction of gravel roads is energetically being continued, as well as the railroad to Zwolle. One does not hear much of extraordinary diseases here, but cholera is rampant in Rotterdam and Delft. All is well in our family with the children and grandchildren as far as I know at this moment. To you and your children the kindest regards from all of them. I can't think of any more news, than that my strength sometimes seems to be diminishing.

From your loving Father, with kind greetings,

Reinder J. Hoekstra.

To Jan Reinders Hoekstra, Saint Louis or elsewhere in North America.

Upon request sent to Henry van Hoek, S.E. corner of Lafayette and Eighth Str, Saint Louis MO, North America.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of December 9, 1988. - Letter #3:

Honored Brother-in-Law Jan R. Hoekstra

Finkum, Nov. 20, 1868

Your letter of Sept. 14, 1868 was received by Father in very good health. We learned from it, that from time to time you have problems, and that you have to take good care of your self. We understand, that your children are doing very well, which enjoys us greatly. The letter sent by you to Mr. Warmolts, was read by Father, but he has not seen yet the one sent to J. van Temmen. This has surprised him, since according to your letter you had requested that.

You liked to have a letter soon in reply according to your letter about the health of the family, and about a transfer of money for the purchase of cows and running a dairy and milk farm. Father is not intending to send you any money, the reason of which has been stated clearly in his earlier letters, especially because of his guarantee of your borrowing f540.- with the interest of same, which he has a paid recently again to the lawyer Mr. C. Wiersma, which you can find on the Inventory. We also think, that the sum of f.500.-, which you are asking, is extremely low, for not only buying cows, but also renting meadows, and obtaining necessary feed, machinery, etc.. Maybe it is possible at yours to get a suitable dwelling for such an enterprise, but that would probably be costly too, since the return of the cows is so very high. Keeping the children with you, might be according to us turn out be disappointing. It might be better for them to be with/working for good and reasonable people, and not totally being deprived from school education.

As far as the health of the family is concerned we have had a good summer, as far as I know. Auke Kornelis Dijkstra and Sijtske N. Kuperus were married May 20, 1868 and they are having very small holding in Oudebildtzijsl (They are probably using some land, maybe 7 acres, a cow, some produce; working mostly for somebody else, T.P.). Neeltje, the wife of Korn. N. Kuperus had a daughter Trijntje on March 8, 1868. Sjieuwke, the wife of Doede Span had a daughter Tietje Mar. 24, 1868. Maaïke, wife of Meinte Greben had a son Jan Apr. 3, 1868. After sending you the earlier letter of Sept. 6, 1867 Wicke, the wife of Reinder N. Kuperus had a son Nanne, and now, on Nov. 14, they had another son, who will be called Jan.

Geertje J. Kuperus, the wife of Keimpe Terpstra, whom you knew well, has died in Marssum after a short violent illness on Sept. 8, 1867.

Father, as you may have been wondering already, is losing more and more of his memory. He is sitting now in a corner of his little room without making walks in the city any more; he is incapable of making them without guidance of another person because of his dizziness.

There is not really any special news. Everything is much the same as before. It was here also very warm and dry, so that almost all ditches were dried out. The hay harvest was of good quality, but not enough. There was far too little grass because of the dryness, so that a few farmers were forced to put their cattle in the milk shed or to provide them with additional feed. The harvest of the crops was by and large successful. The chicory roots are expensive. They are costing at the average f.21.- per 1,000 HL (=1 cubic meter). The potato crop was good, but the later ones were of poor quality because of growth of the foliage. From June 14 to 15, 1868 six prisoners of very serious crimes had fled the jail in a secret way, but on the 18th the last one was already caught again, whereby one of them lost his life. Again 5 fled in the night of Oct. 24 to 25, 1868, 2 of whom had belonged to the earlier group. The last one was back behind bars on Oct. 28. This has caused a fair amount of reaction in the province.

Since there is no other news, we are wishing you and your children the well-meant blessing. May you all be greeted in the most cordial way, and also greeting to your daughter and H. van Hoek.

Your brother-in-law Hieltje G. Hoekstra.

To Jan R. Hoekstra at
Vinece Madison Conti Illinois
Noord Amerika

N.B. Zwaantje had very early this morning a baby
daughter. Both doing well

(Please note the address: Venice, Madison County IL, located just east of St Louis MO. This indicates the first more permanent address of the family, known so far. T.P.)

Jelsumer Hoekstra Magazine of July 28, 1989 - Letter #4:

Esteemed Nephew H. van Hoek and wife,

Finkum, July 10, 1874

The discharge papers sent to you by us for your approval and satisfaction, regarding the safe reception of your share of the inheritance from our very honored Parents, have been sent by you on May 10, 1874 and received by me and also Reinder Kuperus on May 31, 1874. (Reinder Hoekstra had died May 27, 1873.) The picture of the bridge over the Mississippi was damaged somewhat, but I had it framed, so as to keep a good memory of it, because I have quite a bit of interest in it.

The debentures of your late parents were left here by mistake. We only remembered about them, after the other documents had been sent. But for the sake of the completion of a good business I am sending them to you, so that you yourself can destroy them, thus avoiding that they would fall in strange/wrong hands. I

am really happy, that this business so far has been completed successfully. Rest is sweet, when the job has been finished. If we had waited a bit in the beginning, we might have run into a long delay through the death of Ynske, the wife of J. van Temmen. The fact, that you have treated the division fair and square, was greatly appreciated by us. One cannot be careful enough in these matters.

As far as the family here is concerned, we all are fairly healthy, at least as far as I know. Health has to be regarded as the greatest treasure.. The family of the widow of N. Kuperus has increased in the meantime. Sijtske has given up the business of farming after the death of A. Dijkstra, and has moved with her children in with her mother (Sjoerdije Reinders Hoekstra, widow since Aug. 3, 1872 of Nanne Jans Kuperus).

J. van Temmen has rented out the bakery, and has moved to another house. Our daughter Pietje, who married on May 1, 1873, was delivered of a son Hijltje on Jan. 30, 1874. Everything well. The other daughter, widow of J. Andringa, is married again, to Reinder E. Tilma on April 30, 1874. Sjieuwke and husband and children, as well as our unmarried daughter are all doing well. Greetings from all of us.

We noted that Reinder is now of age, and that Jitske got married.

Even though we cannot see each other in person, and this also probably will never happen, I am sending you a portrait of my wife and me with our youngest daughter Sjoerdije as keepsake. Indeed we often are enjoying ourselves with a close look of you and your family and that of Baggerman and his wife. This way we have a good idea of you and Baggerman. The children known to us are distinct enough for easy recognition. We would appreciate to receive also a picture of the new nephew Ikram Alonzo Sippy and his wife at their convenience, so we can get familiar with his personal looks in this way. So far we did not write Baggerman and his wife. Please give them our sincere greetings. Ikram Sippy will not be able to write himself, because he will not be able to write in the Low German language without your help. (The language was in 1874 still known as "Nederduitsch", the translation of this is: Low German. This term is since long not any more in use. The language of The Netherlands is officially known as Dutch. T.P.) We wish then her and the choice she has made, blessing and prosperity, and a happy life together. Thereto we send you our well meant congratulations and heartfelt greetings, as well as to Reinder and the other children.

Esteemed Van Hoek, I understand very well, that the business at yours, especially as far as construction is concerned, is making good progress. But good friend, if you had been familiar with Leeuwarden and had not seen it for 10 to 12 years, I guarantee you that you would look with surprise at the large amount of construction, the beautiful colossal houses and the expansion of the city. Leeuwarden has also been provided with a new location for the cattle market, which, so I heard, can contain 7,000 animals of different kinds. It was opened for its destination on April 17, 1874. There is a great demand in all the daily newspapers for carpenters, smiths, painters and other workmen for good pay. The harvest is promising to be good, considering the cold spring and the many night frosts we had. The cattle are expensive, especially the best horses, which are bought up for export.

I hope this is enough for this time, and I would like to keep up our correspondence. In case you move, let me know then your exact new address, so that no letters will get lost. Also your wife Richtje, who probably knows the most about Friesland, will be interested in keeping contact by mail. The paper is full. We are your loving and interested relatives, and from all of us cordial greetings.

To Henry van Hoek
Nu, 1309 Madison Str
Saint Louis MO
North America

Your Uncle and Aunt
Hieltje G Hoekstra
Tietje R Hoekstra

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of July 12, 1990 - Letter #5:

Dear Friend and family,

June 11, 1875

Your letter of Dec. 28, 1874 found us in good health. I have waited on purpose with writing you, because there might happening something in the families, that I would want to tell you. That was indeed the case. Our daughter Richtje, now the wife of Reinder Tilma, has been delivered of a still born daughter on March 31, 1875, much to our sorrow. It is so natural to have high hopes. Everything is alright with Richtje. Kornelis N. Kuperus and Neeltje lost a child named Jakob on April 28; he was 31 weeks old. We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary on May 8 in the family circle, with just the children and the grandchildren.

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We did not have too much winter in 1875, but many have enjoyed themselves and gone skating. If your wife had been here, her skates would not have remained in the attic. Colds and flu have been an everyday occurrence here this spring amongst the people. This can be attributed more than anything else to the cold, damp and chilly spring. It has been cold and very dry until now, so there is fairly generally a shortage of drinking water. The farmers are starting to get worried about a poor hay crop and some seeded fields that are suffering from the drought. Therefore there is not enough feed for the cattle and the prices of the cattle have been declining quite a bit already. The horses are fairly expensive here; grains are demanding only an average price. The wheat price is not high; this may be possibly the result of the import of corn. Canary seed has gone up to an unbelievably high price of f.60.-/4 bushels (100 liters). It has been rumored to be caused by export to America as seed. Whether I believe that I will leave open to question. We are very happy to hear that Reinder is successful in the work that he has started. But moving from one state to another, I can't say much about that, but I wonder whether that would be advisable. It is pretty difficult to predict the outcome. Shoemaker, keep yourself at your own work. This saying is not entirely inappropriate.

I should tell you, that Korn. Kuperus has been unwell quite a bit in the early spring. This can be seen as having been caused by congestion.

We are absolutely sure that your wife and her brothers and sisters would love to see us and speak with us. We from our side would honestly and with sincere heart feel so too. But the terribly high cost, the little children and the big ocean probably would outweigh the pleasure. But if you could, we would receive you with love. Dear Van Hoek, as my plans are now, I will never come to America. The big ocean and lack of knowledge of the language are the greatest stumbling blocks.

The news regarding your brother-in-law H. Sippy is to be regretted, and good advice is in these cases usually not accepted. We have not heard from your brother-in-law Baggerman. He probably might not know what to write us. He is moving away too; may he do financially well with it. You can send me the addresses later and be assured that I have the intention, as you will probably too, to keep exchanging letters by taking turns and when there is news.

The relatives here as far as I know are all doing well. This is the case with us and the children too. Since I can't think of any other important news I am going to wait for your letter and then I will write you again. With the greatest respect and affectionate friendly greeting we are calling ourselves,

To Henry van Hoek
1309 Madison Str.
Saint Louis MO
North America.

Your uncle and aunt,
Hieltje G. Hoekstra and
Tietje R. Hoekstra.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Nov. 28, 1990 - Letter #6:

Dear Friend and Family and further relatives,

Finkum, June 30, 1876

We received your letter of Jan. 11, 1876 on the 26th following. While we were glad about the good news of the health of you and yours, we were deeply shocked on Feb. 10 by your letter of Jan. 23, 1876 with the news of the sudden loss of two of your dearly beloved children (or: loss of your two dearly beloved children) We share in your sorrow, but it is as you say: the Father who has given them to you, has taken back without asking and as we all certainly believe with His best intention; that we then may not waver in our faith.

I have fulfilled all your requests regarding the widow of N. Kuperus. I hope, that you will not hold it against me, that I have waited so long with writing, because it was not that I was busy. But I fully expect, that my brother-in-law Jelte van Temmen has written you that his son Gerrit has passed away on March 17, 1876 at the age of 17 years and 5 months, and that he has mentioned our well-being at the time, even though I have not discussed this with him.

It is now just over one year that I wrote you last, but I still don't have any special news to tell, because I am staying more and more at home. We have had an average winter. After New Year there were quite a few prizes won in skating competitions. I and the wife skated as far as Wijns and back (about 8 miles in total T.P.), which was quite enjoyable. The spring was cold and dry, and we kept on having frost at night for a long time, so that a few kinds of plants suffered from it. The rain later brought quite a good recovery, and we had a good crop of hay. The grains are not filling so well and flax will be average at best. We feel sorry for the wife of H. Sippy. Things like that are happening so often as well as where you are as here and

they are the case of miserable endings. The family of widow Kuperus is still the same. We ourselves, the children and he grandchildren are all doing well. My brother Jan Hoekstra in St Annaparochie has lost his wife Beeuwkje on June 22, 1876. Maybe your wife and the others in her family remember her. However, this might not be the case.

The measles have been going around all spring, then here and then there amongst the children, and death with his scythe has cut down more than a few. The other common illnesses are not a threat at the moment. Your grandfather B. Wassenaar seems to keep remarkably well, as I notice him regularly at the weekly cattle market in Leeuwarden.

I am closing my letter with this. I hope you will write me back in due time. Also how Baggerman and family are doing.

Reinder should be happy that he has returned soon. I am wishing him happiness and prosperity too as well as you and yours all your brothers and sisters.

May you all receive our warm greetings. On behalf of the children and my spouse, I am calling myself your dedicated Uncle H G H.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Dec. 30, 1991 - Letter #7:

Greatly honored Friend and family and further relationship,

Finkum, August 4, 1877

My last letter to you has been on June 30, 1876. Indeed I had expected at the beginning of this year to receive acknowledgment, since I had not received anything since your letter of 1876, but circumstances could have prevented this. It also could have been lost in a storm. But it began to bother us and so it seemed best to us to write you once again.

It is not that we have a lot of news here, but to inform you of our health and hopefully to hear about yours.

On Sept. 2, 1877 Agnietje van Temmen and Pier Molenaar were married and on Feb. 7, 1877 Agnietje was delivered of a son. You probably have received this news from J. van Temmen. On Jan. 8, 1877 Samuel Schuiling took his own life by means of cutting his throat. Your wife possibly knew this man well. We have had a dry summer here, but after August it started to rain and we had a lot of water since. It was not very cold, except during Christmas and Boxing Day, when we had a severe frost, followed immediately by a thaw. On Jan. 1, 1877 we had a fairly hard storm, but on the 30th following such a heavy storm, that about every house and other building was damaged. Indeed several roofs collapsed entirely or partially and here and there trees were blown over. Also our sea-dike suffered a great amount of damage and many ships at sea perished entirely or partially, so that rather many people have lost their lives. We have been keeping a high water level, so that, because the surplus of water, the seeding does not indicate to have been completed very early. Our newspapers reported storms in North America too, but of a later date. The presence of diseases amongst people in our province has been very good so far; amongst cattle the situation is not too bad, but there are threats from abroad, as for example from East Friesland in NW Germany, and elsewhere.

Our family's health is quite good, except that my wife suffers from time to time of headaches, so that she has to stay in bed for one or two days. Also our children and grandchildren are in good health. Further all is well with your aunt, the widow Kuperus, and at Jelte van Temmen's everything is fine too, as far as we presently know. Except that Agnietje's husband Pier has a problem with his one arm, mainly in the shoulder joint, and weakening, so that he is not able to work any more. He has gone to a doctor, who is practising in Amsterdam. One fears for developments changing the outlook of his disease.

Worthy van Hoek and wife, give our friendly greetings to the further family. It is to be hoped, that we may receive better news about your brother-in-law Sippy when you write us. Also we expect a reply from you at your earliest convenience; we are anxious.

Hijltje G. Hoekstra

P.S. J. van Temmen has died.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Sept. 21, 1992 - Letter #8:

Highly honored Nephew and further family!

Finkum, March 29, 1878

On March 20 I received your letter, which made us happy, because we expected to find much good news in it for us. But what a disappointment, what an awareness, after I had read only three lines of your letter. Jan Baggerman is dead. Oh, what a shock. The letter dropped almost out of my hands. I can read your writing

very well, but this made me stumble. I put the letter aside, and after recovering for an hour, and quieted down, I read it again. Dear Van Hoek, how often did I not look through the newspapers in order to find out whether the Boat de Calland had safely completed the voyage, because there was great fear for the persistent storms. When one was able to get that happy message, one thought that all danger was passed, but alas, not so. Then this last tidings for you all came. But it is the hardest for Neeltje, after a time of such high promises of seeing each other again. It is difficult for us too, after having waited for good news, having to experience these tidings of mourning. We are sharing in our hearts with you all in the sadness. I have informed my children right away of it, who all are mourning with you and wanting to extend their condolences to all of you and especially to Neeltje.

Regarding the presents taken along by Baggerman I can tell you the following: the Gold Broach with hair work was for your wife Richtje. It had belonged to your Grandmother Richtje. The Gold earring with white stones were for Neeltje, because Baggerman had said to us, that she would like to have some earrings, when he returned. The Gold ring with inlaid stones and the wallet with the Gold Lock were for Jitske and Maaïke, to be divided according to their own agreement.

The large portrait is of Sjoerdje, our youngest daughter, and the little boy is a grandchild of ours, also a Hiltje G. Hoekstra. Baggerman took a lot of pleasure in him, since his playing was pretty close to that of his little Willem according to him. These two portraits Neeltje can keep.

All the above mentioned objects are from your uncle and aunt Hiltje G. Hoekstra and Tietje R. Hoekstra. My wife thought that now all the daughters had something from her, and Baggerman accepted them in sincere thanks in name of the intended receivers.

The heavy Gold ring and the wallet with the f2.50 silver coins contained therein were for Reinder and Cornelis. These are from Aunt Kuperus, and they can divide it amongst themselves.

It seems now, according to what I have told you, that Binte did not get anything. However, this is not so. His grandfather Binte Wassenaar has privately given a gold Watch to Baggerman as a present for the little Binte, under to promise of keeping this a secret. Baggerman has told us and also Aunt Kuperus this, and so we thought that Binte certainly did not get less than the others. We certainly can imagine, that Karel Hoffman also has asked you to keep this a secret, because there is no mention by you in your letter of a Watch. But how this may be, I further don't know.

The silver key or pen with holes is not from our side, and thus we do not know about it. The new Gold ring and the 2 pairs of earrings probably were bought by himself; Neither do we know from where he got the money, nor for whom they were intended to be. But we think, that you can get a precise and accurate account of what happened here as well as in Gelderland from his brother Adrianus Baggerman. He has been with Jan and kept him company everywhere in Friesland and Gelderland, as far as I know, and thus he would be familiar with everything.

We were very delighted when we received a letter from Jan Baggerman sent in Gelderland, telling us that he was in The Netherlands, and that he was thinking of also visiting us too. He came here with his brother Adrianus on Dec. 22, 1877. On the 23rd I brought them to (Binte) Wassenaar. The 24th they returned to ours. The 25th we brought them by carriage to Aunt Kuperus. The very same evening they left for Leeuwarden, so that they could leave with the first train the next morning for Gelderland.

So they stayed two nights with us and one with Wassenaar. We had a good, yes, a very good time together. He also has seen all our children and their farms, which he seemed to enjoy and which all seemed very well to him. The time was really too short, but through conversation we became more informed about America than one can do through writing. When you write me back some time, I would like to know, what happened to that Gold Watch.

Please receive our cordial greetings in these sad circumstances. Your loving Uncle, Hiltje G. Hoekstra.
To Henry van Hoek, String town Road, and Oeald Street, Saint Louis MO. North America.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of November 30, 1992 - Letter #9:

Very honored Nephew van Hoek and further family!

Finkum, June 18, 1878

We received your letter of May 27 in good order. Health-wise things are going well here, except for Sjiuwke, our oldest daughter. She has taken medicines all spring and is still doing that. Her nervous attitude and her weak body as well as the cold spring have caused that, but now she is getting a little stronger and more cheerful. We and the other children, also Aunt Kuperus and the children of Van Temmen and Ienske are all doing well.

We are sorry to hear from you, that your sight is deteriorating, but then I suggest that you improve it as much as possible with glasses. I am confident to advise you this.

But regarding Neeltje, I fear to be unable to give any advice to you. I will tell you my concern, that we in Friesland would be unable to get a small farm for them for about f.5,000.-. Buying into a farm is impossible. And leasing is very difficult, because the opportunity appears very seldom, because it is here as well as elsewhere over populated. Moreover the rents are extremely high. I am seeing continuously in my surroundings, that if there is even a small misfortune, the people have to cut it down, or sometimes even give it up entirely.

According to me: Reinder should not try to establish himself as a farmer in Friesland either. You realize, that I am not informed about the other provinces of our Kingdom, nor about the greater part of Friesland. I agree with you, honored Van Hoek, that if Neeltje has a chance to make a living for her family in your Country, either with farming or otherwise, then she should quietly and calmly abandon other or larger plans. It is so risky, to change in enterprise or location; that is the case here, and it probably will be the same elsewhere. And then for them to go to, for what is for them now a foreign land, which they have left as children, but of which they hardly know.

If we had better expectations for Neeltje and also for Reinder, I would give them advice with all goodwill. Before I am going on, I want to tell you, that we have this not discussed with Aunt Kuperus, because we did not have a chance. But we have no doubt, that she will share our opinion. The proposal is important enough to give it considerable thought and to have a well-founded standpoint.

Furthermore we are thanking you, also in name of the others, in all friendliness, as we are delighted to hear, that all presents have gone to their new owners.

I think, Van Hoek, this is enough for now, but I want to tell you, that we are having a cold spring here. Almost no sunny days, but mostly moist and cloudy. As a result the hay harvest, which has been just started, is progressing only slowly.

We don't have high expectations of your thoughts of a personal/pleasure trip to here, but in case you once might decide to it, how much we would be looking forward to it.

I hope I have answered with this to your request of writing back soon, since I was immediately prepared to it. If you would find time for it, please write us once again this summer. One does not have to put it off for lack of transportation.

And now receive our cordial greetings. Greet also all the other family, as soon as you will have an opportunity for it, from us and our children.

Your loving Uncle and Aunt, Hieltje G. Hoekstra.

To: Henry van Hoek, Streng town road and Oeald Street,
Saint Louis, MO - North America.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of December 10, 1993 - Letter #10:

Very honorable Friend Adrianus Baggerman!

Finkum, June 19, 1878.

Your writing I received in the afternoon of June 18. Just that day in the morning I had mailed a letter to N. America to H. van Hoek, in reply to his letter, which I had received on June 11. He was looking forward to an early reply, because Neeltje was seriously thinking about returning to The Netherlands, and he would like to hear my opinion about this. However, this is very difficult for me. I have written Van Hoek, that I would like to give good advice, but that a plan with a capital of about \$2,000.- does not look good. All occupations here are more than filled and land for buying a small farm, the rent is extremely high and everything, at least here at ours in Friesland, is much too expensive. I am not informed about the other provinces in our kingdom, but it probably will not be too different from here. So it seems us for a woman, as Neeltje far too dangerous. How soon can Reinder leave her family and get married. (This in the case, that they would be farming together. T.P.) So I have written to Van Hoek, that she definitely should not make any quick decisions, and only then based on solid grounds. I have given Van Hoek a detailed account upon his request in the letter received March 20 of the presents given to your brother Jan, and told him what was intended for whom according to our wishes. I have added to it, that whatever was extra, came from your side, and you could help him with it, since you as long as your brother was in The Netherlands you had accompanied him everywhere. About the watch, Grandfather Bente had given, I had asked for further explanation, and I know from the last letter, that it had arrived safely.

But as you know, that it was to be kept a secret, so Hoffman has kept it a secret, and since it is supposed to remain a secret, I would ask you to keep silent about it, since we now know that it has arrived in good condition.

As far as our health is concerned, it is fairly good right now. We cannot escape a cold in such a cold and moist spring.

We can keep up our correspondence, if thereto is a reason. In case you are visiting your parents, greet them from us all, and it is our wish, that they may feel strong to bear the heavy disaster, which has hit them in their old age, with acceptance.

May you further be greeted from us all, You and your further family, as soon as you are seeing them.
Your sympathetic friend,
Hieltje Hoekstra.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Sept. 24, 1994 - Letter #11. This letter is addressed to an emeritus minister, who had served in Finkum:

Reverend Sir G. van Troyen!

Finkum, July 4, 1878

It was quite some time ago, that we had learned that for both of you the health left to be desired, the one of your sister being the worst. When Mr. Louwrens and company paid us a visit, that awareness was increased. He brought the greetings from you and yours. Presently we are wondering again, how it is with your health. We have had it a few days so warm, that you can understand, how we are looking for a reply. The health of our family, including children and grandchildren is now progressing according to our wishes. Sjiuwke is pretty good again, but still somewhat weak. Tietje has not suffered from headaches for some time.

For details my writing is not suitable, but as you know and was discussed in your presence to have a second collection bag in favor of funds for the stewards, the church wardens have now decided to do this once a month at the first Sunday of each month, beginning on this July 7.

What kind of results it will have?

The wish, which you left us, that we would be successful with the choice of a New Teacher, has been fulfilled, as well as I can perceive the congregation. I also believe that they will find a good manse in Finkum. We have sold the 4 acres of land to cover the cost of the carpentry, etc, because they were very high in price, and we were unable to find cheaper funds. What the cost of painting of the manse will be, we don't know. The back part is not yet finished, because the new attics are still not nailed down, so the wood can shrink, because it was pretty wet this spring. Riemer has improved quite a bit this spring. Old Tjitske is pretty well the same. We are visiting her so now and then, which she appreciates very much, and maybe it does her good.

Very likely the other news I write you is superfluous, because you have learned it from the newspapers from the other news. I cannot do anything about that. Dirk W. Radersma died in Stiens on May 27, 71 years old. On the 29th of the same month Dieuwke J. Leerling, almost 66 years old.

The final sale of the land owned by Tietje Y. Radersma was on April 13, and bought by Jouke P. Miedema of the so called "Bargekop" along the Finkumer mead road of f.1,257.- per pondemaat (about .9 acre)

Then Rienk B. Rienks died in Finkum on May 15, almost 29 years old. The 18th of the same month the wood mill owned by the Bros. Van Driezum at Schenkeschans near Leeuwarden burned down.

The 23rd Aede van der Woude and Trijntje Brouwer were married; he is almost twice as old as she. On the 24th Neeltje K. de Vries, widow of Thijs R. Rienks passed away. The 29th Renze G. Brolsma of Hijum, 57 years old, and the 6th of June Bontje T. Kramer, also in Hijum. On June 12 in Stiens Antje van der Kuur, better known as Lolke Antje, 66 years old. The 25th on the Lei under the jurisdiction of Finkum a child of Hendrik Gras, 18 weeks old; and on the 26th also there Kornelis Foppes Hoekstra, 66 years old. At the same time Berber Ploegje died at the Lei under Hallum and is buried in Finkum. A few days ago a child of Leendert Stienstra.

Pieter Hoekstra has been let go completely from his church services as to the New Year. His work is no done by Tjitze Sipma. Old Mr. Holwerda has been fairly ill for quite some time, so that he can not do his caretaker's (sexton's) work. On June 29 the inn in Tjummarum, owned by Gosse H. Postma and Antje Arjens Hommema is being sold in the first round of bids. Presently the bid is less than f.5,000.- That is, especially for it, 50% short of its value. It is also regrettable, even more for Antje, since the 5 acres and the farm house had to be sold, eating into the capital and eventually having to face poverty.

Everything in the Congregation is pretty much the same as it was in your presence, and now my paper is full. Be cordially greeted from all of us. Greet Antje also from us.

Your affectionate friend,

Hieltje G. Hoekstra

To the Reverend G. van Troyen, Minister emeritus in Groningen, Fokengastraat.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Nov. 25, 1994 - Letter # 12:

Very Honored Nephew Henry van Hoek and other family over there.

Finkum, April 30, 1880

Your news of Feb. 23, 1880 I received March 10, 1880. Since the letter of May 27, 1878, upon which I wrote you on June 18, 1878, which was the last one from my side, I have received no more from you. Whether one has gone lost, I don't know, but I had expected one earlier. If all is well, then everything is well, and then one often does not know what to write.

We are happy to hear about the increase in your family and things are excellent. We also are interested and we care you all are doing well. Except that Jitske has entered into a same kind of marriage, is sad, and we greatly regret it. But I realize very well, that your advice is countered with stubbornness, which is bringing along its consequences.

May the move of Maaïke and her husband have good results. Neeltje seems upon the advice to stay there, accepted her fate positively, which enjoys us greatly. Since it did not appear to us to be advantageous for her in Europe, we are hoping that it may turn out well in her fate.

And now some news, of which we have to tell you: that our youngest daughter Sjoerdjtje was married with Klaas Bienes Rijns on May 15, 1879, upon which to them a daughter is born on Feb. 26, 1880, named Tietje. They don't yet have too much business of farming, but the health of them and the little one is good. Except that Sjoerdjtje presently has an infected thumb, which is causing her a lot of pain, and is keeping her awake at night. The other children and grandchildren are doing well too. All three grandchildren had scarlet fever last year, which made the rounds quite a bit. They all survived it very well. The little Tietje of D. Span sometimes has something still hurting in her mouth. The Widow Nanne Kuperus' children and grandchildren are doing well, and we are greeting you too in their name. I believe that Sijtske, widow of Auke Dijkstra, last year once or twice has written a letter to Neeltje, widow Baggerman. Apparently to comfort her and about her circumstances, which I consider very caring of a relative.

I did not see anything in your letter of complaints, that your sight was bothering you. We are hoping, that it may go well, and that there is no reason for complaints. We are hearing here fairly often of families, who are leaving for America. I think, that the poor results in agriculture in the last two preceding years, found in all occupations, have been quite a bit of reason for same. This spring was dry, however, so that the seeds and potatoes could be planted in a well prepared soil. Quite a bit of skating took place in the winter, but the ice was poor, and it has cost a number their lives.

In case you feel like it, or in case an unusual family circumstance might happen, then I am expecting to hear from you later this year.

And may you now all be greeted cordially,

Your well meaning Uncle and Aunt, Hieltje G. Hoekstra and spouse.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Sept. 15, 1995 - The copy of this letter is less complete than most of the earlier ones. Letter #13:

Honored Nephew and Niece and further family

Finkum, March 21, 1884

Delighted with your writing of Feb. 6, 1884, we are enjoying us so much the more, hearing that you all are reasonably prosperous. We had not received any news from you for a long time. The last letter I sent you, was, as far as I know of April 30, 1880. This you haven't heard that the little Hiltje of Gale and Pietje suddenly died on May 17, 1880 at the age of a good 6 years, which has caused great sorrow to all of us. They did not have any more children and are now childless.

That Klaas and Sjoerdjtje had a daughter already, will be known to you, and they had later two sons. The oldest of them is now 3 and the youngest 2 and all are growing well and in good health. That Reinder and Cornelis were married, we did know yet, and we are glad to hear that both have been blessed with a son. Also the other family, as well as the widow of Nanne Kuperus and their children are doing well. Sijtske, the widow of A. Dijkstra likes to know, whether you have received the letter she sent you in Dec. 1883. Also whether Neeltje or Bente and Jana have received in 1882 the portraits and a letter from Cornelis Kuperus. They are uncertain whether that was received, since he did not get a reply about it. Please write us again, which we will hope will be in a not so very long time. Your old grandfather Bente Wassenaar was ill about three weeks ago, but I have heard that he is recovering. The winter has been very mild here, no frost at all and also no snow. Spring is looking good and a good begin has been with the field work such as plowing, planting potatoes and seeding beans and other vegetables.. But it does not look good for

the farmers, since the prices are too low. There are still lots of potatoes available and cheap. Not nearly as many people are moving to America as in earlier years, since there are some unfavorable rumors being heard here.

A daughter of the widow J. Kuperius is married with a son of Gerrard van der Meer of Berlikum and they had a daughter this spring. They are living in the Schrans at the southern end of Leeuwarden. Klaas Rijnks and our daughter Sjoerdje have rented a small farm in Bergum, where they are going to in May.

If your wife would come here once again in the district familiar to her, she would discover many changes. Especially in Leeuwarden much is done and beautified. The Eewal and Herewaltje waters are gone, and made into nice streets. Also open areas and beautiful flowers and bushes are being added. The well known New Tower has been sold last week to be torn down, because he was far too slanted and therefore dangerous. They say, that another will be rebuilt there. There is also a railway in the making from Leeuwarden to Stavoren, which can open up that isolated area of Friesland. Agnietje van Temmen is all alone. She had lost her husband and her child and is living no in Koudum.

I hope from my heart, that your sight has improved. Also that you will find time to write us again about one and the other. It does not cost so much. That is our wish.

There are rumors going around here, that Arjen Gelder and Sijske Bentes Wassenaar are going to America. To H. van Hoek and wife, North America.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Nov. 28, 1895 - Letter #14:

Finkum, March 20, 1885

Very honored Nephew and Niece H. van Hoek and spouse, and further relatives there.

With great interest we received news from you dated Feb. 13, and 28, 1885. It enjoys us very much that you all are prospering. In return I can advise you that we too all are in good health, which is much appreciated. Also the children are all well. The health of your mother's side of the family, is as far as I know also good. Of course old Bente Wassenaar is getting very old (born 1795 T.P.), but his mind is, I have heard, still pretty good.

Your letter has also been read by your Aunt Sjoerdje, widow of N. Kuperus, who was very interested in it. Her children and grandchildren are all in good health.

Agnietje van Temmen is married again and is living in Koudum. More than that we don't know. Also Gerrit de Boer and Zwaantje, still in Tjummarm, are doing well. Tjitsche's mind is pretty well the same. We have had a mild winter here, no snow and no extreme storms. Much use has been made of the good ice. Upon inquiring we have heard that A. Gelders and Sijske Wassenaar have left for Grand Rapids, Michigan, North America, Honland St. 25. We don't know any more than that.

Our Crown prince Willem Alexander has passed away this summer (1884), a good 32 years old. It is to be hoped that your chief (president) turns out well. It sometimes, happens, nephew, that what does not look good to us, turns out better than expected.

The products here are too low in price to provide a living in agriculture, more so, since the rents of the farms are often still too high. The farm laborers suffer then of course too. The prices are sliding. A possible reason is that some countries do not allow duty free import. Your American cattle dealers, however, give good prices, but want much information with their purchase. As far as a visit from you is concerned, we believe that you would like that very much. If it came to be realized, we also would be very pleased. Our children reacted very positive and are looking forward to that time. If the ocean between us were only $\frac{1}{4}$ of its real size, the chances would look much better.

The preparations for spring are coming fast, such as digging, plowing, planting of potatoes, etc. The soil is dry here and suitable to be worked. At the weekly market in Leeuwarden I met a school friend of Reinder: Ids Bierma. He is married for the second time, but does not have any children. He would appreciate receiving a letter from Reinder about his conditions. He is living on a farm, formerly used by his father in Oudebildtzijs under Vrouwenparochie. Please tell that Reinder, when you get a chance to do so and greet him from Ids, who has asked me to relay this to him.

The general health of man and cattle in our Province is satisfactory. Receive this in good health, hoping to encourage you herewith to write us, when there is some news. I am thanking you in advance for it.

Greet, when you get a chance all those there who are related to us. Receive our heartfelt and well-meant greetings from your Honorable Uncle and Aunt Hiltje G. Hoekstra and Tietje R. Hoekstra.

To: Henry van Hoek, 4422 Virginia Street, Saint Louis MO

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of Sept. 25, 1996 - Letter # 15:

Very Honored Nephew and Niece, and further relations

Finkum, Feb. 19, 1889

On the 12th of Feb. we received your writing, which was very pleasing to us, because the two of us had talked about you and the further family several times. It saddens us greatly that you have encountered so many disasters with your children. But we are glad, that you yourselves and the other ones are doing well. We are enjoying a reasonably good health, and so are our children and grandchildren.

Klaas Rijns and Sjoerdje are having 5 children, of whom 3 boys and 2 girls. The youngest, a boy, was born Jan. 5 of this year. They are still living in Veenwouden, but that will end in May, since the farm there has gone into an estate because of the death of the owner, and has been divided. A definite destination has not been decided yet. One is getting a little afraid in Friesland of being a farmer, because the income has been year after year only mediocre, and the prices of farms are compared to that much too high. As a result many farms are for sale or for rent.

The other relatives, like the widow N. Kuperus, children and grandchildren are all doing well, as far as we know. The winter has been fairly mild until now with little snow. The grains were light as to content and consequently cheap. Live cattle are getting a normal price.

Our King is suffering and one is fearing the worst.

Honored nephew, you are asking me some information about money owed. I am not familiar with this business of the law, and we are in total agreement with you, that the lenders should have come earlier. But may much is depending on how the loans were written up. If they, for example, are stating, the J.R.

Hoekstra or his heirs, promised to pay the debt after the death of B. Wassenaar, then possibly the children of J.R. Hoekstra are now obliged to pay. If the loan was made out in the form, that J.R. Hoekstra was owing so and so much, then justice may look differently at it and the children of J. Hoekstra would not be able to be forced to pay after such a long time. Thus, Honored Friend, I advise you to request W.B.

Wassenaar to ask an capable lawyer about both Loans or copies of same, how to act in this case, and then abide accordingly.

There is here quite a bit of talk about leaving and continuously families and single persons are leaving.

This spring a few more are intending to go. There also has been talk, that the young Binte W. Wassenaar wanted to move to America, but I am not sure that this is correct. The great push for America probably has its reason for a great part in the fact, that there are not enough jobs to give everybody the opportunity to enjoy a self earned existence; for the more prosperous ones the net income is leaving much to be desired, and there is not yet a prospect of better times in the future.

I am going to stop now, but I am requesting your honorable in a friendly way, not to wait so long with writing, but to repeat it soon. That is the dear wish of your Uncle and Aunt.

With cordial greetings Hijltje G. Hoekstra and Tietje R. Hoekstra.

N.B. Greet also especially the other relatives of us, whenever you are finding the opportunity thereto.

To: Henry van Hoek, Virginia Ave, Saint Louis MO, North America.

Jelsumer Hoekstra's Magazine of March 18, 1997 - The last letter written by Hijltje Gaeles Hoekstra, who passed away in Finkum on March 17, 1991 at the end of a severe winter, which took the lives of several older and elderly persons.

Letter # 16:

Very Honored H. van Hoek and Richtje and other family, with whom you might be in touch.

Since my last letter of last year there is really no news from the family circle, and we, as well as the children and the grandchildren, as well as the widow N. Kuperus have remained reasonably healthy, something one should regard as a great privilege.

Right now there is a lot of flu here just as at your, but it is not life threatening, as long as the ailing person is careful not to go too early outside again. According to the doctors that could have tuberculosis or pneumonia as a consequence, of which there have been examples.

The weather has been very mild, so that we hardly had to use our skates. Also no snow worth mentioning. But the people are looking forward to spring so as to be able to start the outdoors work again, since the flax brake and other indoor jobs are about finished.

The income of the harvest of last year was too small to be able to be called good for the farmers growing crops. Cattle, especially cows are expensive. The milk is going more and more to steam butter factories. The large exposition, of which you were talking, is according to our papers not in St Louis but in Chicago,

but it looks colossal. Even if it were in St Louis, a visit from here would undoubtedly not happen. We wish would be there, but the difficulties would be too great. In the first place the large expenses of the travel and the stay; then the unfamiliarity with the language and finally the large ocean. And there probably would arise many more concerns.

Emigration to America is right now fairly popular. There are a number of families leaving here, mostly of the labor class. Since they cannot find work here, they are hoping, that it will be better at yours, because of the intermittent receipt of good news.

As far as the estate of your grandfather, or rather the question of the creditors of your late father is concerned, the decision was pretty well as I had thought. They were too late with their demands, and I would think, that they should have realized that too.

I should end with this, but I want to ask you: the pull to go to America is so strong here, that many are thinking that there would not be any poverty there, something I doubt. I believe, that as far as food is concerned, there is greater use of bacon and meat there than in this country. But the inner life of many will also leave much to be desired in America, since food and material well-being does not really satisfy the quality of pleasantness/friendly attitude in the human character too well. That is something highly esteemed by me, and everybody will agree with me on that point. The prize makes life light, the burden makes life heavy.

We would dearly love it, if it is no too much of a burden, that you write us once more this summer, because it gives us much pleasure; and the costs are only small.

And now the best wishes from us and our children are going with this letter to all of you.
With heartfelt greetings of your Uncle and Aunt. Hijtje G. Hoekstra and Tietje R. Hoekstra.

To Henry van Hoek, 4422 Virginia Ave, Saint Louis MO, North America.

1865 AMERICAN HOEKSTRA'S 1865

DESCENDANTS of REINDERS HOEKSTRA and JITSKE BENTES WASSENAAR

JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA and his wife JITSKE BENTES WASSENAAR departed from Vrouwenparochie, in the Municipal District of Het Bildt, in the Province of Friesland, The Netherlands in May 1865 for North America. They intended to go to Buffalo, Lancaster County, NY. However,, they went instead to or ended up in or near St Louis MO. Their earliest known home was in Venice IL, about 5 miles north of the bridge from St Louis across the Mississippi.

St Louis was then a very fast growing city. Its population more than doubled from 1865 to 1880, and kept on growing. Its population was 449,000 in 1888, during which year almost 2500 new houses had been built. The cotton growth and business became very important and 1880 10% of all cotton in the USA was traded in St Louis. Corn was a fast developing crop, and in 1880 312,000 tons were exported to Europe. Navigation of the river to the sea was improved, so that ships could come up the Mississippi to St Louis. There were several railroad connections. A bridge built in 1874 as well as a 4,886 feet tunnel connected the two shores of the Mississippi.

Jan/John Hoekstra and his family were interested in taking up dairy farming again, for the products of which there was a great demand in St Louis, MO.

JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA and JITSKE BENTES WASSENAAR had the following descendants:

1 - RICHTJE/FREDERICKA JANS HOEKSTRA, born on June 16, 1850. She married, probably in St Louis MO on March 2, 1867, 16 years old, with:

HENDRIK (HENRY) VAN HOEK, thought to be about 30 years old, carpenter in St Louis MO..

They had at least 2 children, who died in 1875. Another child was born in 1879 or early 1880. (There was a Henry Van Hook, who was born April 15, 1879, and died in St Louis City MO in March 1979, at the age of 99 years. Whether he belonged to this family, is not known.)

The family had more trouble with their children health-wise and probably death, before or in 1889.

Henry and Richtje were living at Osceola and se. corner of Stringtown Rd according to the city directory of 1880. His name was spelled: Henry Von Hoak.

Their address was 4422 Virginia Ave in 1888. (The Stringtown Rd ran from Virginia Ave to Wilmington Rd, later, in 1888 Compton Ave to Bates and Maramoc. The name was changed to Virginia Ave. by 1888.)

Richtje Vanhoek was registered in the 1900 census record as widow of H. Van Hoek. She was living according to the 1900 directory at 4418 Virginia Ave. No children were mentioned in the census.

2 - REINDER/REINDER JOHN JANS HOEKSTRA, born on Nov. 20, 1851; died Aug. 26, 1937, 85 years old. He was a farmer near Alton IL. His name was spelled Rhinehardt in the 1900 census. Reinder was married twice, first to:

N.N., who passed away in the 1890's. They had the following children:

2.1 - Charles, born Jan 26, 1883. He died in Illinois in June 1969, 86 years old. In the 1900 census he was registered by himself as a boarder in the Madison Nameski Twp.;

2.2 - August, born Sept. 25, 1885. He died in Nov. 1965, 80 years old; location not stated;

2.3 - Edward was born Jan. 23, 1887. He died, likely in Wood River Madison IL, in Oct. 1977, 90 years old;

2.4 - Mamie/Mary. She was married with Frank Wachter.

Reinder remarried in about 1898 with:

ANNIE MATHILDA CAMPBELL, born in Feb. 1865 in Ohio. Her first marriage with N.RAGUS left her with 4 children:

Minnie A, born Aug. 1887;

Lawrence, born March 1891;

Ruth P. born Dec. 1893;

Mae L., born Apr. 1896. All were born in Illinois.

Together Reinder and Annie had 4 more children:

2.5 - John R., born June 20, 1899, who died in Bethalto, Fort Russell or Fosterburg, Madison IL in June 1972; he was married with Nellie.

2.6 - Esther, born in Wood River, Kendsel Farm IL. Aug. 10, 1901. She was married on Nov. 2, 1921 with John M. Duvall;

2.7 - Walter Benjamin, born in East Alton, Madison IL Dec.3, 1903, and died in Gerber, Red Bluff CA on Aug. 30, 1951. He was married on March 27, 1927 to:
 Thelma L. Miller, born in Grubville, Jefferson Co. MO Oct. 6, 1905. She died in Kirkwood, St Louis MO June 15, 1983. They had three sons:

2.71 - Walter Thomas, born in St Louis MO May 4, 1930. He was 1/ married in Grubville, Jefferson MO on Aug. 18, 1954 with:
 Geraldine Lorraine Davis (Dereich), born in Grubville, Jefferson County MO on Nov. 10 1929.
 Divorced. Children:

2.711 - Dennis Albert (Dereich), adopted, born in Grubville MO 1950. He was married on Aug. 17, 1968 with Martha.

2.712 - Rhonda Danielle, adopted, born in Grubville MO Dec. 1, 1951, daughter of Albert Dereich and Geraldine Lorraine Davis. She was married in Grandville Aug. 17, 1968 with Greig Bennett Tuck. Child:

2.712.1 - Douglas William, born March 31, 1974.

2.713 - Walter Gene, born in Savannah CA on Nov. 25, 1956 He was married 1/ on Jan.3, 1979 with:
 Karen Warren. Divorced. No children. Walter Gene was married for the 2nd time with:
 Tatsuko Ternya, born Aug. 24, 1953. Children:

2.713.1 - Toshiyuki (Jason) Gene, born Sept. 30, 1981;

2.713.2 - Chiyo Melissa.

2.714 - Bonnie Louise, born in Savannah CA Dec. 4, 1958. She was married with William Neulist.
 Children:

2.714.1 - Jessica Danielle, born Sept. 10, 1975;

2.714.2 - Jamie Nicole, born May 17, 1979.

Walter T. was married 2/ On Oct. 26, 1978 with Gloria Jean Tiller Martin, born in Grubville, Jefferson MO Dec. 9, 1940.

2.72 - James Bruce born in St Louis MO Sept. 12, 1931. He was married with Joanne Marie Filardo, born in Constantine MI on March 15, 1934. Children:

2.721 - David Lee, born in Oakland Aug. 10, 1951. He was married in Anderson Shasta CA on Aug. 23, 1969 with Janette Louise Mancher, born in Pontiac MI March 3, 1951. Children:

2.721.1 - Andrea Rae born in Santa Clara CA July 2, 1970;

2.721.2 - Shane Andrew Lee, born in Redding Shasta Co CA on Mar. 21, 1973

2.721.3 - Melanie April Evonne born in Redding Shasta Co CA on April 15, 1975;

2.721.4 - Amanda Jolene Rae, born in Redding Shasta Co CA on May 20, 1981.

2.722 - Kathleen Ann, born in Redwood City, San Mateo CA on Sept. 15, 1955. Married on Feb. 2, 1974 with Steven Winkler, born in Sebastopol Sonoma CA on March 11, 1953. Children:

2.722.1 - Jessie Joanne, born in Sonoma CA on Oct. 13, 1976

2.722.2 - Jennifer Jodie, born in Sonoma CA on Sept. 23, 1978.

2.723 - Daniel Joseph, born Jan. 21, 1962

2.724 - Kelly Jean, born in Redwood City, San Mateo CA on March 27, 1963. Married Aug. 29, 1981 with Mahlen Clem. Child:

2.724.1 - Megan.

2.73 - Roger John, born Dec.6, 1937. Occupation chemist at Monsanto. He was married on Dec. 22, 1956 with:
 Moneen Elizabeth (Butler) Trudeau, born at Staten Island NY on April 4, 1941. They have 4 children:

2.731 - Andre Bernard, born in Atlanta, on Feb. 24, 1958;

2.732 - Jeanette Marie, born in Panama City on July 4, 1960. Married Sept. 4, 1982 with George Emil Vortruba, born in St Louis MO Sept.14, 1957. Children:

2.732.1 - Mitchel Gregory born in St Louis MO May 22, 1986;

2.732.2 - Tori Elizabeth born in St Louis MO on Oct. 20, 1989;

2.732.3 - Chester Andre, born in St Louis MO Sept. 14, 1993.

2.733 - Gregory Cabot, born in St Louis MO Sept. 17, 1969;

2.734 - Carrie Louise, born in St Louis MO Feb. 27, 1973.

Thelma Miller Hoekstra remarried on April 3, 1965 with Howard A. Creech, born Dec. 22, 1905 and died in Hannibal MO on Dec. 20, 1981.

2.8 - Anna. She died when she was about 4 years old.

3 - NEELTJE/NELLY JANS HOEKSTRA, born June 26, 1853. Neeltje died in St Louis MO in 1952 at the age of 99. She was married in St. Louis MO on Oct. 24, 1872 with:

JAN/JOHN BAGGERMAN, born probably in Driel, the province of Gelderland, The Netherlands on Jan. 15, 1843. He died in Johnstown, PA returning of a trip to The Netherlands on Feb. 18, 1878, buried in Madison IL. Occupation farmer. He immigrated to the USA with his parents and 3 brothers and one sister Maria in July 1856, leaving a brother, Adrianus behind. The family was farming in IL, east of St Louis, probably in Madison County; Jan/John and Neeltje started there too. Neeltje's brother Reinder was helping on the farm during Jan/John's absence and after his death, in 1877 and 1878.

Neeltje and Reinder considered returning to The Netherlands, but did not have enough capital to make farming there feasible. In the end Neeltje moved with her children to St Louis MO, where she lived at 2117 N12th in 1888. Spelling in the marriage records: Neeltge Hoeckstra and Johann Baggeman.

Children:

3.1 - Willem/William, born Oct. 20, 1873, died in Aug. 1964. William was married and had at least 2 children:

3.11 - William born in about 1913. He was involved in real estate. Children?;

3.12 - Frederick born in about 1917. He was an engineer with Ford Motors. Married. Children?

Jitta, born in about 1875. She died from a stroke in 1939 at the age of 64; unmarried. Jitta had typhus, probably at an early age, which left her deaf. She built a career in education and ended as a school supervisor.

4 - JITSKE/HENRICKE/HENRIETTA JANS HOEKSTRA, born on March 20, 1855. She was married in St. Louis on Feb.26, 1874 with:

HIRAM ALFONZO SIPPY, about 24 years old. He died before 1878, after having had many (health ?) problems. Sippy could be a Swiss name, but the given names would only support this if he came from the Italian speaking southern part of Switzerland. The marriage records had her as Henricke Hoeckstern. As far as known: no children.

Jitske married again, but not in St Louis, before April 30, 1880 with:

N.N. Children?

5 - MAAIKE/MAGGIE JANS HOEKSTRA was born on Aug. 31, 1856. She was married before April.30, 1880 with:

WILLIAM OBRIST, born 1861 Obrist is a Swiss name. Marriage records: Maggi J. Hookstraw and William Obrist. According to the correspondence they moved elsewhere. The name Obrist was found in the St Louis directories, but no William. Children?

6 - KORNELIS JANS HOEKSTRA was born in Het Bildt on July 10, 1858. He was living in Madison, Namaski Township in 1900. He was married at the census of 1900 with:

Mary, who was born in Illinois in Jan. 1865.

He/They had the following children in 1900:

6.1 - Henry, born in Oct. 1883;

6.2 - Benjamin, born in Oct. 1892;

6.3 - Walter, born Nov. 10, 1894. He died in Texas in Sept. 1981.;

6.4 - Cornelis, born Aug. 1896.

7 - BINTE/BENTE JACOB JANS HOEKSTRA was born on Oct. 26, 1861 or 1863. He was married with:

LILLIE/DOROTHEA WILHELMINA HARTUNG, born in Meramac, Chesterfield, St Louis MO on Dec. 14, 1874, daughter of Louis Hartung, born Nov. 2, 1832 in Prussia, Germany and Hermina, born July 9, 1839. who passed away in Gumbo, St Louis, MO on Nov. 16, 1900, or Feb. 19, 1912. Lillie's parents had left in or shortly after 1865 Germany for Missouri, USA. Her oldest sister Henrietta was born in Germany in 1865, all the other children in Missouri. Clara was born in 1868, Adolf Ernest in 1869, Augusta in 1874, Lillie in 1875, and Caroline M in 1879.

Children:

- 7.1 - Louis John, born in Chesterfield MO July 2, 1904 and died in April 1, 1988 in Fenton or Murphy, MO, 83 years old. He was married on Nov. 6, 1927 with:
Mary Floyde Miller, born om Grubville, Jefferson MO on Aug. 13, 1907. A sister of Thelma Miller – see under Reinder's children. Children:
7.11 Louis John, born in Chesterfield MO on Oct. 21, 1928. He was married on Jan.1, 1950 with:
Mary Alice Taylor. Children:
7.111 - John Taylor, born in Fort Campbell KY on Oct. 22, 1953. He was married on Dec. 27, 1980 with:
Mary Catharine Ireland ;
7.112 - Lu Ellen, born Jan 17, 1955;
7.113 - Susan Jean, born in Augsburg, Germany on Oct. 30, 1956;
7.114 - LeeAnne, born in Dickson, Dickson County Tenn. April 27, 1958. She was married on April 15, 1978 with:
Donald Michael Gullett, born in Paintsville KY on Jan. 13,1958. Children:
7.114.1 - John Michael born in Clarksville, Montgomery TN on Aug. 2, 1981;
7.114.2 - Carrie Anne, born in Clarksville, Montgomery TN on Oct. 20, 1983.
7.12 - Donald Ray, born in St Louis MO July 29, 1930. He was first married with Gladys Jennewein, born Jan 12, 1939. Divorced in 1978. No children. He married later with Mary Margaret (Peggy) Grush.
7.2 - Eugene William, born Feb. 23, 1906. He died Feb. 20, 1964, and was buried in the Gumbo Cemetery.
7.3 - Lilly Dorothea, born in Chesterfield MO Oct. 31, 1908. She died in Chesterfield MO Dec. 14, 1981. Married in St Louis MO on Feb. 14, 1972 with George Richard Lantz, born Mar. 1895.
7.4 - Sadie Minnie, born in Chesterfield MO on April 15, 1911. She was married in Manhattan New York NY on March 17, 1937 with:
Louis Kricker born in New York NY on Nov. 28, 1909. Children:
7.41 - Peter Lawrence, born in Kingston, Ulster NY on Feb. 28, 1947. He was married with Sandra Struth;
7.42 - James Edward born in Kingston Ulster NY on Aug. 9, 1950. Married to Jennie.

8 - ULRICH HERMAN JANS HOEKSTRA was born in the USA on Aug. 1, 1865, and died on Feb. 14, 1866, 197 days old.

Sources:

- Copies of letters sent to the J.R. Hoekstra family between 1867 and 1890 by his father and brother-in-law, published from 1987 – 1997..
Sjouke Hoogland, pedigree of the Hoekstra family, 1930. Given to the family.
Tj. Vleer Family tree of the Wassenaar's in Friesland from about 1500 on, published in 1960.
Records sent to the Salt Lake City Mormon Genealogy Library by relatives of Bente Hoekstra's wife.
Records collected by Marie Miller Seibert about the Miller descendants, received from R.J. Hoekstra.
1900 Census records of Illinois and Missouri.
City directories of St Louis MO.
Social insurance number death records of the USA.
Telephone records of 1996.
Telephone calls and correspondence.

The information given is compiled from different sources. It is very incomplete, and may well have many mistakes. Please send corrections and additions. I would appreciate additional information: names, addresses, telephone numbers, occupations, locations and dates of marriages, divorces, locations and dates of births of children, locations and dates and maybe causes of death of relatives, especially of the extended family; important events, life stories.

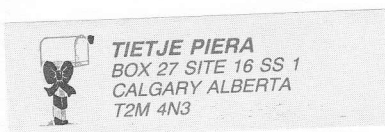
There is quite a bit known about the ancestors of Jan Reinders Hoekstra and Jitske Bintes Wassenaar's ancestors.

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Nov. 8, 1999.

February 24th 2000--Family History

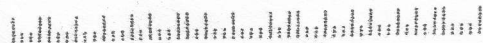
This attached page of family history was written by a dedicated, distant family member who lives in Canada. She came to Canada from Holland. I am distantly related to her through my grandmother on my father's side. Her family name was Hoekstra. My grandmother and I were very close and she lived with me for the final years of her life, before dying at the age 99.

William F Baggerman



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Correspondence cards of single format (US\$2.- for 10) and double format (US\$4.- per 10) are available. Also birthday calendars with 12 drawings related to Hoekstra locations for about US\$7.- plus mailing. (This can be greatly reduced by ordering more than one.)

Coat of arms embroidery patterns plus mailing cost about US\$8.-.

Color copies of the coat of arms for about 11 by 16 inches is a little less than US\$10.-; 8 by 11 in. is about US\$8.- and 5 1/2 by 8 in. is about US\$6.25.

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HOEKSTRA-WASSENAAR FAMILY VAULT

As we told you in our last issue, the financing of the restoration is short only about US\$5,000 - 7,500.-. We have not heard yet from a number of organizations, but we are hoping with sufficient positive responses, that we will be able to tell you in this coming spring, that the project can go ahead.

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SIMMER 2000

The preparations of the big reunion of Frisians in July 2000 are in full swing. Our contact person in the USA, Mrs. Jitske Bergman Smith, who is planning to attend the festivities, was wondering whether something should be organized for the Jelsumer Hoekstra descendants, who are planning to come. In case of sufficient interest a bus trip could be made along interesting Hoekstra locations. We also could make a tour and a day trip to Jelsum alone. Dekemastate, with a history dating back to the 15th century, has been restored now, and it will be open in 2000 for visitors. We would like very much hearing your reactions and suggestions.

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THE FRISIAN EMIGRANT JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA

We published from 1987-1997 in "Letters to a Frisian Emigrant" a number of letters, we had received from the Rijnks family in Paterswolde in the Province of Groningen for perusal. Most of these letters were written by Hijltje Gaeles Hoekstra (D1), farmer in Finkum. Jan Reinders Hoekstra and Jitske Bentes Wassenaar and their 7 children left in 1865 from Vrouwenparochie for North America. In the last issue we had some information about their lives after 1890, sent to us by Mrs. T. Piera-deBoer (#1425). Since then she made contact with William Baggerman, a grandson of Neeltje Baggerman-Hoekstra. Neeltje was the second daughter of Jan Reinders Hoekstra and Jitske Bentes Wassenaar. William knew his grandmother well and sent a photo of her, which we have included in this article.

Further: Neeltje Hoekstra, 19 years old, married in St Louis MO on Oct. 24, 1872 with Jan Baggerman, 29 years old. Jan was about 11 years old, when he migrated with his parents, 4 brothers and a sister Maria, from the Land of Maas and Waal to America. The family started farming near Alton, Madison County IL. Jan and Neeltje probably lived there too. Moreover, it was not far from her brothers Reinder and Cornelis. They had 2 children, a son Willem/William, born Oct. 20, 1873, followed by a daughter Jitske/Jitta. In 1877 Jan returned to The Netherlands in connection with business in Gelderland. Around Christmas of that year he paid a visit to the Hoekstra and Wassenaar families in Friesland, accompanied by his brother Adrianus, who had remained in The Netherlands. In spite of the risk of storms and icebergs his return across the Atlantic Ocean went well in that regard. Jan Baggerman, however, had contracted typhus, and died during his trip by train in Johnston Pennsylvania. He was buried in Madison County, probably thanks to the care of his fellow traveler Karel Hoffman.

Neeltje's brother Reinder helped her on the farm. After the death of her husband Neeltje wanted to go back to The Netherlands; she had a capital of \$2,000.-. Her uncle Hijltje Hoekstra of Finkum was very much against this because of her small capital. He wrote this to Henry and Richtje van Hoek-Hoekstra in St Louis, and also to Jan's brother Adrianus Baggerman. Neeltje moved then to St Louis MO, where her sister Richtje was living. She remained there until her death in 1952. She lived until 99, and was a widow for almost 75 years! Neeltje had told her children, how her father had lost his cattle through a cattle disease. His shortage of money and the consequences for the person who had guaranteed him paying the rent, were possibly the reason for the fight and threats, of which was known amongst Reinder's children. Neeltje's son Willem had a son William in about 1913 and a son Frederick in about 1916, both born in St Louis MO. Bill was involved in real estate and is now living in Florida. Fred studied engineering in Massachusetts and worked later at the Ford company. He is now living in Michigan. He has further offspring.

Neeltje's daughter Jitta lost her hearing when she had typhus. Nevertheless she built up a successful career in education. She lived until the age of 64, and passed away, unmarried, in 1939.

Her brother Hendrik, baptized in Warns on Dec. 26, 1762, farmer in Sondel, died there on Apr. 12, 1832; married 1) 1790 Martje Harmens and 2) Aaltje Roelofs. He chose Hoekstra as family name in 1811.

Zutphen, Johannes Oegema, Lintelostr. 23, 7203 CS, Zutphen (Gld.)

LETTERS TO A FRISIAN EMIGRANT

This is #7 of a series of letters shown to us by the fam. Rijnks in Paterswolde.

Finkum, March 29, 1878

Highly honoured Cousin and further family!

On March 20 I received your letter, which made us happy, because we expected to find much good news in it for us. But what a disappointment, what an awareness, after I had read only three lines of your letter. Jan Baggerman is dead. Oh, what a shock. The letter almost dropped out of my hands. I can read your writing very well, but this made me stumble. I have put the letter aside, and after recovering for an hour, and quieted down, I have read it again. Dear Van Hoek, how often did I not look through the newspaper in order to find out whether the Boat of Calland had safely completed the voyage, because there was great fear because of the persistent storms. When one was able to get that message, one thought that all danger was passed, but alas, not so. This last news for you all. But it is yet the hardest for Neeltje, after a time of such high promises of seeing each other again. It is difficult for us too, after having waited for good news, having to experience these tidings of mourning. We are sharing in our hearts with you in the sadness of all. I have informed my children right away of it, who all are mourning with you and wanting to extend their condolences to all of you and especially Neeltje.

Regarding the presents taken along by Baggerman I can tell you the following: the Gold Brooch with hair work was for your wife Richtje. It had belonged to your Grandmother Richtje. The Gold earring with

- * white stones were for Neeltje, because Baggerman said, that she
- * would like to have some earrings, when he returned. The Gold ring with inlaid stones and the wallet with the Gold ~~en~~ Lock were for Jitske and Maaike, to be divided according to own agreement.
- * The large portrait is of Sjoerdjtje, our youngest daughter, and the
- * little boy is a grandchild of ours, also a Hyltje G. Hoekstra.
- * Baggerman took a lot of pleasure in him, since his playing was
- * pretty close to that of his little Willem according to him. These
- * two portraits Neeltje can keep.

All the above mentioned objects are from your uncle and aunt Hyltje G. Hoekstra and Tietje R. Hoekstra. My wife, thought that now all the daughters each had something from her, and Baggerman has accepted it in thanks in name of the intended receivers.

The heavy Gold ring and the wallet with the 2.50 pieces contained therein were for Reinder and Cornelis. These are from Aunt Kuperus, and they can divide it amongst themselves.

This way it seems, that Binte did not get anything. However, this is not so. His Grandfather Binte Wassenaar has privately given a gold Watch to Baggerman as a present for the little Binte.

Under the promise of keeping this secret Baggerman has told us and also Aunt

also Aunt Kuperus this, and so we thought that Binte certainly did not get less than the others. We certainly can imagine, that Karel Hoffman also has asked you to keep this a secret, because there is no mention by you in your letter of a Watch. But how this may be, I further don't know.

The silver key or pen with holes is not from our side, and thus we do not know about it. The new Gold ring and the 2 pairs of earrings, probably bought by himself; Neither do we know from where he got the money, nor for whom it was intended to be. But we think, that you can get a precise and accurate account of what happened here as well as in Gelderland from his brother Adrianus Baggerman. He has been with him and kept him company everywhere in Friesland and in Gelderland, as far as I know, and thus he will be familiar with everything.

We were very delighted when we received a letter from Jan Baggerman sent in Gelderland, telling us that he was in The Netherlands, and that he of also visiting us. He came here with his brother Adrianus on Dec. 22, 1877. On the 23rd I brought them to Wassenaar. The 24th they returned at ours. The 25th we brought them by carriage to Aunt Kuperus. The very same evening they left for Leeuwarden, so that they could leave with the first train the next morning for Gelderland.

So they stayed two nights with us and one with Wassenaar. We had a good, yes, a very good time together. He also has been to see all our children and their farms, which he seemed to enjoy and which all seemed very well to him. The time was really too short, but through conversation we became again more informed about America, than one can do through writing. When you write me back some time, I would like to know, what happened to that Gold Watch.

Please receive our cordial Greetings in these sad circumstances.
Your loving Uncle,

Hijltje G. Hoekstra

To Henry van Hoek,
Streng town Road
and Occald Street
Saint Louis MO
North America.

FINANCIAL REVIEW over 1991

The financial report over 1991 has been approved in the meeting of our foundation of our board on June 23, 1992.

Profit and Loss over 1991:

	<u>costs</u>	<u>revenues</u>
Income Family News (donations minus cost)		f.1106
Income family book (receipts minus cost)		500
Sale Christmas cards		111
Sale drawings		135
Interest		702
Costs foundation and various small expenses	f.315	
Surplus	2239	
	<u>f2554</u>	<u>f2554</u>

The greatest expense was the Family News at f.3533.79. The donations amounted to f.4639.88. We are very grateful for this financial and moral support of our work. Many give us more than f.5.-, some even much more.

decided to take also this risk. He had fought so much, and wanted to do everything to stay alive. He had had so many disadvantages, and he had always been picking up the thread again. His will power and his humor had kept him going. Even in the hospital he could have fun, and at home he could laugh for hours about Bert Visscher and South Park. He had an overdose of self criticism, and tried to see the humor in everything.

The pilgrimage through life is possibly clearly outlined for many people, but Klaas had to walk his own alternative route, and he followed it, with much fear for the next obstacle, full of humor in order to keep him going, and with an endless great courage. It is a blessing that he now does not have to be afraid ever again, but we are missing him terribly. Klaas was a very special young man. He did not care about the conventionality in society, and he did everything his own way. Usually he was wearing funny t-shirts, with the text error inside. In the hospital he used his Bert and Ernie bed-cover. When he went to the barber, he could choose a "coup soleil", or some hair coloring. Everybody knew him as an eccentric and unique person. He was always present, had always to say something, and had a very clear view at life. How many people have laughed at his stories, and how lively and pleasant a get-together became as soon as he was present. He will be remembered for a long time by many people, and always by us.

It is quiet now in our home, so still, so empty. Everything is boring without him, everything is purposeless..... J244-11

Thea de Wind - Bonnema (J 244-1)

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CHANGES IN THE BOARD

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Halbersma has been appointed to interim chairman of the Jelsumer Hoekstra foundation. No further changes were made in the board.

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THE FRISIAN EMIGRANT - continued.

From 1987 until 1997 we published a series "Letters to a Frisian Emigrant", a number of letters we had received from the Rijnks family in Paterswolde for perusal. The letters were written by Hijtje Gaeles Hoekstra (D I), farmer in Finkum to his brother-in-law Jan Reinders Hoekstra. To our surprise we received from Mrs. Piera the following addition:

Jan R. Hoekstra and Jitske B. Wassenaar and their 7 children left on May 4, 1865 from Vrouwenparochie for North America. Jitske was 6 months pregnant. They went by post wagon to Harlingen, by steam boat to Hull, England, by train to Liverpool and from there to North America, where their destination was Lancaster, Erie in the state of New York, nearby Buffalo and the Niagara Falls. The reason of their departure was a different one than that of the average emigrant. There had been a serious conflict, a fight and a threat to be killed.

Jan and Jitske had at that time a dairy farm in the Municipal District of Het Bildt, which they gave up, and they left at the end of their lease on May 1, 1865. While on the way, or in Lancaster, they changed their plans, and they arrived in Alton, Illinois, where they started a dairy farm again. Where their last child, Ulrich Herman, was born on August 1, 1865, is not known. He lived only for half a year. Jan and Jitske had financial difficulties, considering their requests for money at their respective parents. Others had taken advantage of their inexperience in the customs of the country, and because of lack of knowledge of the language.

Moreover, Jitske died already in 1867, shortly after the marriage of their oldest daughter Richtje (Fredericka) with Hendrik (Henry) van Hoek. After the death of Jan in 1870, the seven surviving children, 6 to 19 years in age, were completely orphaned, after having been only for 5 years in the United States. Richtje, the oldest, and her husband Henry, who was a carpenter, lived in nearby Saint Louis in the state of Missouri. They took the care of the younger children upon them.

Reinder, born on November 20, 1851, probably in Vrouwenparochie, and who died on August 26, 1937, probably continued the enterprise in Alton, Illinois. His name was later Reinder John. He was still living in Alton in 1903. He had 4 children from his first marriage, of whom Charles was born in or before 1884, followed by August, Edward and Mary. Reinder remarried with Anna Mathilde Campbell and 4 more children: John Cornelius, Esther, born in 1901, Walter Benjamin in 1903 and Anna.

The above is a combination of information received from The Netherlands and the U.S.A. Walter's youngest son Roger has told and sent me quite a bit about the family after their departure for America.

STICHTING DE JELSUMER HOEKSTRA'S

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Daarnaast werken nog diverse andere familieleden, eveneens belangeloos, mee aan
het werk van onze familie-stichting.

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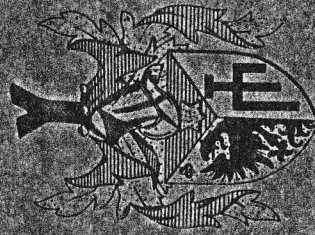
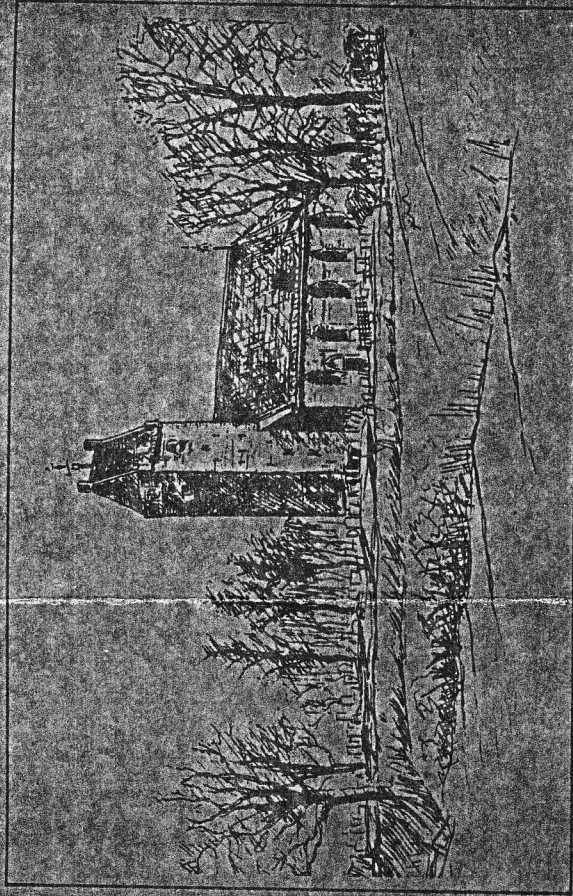
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The Hoekstra family left from here in 1865.

Baggerman locations.

Probably origin of Baggerman family in the 17th century.

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GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op woensdag 9 februari 1785, zie A-IV-c.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 KLAAS JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 16 maart 1804.

2 GAELE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1809, zie A-V-a.

3 JAN JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 17 februari 1811, wonende in St Annaparochie (Fr). Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9. Hij is getrouwd in Het Bildt (Fr) op donderdag 31 augustus 1837, op 26-jarige leeftijd met BEEUW HILKES VISSER (23 jaar oud), geboren in Ypecolsga (Fr) op donderdag 24 maart 1814, overleden in St Annaparochie (Fr) op donderdag 22 juni 1876, 62 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9.

A-IV-b LIEUWE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Deinum (Fr) op zaterdag 6 november 1779, overleden aldaar op zondag 25 september 1808, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 15, Graf 25 op donderdag 29 september 1808, 28 jaar oud, zoon van GAELE KLAZES HOEKSTRA (A-III-a) en PIETJE JANS VAN DER MEIJ. Hij was gehuwd met TRUNTJE WJBBRENS TERPSTRA, geboren rond 1779 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 PIETJE LIEUWES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Deinum (Fr) op donderdag 2 mei 1805, overleden op woensdag 14 november 1838, 33 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij is getrouwd op zaterdag 23 april 1831, op 25-jarige leeftijd met GAELE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1809, zie A-V-a.

A-IV-c GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, rentenier in Stiens (na 1848) en landbouwer in Finkum (tot 1848), geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op woensdag 9 februari 1785, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op donderdag 17 mei 1866, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 25 op dinsdag 22 mei 1866, 81 jaar oud, zoon van GAELE KLAZES HOEKSTRA (A-III-a) en PIETJE JANS VAN DER MEIJ. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16. Hij is getrouwd in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 9 augustus 1815 (b), op 30-jarige leeftijd met SJIEUWKE HILTJES KUPERUS (39 jaar oud), boerin, geboren in Huins (Fr) op woensdag 20 december 1775, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op maandag 7 maart 1853, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 23 op vrijdag 11 maart 1853, 77 jaar oud, dochter van HULTJE SIPPES KUPERUS (A-III-d) en APOLONIA JACOBS. (Zij is eerder getrouwd in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 12 juni 1803, op 27-jarige leeftijd met JAN GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1775, zie A-IV-a.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 4 augustus 1816 (Nederlands Hervormd), zie A-V-b.

2 PIETJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 14 juli 1820, zie A-V-c.

A-IV-d REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA, bakker in Berlikum en Jelsum en landbouwer, geboren in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 18 december 1789, overleden in Deinum (Fr) op dinsdag 27 mei 1873, 83 jaar oud, zoon van JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-III-b) en YNSKE PIEBES. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Vader van Jan Reinders Hoekstra in de Verenigde Staten. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16/17, Nieuws 17, blz 14/15 en Nieuws 18, blz 8. Hij is getrouwd in Berlikum (Fr) op zondag 10 mei 1812, op 22-jarige leeftijd met RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA (21 jaar oud), boerin, geboren in Berlikum (Fr) op zondag 20 maart 1791, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zaterdag 4 november 1865, 74 jaar oud, dochter van CORNELIS JANS VAN POSTMA (A-III-c) en SJOERDJE THOMAS DE GROOT. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zaterdag 13 februari 1813, overleden op woensdag 22 juni 1814, 1 jaar oud.

2 SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op vrijdag 30 december 1814, zie A-V-d.

3 IENSKJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA bijgenaamd Unsche Reinders Hoekstra, geboren op zondag 10 november 1816, zie A-V-e.

4 KORNELIS REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op donderdag 6 juli 1820, overleden op donderdag 6 november 1845, 25 jaar oud.

5 TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, boerin, geboren in Berlikum (Fr) op donderdag 29 november 1821 (Nederlands Hervormd), overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op dinsdag 16 januari 1900, 78 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 20. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 8 mei 1845, op 23-jarige leeftijd met HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 4 augustus 1816 (Nederlands Hervormd), zie A-V-b.

6 JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op vrijdag 8 augustus 1823, zie A-V-f.

7 MAAIKE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op donderdag 30 mei 1833, overleden op dinsdag 21 april 1835, 1 jaar oud.

A-IV-e SIJTSKE PIETERS DIJKSTRA, geboren in Menaldum (Fr) op dinsdag 2 april 1799, dochter van PIETER HANZES DIJKSTRA (arbeider te Menaldum) en TRIJNTJE CORNELIS (A-III-e). (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij was dienstbode bij haar man toen ze trouwde. Zij is getrouwd in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 15 november 1820, op 21-jarige leeftijd met GAELE JOCHEMS STIENSTRA (28 jaar oud), koopman en landbouwer te Deinum, geboren in Blessum (Fr) op zondag 27 november 1791, zoon van JOCHEM GAELES (A-III-f) en AALTJE HENDRIKS. (Hij is eerder getrouwd op donderdag 5 juni 1817, op 25-jarige leeftijd met GRIETJE O VAN DER VEEN (ongeveer 50 jaar oud), geboren rond 1767 (?), overleden op zaterdag 29 augustus 1818, ongeveer 51 jaar oud.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 AALTJE GAELES STIENSTRA, geboren in Blessum (Fr) op donderdag 6 september 1821, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op zondag 6 december 1857, 36 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op zaterdag 23 april 1842, op 20-jarige leeftijd met GAELE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1809, zie A-V-a.

A-IV-f BINTE WASSENAAR, geboren rond 1788 (?). Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9, Nieuws 25, blz 30. Zijn dochter bij een onbekende vrouw:

1 IJTSKE BINTES WASSENAAR, geboren rond 1820 (?), overleden in ? (USA) op zondag 26 mei 1867, ongeveer 47 jaar oud. Zij was gehuwd met JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op vrijdag 8 augustus 1823, zie A-V-f.

A-V-a GAELE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1809, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 6 juni 1894, 84 jaar oud, zoon van JAN GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-IV-a) en SJIEUWKE HILTJES KUPERUS. Hij is getrouwd op zaterdag 23 april 1831, op 21-jarige leeftijd (1) met PIETJE LIEUWES HOEKSTRA (25 jaar oud), geboren in Deinum (Fr) op donderdag 2 mei 1805, overleden op woensdag 14 november 1838, 33 jaar oud, dochter van LIEUWE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-IV-b) en TRIJNTJE WJBBRENS TERPSTRA.

Hij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op zaterdag 23 april 1842, op 32-jarige leeftijd (2) met AALTJE GAELES STIENSTRA (20 jaar oud), geboren in Blessum (Fr) op donderdag 6 september 1821, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op zondag 6 december 1857, 36 jaar oud, dochter van GAELE JOCHEMS STIENSTRA (koopman en landbouwer te Deinum) en SIJTSKE PIETERS DIJKSTRA (A-IV-e). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op dinsdag 14 september 1852, zie A-VI-a.

Hij was gehuwd (3) met MAAIKE PIETERS WOBBERA, geboren in Cornjum (Fr) op maandag 25 juli 1836.

A-V-b HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, landbouwer in Finkum en akkerbouwer, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 4 augustus 1816 (Nederlands Hervormd), overleden aldaar op dinsdag 17 maart 1891, 74 jaar oud, zoon van GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-IV-c) en SJIEUWKE HILTJES KUPERUS. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16, Nieuws 18, blz 8/9, Nieuws 19, blz 20/21, Nieuws 21, blz 23/24, Nieuws 22, blz 9/10, Nieuws 24, blz 18/19, Nieuws 25, blz 28/30, Nieuws 26, blz 14/15, Nieuws 28, blz 9, Nieuws 29, blz 20/21 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. Hij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 8 mei 1845, op 28-jarige leeftijd met TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (23 jaar oud), boerin, geboren in Berlikum (Fr) op donderdag 29 november 1821 (Nederlands Hervormd), overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op dinsdag 16 januari 1900, 78 jaar oud, dochter van REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA (A-IV-d) en RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 SJIEUWKE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Hījum (Fr) op woensdag 11 februari 1846, zie A-VI-b.

2 RICHTJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 11 november 1848, zie A-VI-c.

3 PIETJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 9 juli 1852, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zondag 15 maart 1942, 89 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 19, blz 20. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 1 mei 1873, op 20-jarige leeftijd met GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op dinsdag 14 september 1852, zie A-VI-a.

4 SJOERDTJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 24 november 1860, zie A-VI-d.

A-V-c PIETJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 14 juli 1820, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op dinsdag 2 oktober 1894, 74 jaar oud, dochter van GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-IV-c) en SJIEUWKE HILTJES KUPERUS. Zie verder het familieboek onder nummer D2. Zij was gehuwd (1) met IME FRANZES KUIPERS.

*Nelly's
bakker en farmer*

Nelly's father

*This was the author of the letters to his
relatives in America. His wife Tietje was
a sister of Jan Hoekstra*

geboren in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 20 mei 1818, overleden aldaar op dinsdag 5 oktober 1852, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 15, Graf 22 op maandag 11 oktober 1852, 34 jaar oud. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 FRANS JAMES KUIPERS, geboren op vrijdag 1 april 1842, overleden op zaterdag 10 maart 1849, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 15, Graf 23 op donderdag 15 maart 1849, 6 jaar oud. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op woensdag 24 mei 1854, op 33-jarige leeftijd (2) met PIER FOKKES KRAMER (30 jaar oud), veehouder, geboren in Miedum (Fr) op dinsdag 20 januari 1824, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op dinsdag 31 maart 1896, 72 jaar oud.

A-V-d SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren op vrijdag 30 december 1814, dochter van REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA (A-IV-d) en RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16, Nieuws 17, blz 14, Nieuws 22, blz 9, Nieuws 24, blz 19, Nieuws 25, blz 29/30, Nieuws 26, blz 14 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. In de brieven naar Amerika wordt zij 'de weduwe Kuperus' genoemd. Zij was gehuwd met NANNIE JANS KUPERUS, geboren rond januari 1810, overleden in Deinum (Fr) op zaterdag 3 augustus 1872, 62 jaar oud. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 KORNELIS NANNES KUPERUS, afkomstig uit Beetgum (Fr), geboren rond 1838 (?), zie A-VI-e.

2 REINDER NANNES KUPERUS, geboren rond 1839 (?), zie A-VI-f.

3 SUTSKE NANNES KUPERUS, geboren rond 1841 (?), zie A-VI-g.

4 JAN NANNES KUPERUS, geboren voor dinsdag 1 januari 1850, zie A-VI-h.

A-V-e IENSKA REINDERS HOEKSTRA bijgenaamd Unsche Reinders Hoekstra, geboren op zondag 10 november 1816, overleden op maandag 19 januari 1874, 57 jaar oud, dochter van REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA (A-IV-d) en RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 17, Nieuws 19, blz 20, Nieuws 26, blz 14. Zij was gehuwd met JELTE VAN TEMMEN, bakker, geboren rond 1822, overleden op maandag 9 juli 1877, ongeveer 55 jaar oud. In de eerste helft van 1874 heeft hij zijn bakkerij verkocht en is in een ander huis gaan wonen. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 8, Nieuws 19, blz 20, Nieuws 24, blz 19. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 AGNIETJE JELTES VAN TEMMEN, geboren op dinsdag 26 februari 1856, zie A-VI-i.

2 MAAIKE JELTES VAN TEMMEN, geboren op donderdag 13 augustus 1857, overleden op woensdag 31 maart 1858, 230 dagen oud.

3 GERRIT JELTES VAN TEMMEN, geboren op zondag 10 oktober 1858, overleden op vrijdag 17 maart 1876, 17 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9.

A-V-f JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA, landbouwer in de Verenigde Staten, geboren op vrijdag 8 augustus 1823, overleden op zondag 13 maart 1870, 46 jaar oud, zoon van REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA (A-IV-d) en RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16, Nieuws 17, blz 14/15, Nieuws 18, blz 8/9. Hij was gehuwd met JITSKE BINTES WASSENAAR, geboren rond 1820 (?), overleden in ? (USA) op zondag 26 mei 1867, ongeveer 47 jaar oud, dochter van BINTE WASSENAAR (A-IV-f). Jan Reinders Hoekstra en Jitske Bintes Wassenaar met dit gezin van hier vertrokken naar Noord Amerika: Van Vrouwenparochie 4 mei 1865 per postwagen op Harlingen, van Harlingen op 7 mei 1865 per stoomboot de Allart op Hull, van Hull op 16 mei 1865 per spoor op Liverpool, van Liverpool op 17 mei per stoomboot op New York, en verder. Bestemming van Jan Reinders Hoekstra en zijn huisgezin: Noord-Amerika, Staat New York, Lancaster in Erie County, 130 uur van de stad New York. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 RICHTJE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zondag 16 juni 1850, zie A-VI-j.

2 REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA, boer in de USA, geboren op donderdag 20 november 1851. Zie Nieuws 17, blz 14, Nieuws 22, blz 10, Nieuws 25, blz 29, Nieuws 26, blz 14, Nieuws 28, blz 9.

3 NEELTJE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zondag 26 juni 1853, zie A-VI-k.

4 JITSKE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op dinsdag 20 maart 1855. Zie Nieuws 17, blz 14, Nieuws 19, blz 21, Nieuws 21, blz 24, Nieuws 22, blz 9. Zij is getrouwd rond mei 1874, op 19-jarige leeftijd (1) met IKRAM ALONZO SIPPY bijgenaamd Hiram Alonzo Sippy (minstens 24 jaar oud), geboren voor dinsdag 1 januari 1850, overleden na vrijdag 7 juni 1867, minstens 17 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 21, blz 24, Nieuws 22, blz 9. Zij is getrouwd in ? (USA) voor vrijdag 30 april 1880, op hoogstens 25-jarige leeftijd (2) met N.N.. Zie Nieuws 30, blz 17.

5 MAAIKE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zondag 31 augustus 1856. Zie Nieuws 25, blz 29 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. Zij is getrouwd in ? (USA) voor vrijdag 30 april 1880, op hoogstens 23-jarige leeftijd met N.N..

6 KORNELIS JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zaterdag 10 juli 1858. Zie Nieuws 25, blz 29.

7 BINTE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op maandag 26 oktober 1863, zie Nieuws 25, blz 20.

8 ULRICH HERMAN JANS HOEKSTRA bijgenaamd Ulrich H Wielinga Huber, geboren op dinsdag 1 augustus 1865, overleden op woensdag 14 februari 1866, 197 dagen oud.

A-V-g MINNE AANS ANDRINGA, geboren in Cornjum (Fr) op dinsdag 26 maart 1822, overleden in Finkum (Fr) op woensdag 14 januari 1857, 34 jaar oud. Graftschrift opgetekend door Hiltje Gaeles Hoekstra: Rustplaats van Minne Aans Andringa, geboren te Cornjum den 26 Maart 1822, Overleden te Finkum den 14 January 1857. Deze Steen is gelegd door de dankbare Kinderen van de Echtelieden Minne Aans Andringa en Christina Jacobs Twijnstra. Hij was gehuwd met CHRISTINA JACOBS TWIJNSTRRA, geboren rond 1819 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 JAKOB MINNES ANDRINGA, landbouwer, geboren in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 19 maart 1845, wonende in Cornjum (Fr), overleden in Finkum (Fr) op donderdag 2 februari 1871, 25 jaar oud. Wonen op de plaats van de Erven Andringa waar Watze Brems heeft gewoond. Watze Brems is vertrokken naar Tjummarmar op de plaats van R de Beer, die overleden is. Hij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 9 mei 1867, op 22-jarige leeftijd met RICHTJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 11 november 1848, zie A-VI-c.

A-VI-a GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, veekoopman, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op dinsdag 14 september 1852, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zaterdag 22 januari 1938, 85 jaar oud, zoon van GAELE JANS HOEKSTRA (A-V-a) en AALTJE GAELES STIENSTRA. Hij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 1 mei 1873, op 20-jarige leeftijd met PIETJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA (20 jaar oud), geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 9 juli 1852, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zondag 15 maart 1942, 89 jaar oud, dochter van HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-V-b) en TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 30 januari 1874, overleden aldaar op maandag 17 mei 1880, 6 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 19, blz 20/21.

A-VI-b SJIEUWKE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, boerin, geboren in Hījum (Fr) op woensdag 11 februari 1846, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zaterdag 17 juli 1920, 74 jaar oud, dochter van HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-V-b) en TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA. Zie Nieuws 19, blz 21, Nieuws 26, blz 14, Nieuws 29, blz 20. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 9 mei 1867 (b), op 21-jarige leeftijd met DOEDE JOHANNES SPAN (22 jaar oud), landbouwer, geboren in Stiens (Fr) op dinsdag 25 juni 1844, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op maandag 23 augustus 1920, 76 jaar oud. Wonen op een plaats op 't eind der Stieners Vaart aan de Dokkumer Ee. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 TIETJE DOEDES SPAN, geboren in Britsum (Fr) op dinsdag 24 maart 1868, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zaterdag 25 mei 1963, 95 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. Zie verder het familieboek, nummer D111.

A-VI-c RICHTJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 11 november 1848, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op woensdag 25 oktober 1939, 90 jaar oud, dochter van HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-V-b) en TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 9 mei 1867, op 18-jarige leeftijd (1) met JAKOB MINNES ANDRINGA (22 jaar oud), landbouwer, geboren in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 19 maart 1845, wonende in Cornjum (Fr), overleden in Finkum (Fr) op donderdag 2 februari 1871, 25 jaar oud, zoon van MINNE AANS ANDRINGA (A-V-g) en CHRISTINA JACOBS TWIJNSTRRA. Zij is getrouwd in Ferwerderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 30 april 1874 (b), op 25-jarige leeftijd (2) met REINDER EVERTS TILMA (28 jaar oud), landbouwer en koopman, geboren in Ferwerd (Fr) op zaterdag 19 juli 1845, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op dinsdag 7 juli 1903, 57 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 19, blz 21. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 DOODGEBOREN KIND, geboren op woensdag 31 maart 1875. Zie Nieuws 21, blz 23.

A-VI-d SJOERDTJE HILTJES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 24 november 1860, overleden aldaar op vrijdag 16 april 1948, 87 jaar oud, dochter van HILTJE GAELES HOEKSTRA (A-V-b) en TIETJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA. Zie verder het familieboek, nummer D14. Zij is getrouwd in Leeuwarderadeel (Fr) op donderdag 15 mei 1879 (b), op 18-jarige leeftijd met KLAAS BIENZES RUNKS (21 jaar oud), geboren in Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 27 maart 1858, overleden in Huizum (Fr) op zaterdag 8 mei 1915, 57 jaar oud. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 TIETJE KLAZES RUNKS, geboren in Finkum (Fr) op donderdag 26 februari 1880, overleden in Franeker (Fr) op zondag 12 maart 1967, 87

*Nelly's
parents*

*Nelly's
brothers + sisters*

jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 30, blz 17. Zie verder het familieboek, nummer D141.

A-VI-e KORNELIS NANNES KUPERUS, afkomstig uit Beetgum (Fr), geboren rond 1838 (?), zoon van NANNIE JANS KUPERUS en SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-d). Hij is getrouwd op donderdag 16 mei 1867, op ongeveer 29-jarige leeftijd met NEELTJE JACOBS KOOPMANS (ongeveer 25 jaar oud), geboren rond 1842 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 TRIJNTJE KORNELIS KUPERUS, geboren op zondag 8 maart 1868. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9.

2 JACOB KORNELIS KUPERUS, geboren rond vrijdag 25 september 1874, overleden op woensdag 28 april 1875, ongeveer 215 dagen oud.

A-VI-f REINDER NANNES KUPERUS, geboren rond 1839 (?), zoon van NANNIE JANS KUPERUS en SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-d). Zie Nieuws 19, blz 20. Hij was gehuwd met WIEKE ?, geboren rond 1841 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 NANNIE REINDERS KUPERUS, geboren op donderdag 19 september 1867. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9.

2 JAN REINDERS KUPERUS, geboren op zaterdag 14 november 1868. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9.

A-VI-g SIJTSKE NANNES KUPERUS, geboren rond 1841 (?), dochter van NANNIE JANS KUPERUS en SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-d). Zie Nieuws 17, blz 14 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. Zij is getrouwd op woensdag 20 mei 1868, op ongeveer 27-jarige leeftijd met AUKE KORNELIS DIJKSTRA (ongeveer 30 jaar oud), gardeniersbedrijf en landbouwer, geboren rond 1838 (?), wonende in Oudebildtziyl (Fr), overleden voor vrijdag 10 juli 1874, hoogstens 36 jaar oud. (een zoon van Kornelis Aukes Dijkstra van Nieuwe Bildtziyl) Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9, Nieuws 19, blz 20. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 N DIJKSTRA, geboren rond 1868 (?). Zie Nieuws 19, blz 20.

2 N DIJKSTRA, geboren rond 1868 (?). Zie Nieuws 19, blz 20.

A-VI-h JAN NANNES KUPERUS, geboren voor dinsdag 1 januari 1850, overleden op vrijdag 1 maart 1867, minstens 17 jaar oud, zoon van NANNIE JANS KUPERUS en SJOERDTJE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-d). Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16. Hij was gehuwd met ? ?, geboren rond 1841 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

1 JANNA JANS KUPERUS, geboren op zondag 14 april 1867. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16.

A-VI-i AGNIETJE JELTES VAN TEMMEN, geboren op dinsdag 26 februari 1856, dochter van JELTE VAN TEMMEN (bakker) en IENSKE REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-e). Zij is getrouwd op zaterdag 2 september 1876, op 20-jarige leeftijd (1) met PIER MOLENAAR (ongeveer 42 jaar oud), geboren rond 1834 (?), overleden op vrijdag 19 januari 1883, ongeveer 49 jaar oud. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 JELTE PIER MOLENAAR, geboren op woensdag 7 februari 1877, overleden op donderdag 13 december 1883, 6 jaar oud.

2 LAMMIGJE PIER MOLENAAR, geboren in oktober 1878, overleden in januari 1879, 3 maanden oud.

3 LAMMIGJE PIER MOLENAAR, geboren op zondag 22 augustus 1880, overleden op vrijdag 11 maart 1881, 201 dagen oud. Zij is getrouwd op zondag 27 april 1884, op 28-jarige leeftijd (2) met DIRK FEENSTRA (ongeveer 30 jaar oud), geboren rond 1854 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:

4 PIETER DIRKS FEENSTRA, geboren op woensdag 4 augustus 1886, overleden op dinsdag 19 februari 1889, 2 jaar oud.

5 JELTE DIRKS FEENSTRA, geboren op zaterdag 11 februari 1888.

A-VI-j RICHTJE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zondag 16 juni 1850, dochter van JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-f) en JITSKE BINTES WASSENAAR. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16, Nieuws 25, blz 29. Zij is getrouwd op zaterdag 2 maart 1867, op 16-jarige leeftijd met HENDRIK VAN HOEK (ongeveer 30 jaar oud), boer in de USA, geboren in ? (Gd) rond 1837 (?). Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9, Nieuws 19, blz 20/21, Nieuws 21, blz 23/24, Nieuws 22, blz 9/10, Nieuws 24, blz 18/19, Nieuws 25, blz 28/30, Nieuws 26, blz 14/15, Nieuws 28, blz 9 en Nieuws 30, blz 17/18. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 N VAN HOEK, geboren voor 1876, overleden in ? (USA) in januari 1876. Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9.

2 N VAN HOEK, geboren voor 1876, overleden in ? (USA) in januari 1876. Zie Nieuws 22, blz 9.

3 N VAN HOEK, geboren in ? (USA) voor vrijdag 30 april 1880.

A-VI-k NEELTJE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren op zondag 26 juni 1853, dochter van JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA (A-V-f) en JITSKE BINTES WASSENAAR. Nieuws 19, blz 21, Nieuws 25, blz 29, Nieuws 26, blz 14, Nieuws 28, blz 9 en Nieuws 30, blz 17. Zij is getrouwd in Saint Louis MO (USA) op donderdag 24 oktober 1872, op 19-jarige leeftijd met JAN BAGGERMAN (29 jaar oud), geboren op zondag 15

januari 1843, overleden in ? PA (USA) op maandag 18 februari 1878, 35 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 21, blz 24, Nieuws 22, blz 10, Nieuws 25, blz 29. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 WILLEM JANS BAGGERMAN, geboren op maandag 20 oktober 1873. Zie Nieuws 25, blz 29.

B-I MEINTE GREBEN, geboren rond 1836 (?). Hij was gehuwd met MAAIKE ?, geboren rond 1842 (?). Uit dit huwelijk:
1 JAN MEINTES GREBEN, geboren op vrijdag 3 april 1868. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9.

C-I SJOERD ?. Hij is getrouwd voor vrijdag 7 juni 1867 met JANKE ?, geboren voor 1845, overleden na vrijdag 7 juni 1867, minstens 22 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 17. Zie ook bij Dirkje Jans Hoekstra, geboren rond 1795.

D-I ZWAANTJE ?, geboren rond 1842 (?). Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9. Haar dochter van een onbekende man:

1 N.N., geboren op vrijdag 20 november 1868. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 9.

F-I AEDE S VAN DER WOUDE, geboren rond 1840. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21. Hij is getrouwd op donderdag 23 mei 1878, op ongeveer 38-jarige leeftijd met TRIJNTJE J BROUWER (ongeveer 20 jaar oud), geboren rond 1858. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21.

G-I THIJS R RIENKS, geboren rond 1821 (?), overleden voor vrijdag 24 mei 1878, hoogstens 57 jaar oud. Hij was gehuwd met NEELTJE K DE VRIES, geboren rond 1821, overleden op vrijdag 24 mei 1878, ongeveer 57 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21.

H-I LOLKE ?, geboren rond 1812 (?). Hij was gehuwd met ANTJE VAN DER KUUR, geboren rond 1812, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 12 juni 1878, ongeveer 66 jaar oud.

I-I HENDRIK GRAS, geboren rond 1850. Zijn kind bij een onbekende vrouw:

1 N GRAS, geboren rond vrijdag 18 januari 1878, overleden op de Lei onder Finkum (Fr) op zaterdag 25 mei 1878, ongeveer 127 dagen oud.

J-I LEENDERT P STIENSTRA, geboren rond 1796 (?). Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21. Zijn kind bij een onbekende vrouw:

1 N STIENSTRA, geboren rond 1828 (?), overleden rond maandag 1 juli 1878, ongeveer 50 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21.

K-I GOSSE H POSTMA. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21. Hij was gehuwd met ANTJE ARJENS HOMMEMA. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21. Hun herberg te Tjummarmar is de 29e juni 1878 ten verkoop geveild, maar op 4 juli 1878 is er nog geen _ 5000 op geboden. Zie verder Nieuws 29, blz 21.

L-I KORNELIS FOPPE HOEKSTRA, geboren rond 1812, overleden op de Lei onder Finkum (Fr) op woensdag 26 juni 1878, ongeveer 66 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 21.

M-I WATZE BREMS, landbouwer. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16. Woonde op de plaats van de Erven Andringa, waar later Jacob Minnes Andringa en Richtje Hyltjes Hoekstra op zijn gekomen. Watze Brems ging naar Tjummarmar op de plaats van R de Beer, die overleden is.

N-I R DE BEER, landbouwer, overleden voor vrijdag 7 juni 1867. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 16. Na zijn overlijden kwam Watze Brems op zijn plaats.

O-I TIJTSKE GERBENS OLIVIER, geboren rond 1845, overleden op zondag 27 juli 1890, ongeveer 45 jaar oud. Zie Nieuws 29, blz 20. Hyltje Gaeles Hoekstra en zijn vrouw Tietje bezoeken haar regelmatig.

P-I N WARMOLTS. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 8.

Q-I MR C WIERSMA. Zie Nieuws 18, blz 8.

R-I SAMUEL ROELOFS SCHUILING, geboren in Oudebildtziyl (Fr) op vrijdag 16 juli 1841, pleegde zelfmoord in St Jacobiparochie (Fr) op zondag 7 januari 1877, 35 jaar oud.

S-I KAREL HOFFMAN, geboren rond 1840. Zie Nieuws 25, blz 29. Nieuws 28, blz 9.

Some time I will send you a translation.

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Sept 1999.

6 SJOERD THOMAS DE GROOT, geboren op zondag 1 november 1772.

7 KLAAS THOMAS DE GROOT, geboren op donderdag 6 januari 1774.

A-II-f SIPPE HJLTJES, Boer te Huins (vanaf 1732), geboren rond 1710, overleden rond 1781, ongeveer 71 jaar oud. Zijn zoon bij een onbekende vrouw:

1 HJLTJE SIPPES KUPERUS bijgenaamd Hiltje Sippes Cuperus, geboren in Huins (Fr) op donderdag 1 januari 1733, zie A-III-d.

A-II-g PIEBE RIENKS, landbouwer in Holwerd, geboren rond 1725 (?). (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij was gehuwd met DIRKJE GOSSES, geboren rond 1731 (?). (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 YNSKE PIEBES, geboren in Holwerd (Fr) op zondag 20 maart 1757, overleden in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 7 oktober 1836, 79 jaar oud.

(Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij is getrouwd in Marrum (Fr) op zondag 7 oktober 1787, op 30-jarige leeftijd met JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Ternaard (Fr) in 1755, zie A-III-b.

A-II-h CORNELIS JACOBS, gardenier te Menaldum, geboren rond 1720 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 3 januari 1787, ongeveer 67 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij was gehuwd met AKKE PIETERS, geboren rond 1715 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op vrijdag 19 juli 1776, ongeveer 61 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 TRIJNTJE CORNELIS, afkomstig uit Dronrijp (Fr), geboren rond 1756 (?), zie A-III-e.

A-II-i HANS PIETERS, gardenier te Menaldum, geboren rond 1723 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 17 april 1793, ongeveer 70 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij was gehuwd met AALTJE GERRITS, geboren rond 1718 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op zaterdag 19 juli 1783, ongeveer 65 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 PIETER HANZES DIJKSTRA, arbeider te Menaldum, geboren rond 1755 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op zaterdag 6 oktober 1810, ongeveer 55 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Menaldumadeel (Fr) op zondag 24 mei 1789, op ongeveer 34-jarige leeftijd met TRIJNTJE CORNELIS, afkomstig uit Dronrijp (Fr), geboren rond 1756 (?), zie A-III-e.

A-III-a GAELE KLazes HOEKSTRA, boer in Jelsum en landbouwer in Stiens, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op woensdag 14 juli 1745, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op vrijdag 19 september 1828, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 26, 83 jaar oud, zoon van KLAAS CORNELIS HOEKSTRA (A-II-a) en AALTJE GAELES FABER. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Jelsum (Fr) op zondag 13 september 1772, op 27-jarige leeftijd met PIETJE JANS VAN DER MEIJ (20 jaar oud), geboren in Wester Nijkerk (Fr) op woensdag 17 mei 1752, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 25 oktober 1826, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 24, 74 jaar oud, dochter van JAN JANS VAN DER MEIJ (A-II-b) en ANTJE JANS BOSCH. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 JAN GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1775, zie A-IV-a.

2 LIEUWE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Deinum (Fr) op zaterdag 6 november 1779, zie A-IV-b.

3 GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op woensdag 9 februari 1785, zie A-IV-c.

4 ANNE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op maandag 20 maart 1786, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op zondag 6 november 1808, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 15, Graf 24 op woensdag 9 november 1808, 22 jaar oud.

5 SIJBE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Stiens (Fr) op zaterdag 27 maart 1790, overleden aldaar op donderdag 8 september 1808, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 15, Graf 26 op maandag 12 september 1808, 18 jaar oud.

A-III-b JAN REINDERS HOEKSTRA, bakker, geboren in Ternaard (Fr) in 1755, overleden in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 25 augustus 1826, 71 jaar oud, zoon van REINDER PIETERS (A-II-c) en AAFKE JANS. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Marrum (Fr) op zondag 7 oktober 1787, op 32-jarige leeftijd met YNSKE PIEBES (30 jaar oud), geboren in Holwerd (Fr) op zondag 20 maart 1757, overleden in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 7 oktober 1836, 79 jaar oud, dochter van PIEBE RIENKS (A-II-g) en DIRKJE GOSSES. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 18 december 1789, zie A-IV-d.

2 DIRKJE JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren rond 1794 (?), overleden in Berlikum (Fr) op maandag 27 mei 1867, ongeveer 73 jaar oud. Zij overleed ten huize van Sjoerd en Janke. Zie Nieuws 16, blz 17.

A-III-c CORNELIS JANS VAN POSTMA, Mr Bakker te Berlikum, geboren in Ternaard (Fr) op dinsdag 6 september 1768, overleden in Berlikum (Fr) op donderdag 22 september 1825, 57 jaar oud, zoon van JAN JACOBS (A-II-d) en RICHTJE CORNELIS. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Berlikum (Fr) op zondag 20 april 1788, op 19-jarige leeftijd met SJOERDJE THOMAS DE GROOT (18 jaar oud), geboren in Ferwerd (Fr) op donderdag 17 augustus 1769, overleden in Berlikum (Fr) op vrijdag 1 december 1820, 51 jaar oud, dochter van THOMAS SJOERDS DE GROOT (A-II-e) en MAAIKE DIRKS. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 RICHTJE CORNELIS VAN POSTMA, boerin, geboren in Berlikum (Fr) op zondag 20 maart 1791, overleden in Leeuwarden (Fr) op zaterdag 4 november 1865, 74 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij is getrouwd in Berlikum (Fr) op zondag 10 mei 1812, op 21-jarige leeftijd met REINDER JANS HOEKSTRA, geboren in Marrum (Fr) op vrijdag 18 december 1789, zie A-IV-d.

A-III-d HJLTJE SIPPES KUPERUS bijgenaamd Hiltje Sippes Cuperus, boer in Huins op de plaats van zijn vader, geboren in Huins (Fr) op donderdag 1 januari 1733, overleden in Beers (Fr) op zondag 12 december 1819, 86 jaar oud, zoon van SIPPE HJLTJES (A-II-f). Hij is getrouwd in Huins (Fr) op zondag 26 april 1772, op 39-jarige leeftijd met APOLONIA JACOBS (37 jaar oud), geboren op zondag 9 januari 1735, overleden in Huins (Fr) op donderdag 25 mei 1797, 62 jaar oud. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 SIJEUWKE HJLTJES KUPERUS, boerin, geboren in Huins (Fr) op woensdag 20 december 1775, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op maandag 7 maart 1853, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 23 op vrijdag 11 maart 1853, 77 jaar oud. Zij is getrouwd in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 12 juni 1803, op 27-jarige leeftijd (1) met JAN GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1775, zie A-IV-a. Zij is getrouwd in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 9 augustus 1815 (b), op 39-jarige leeftijd (2) met GAELE GAELES HOEKSTRA, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op woensdag 9 februari 1785, zie A-IV-c.

A-III-e TRIJNTJE CORNELIS, afkomstig uit Dronrijp (Fr), geboren rond 1756 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op donderdag 13 oktober 1808, ongeveer 52 jaar oud, dochter van CORNELIS JACOBS (A-II-h) en AKKE PIETERS. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Zij is getrouwd in Menaldumadeel (Fr) op zondag 24 mei 1789, op ongeveer 33-jarige leeftijd met PIETER HANZES DIJKSTRA (ongeveer 34 jaar oud), arbeider te Menaldum, geboren rond 1755 (?), overleden in Menaldum (Fr) op zaterdag 6 oktober 1810, ongeveer 55 jaar oud, zoon van HANS PIETERS (A-II-i) en AALTJE GERRITS. Uit dit huwelijk:

1 SIJTSKE PIETERS DIJKSTRA, geboren in Menaldum (Fr) op dinsdag 2 april 1799, zie A-IV-e.

A-III-f JOCHEM GAELES, schipper, geboren rond 1759 (?).

(Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Volgens een mededeling bij het huwelijk van zijn zoon is de vader van Jochem was na zijn trouwen in militaire dienst gegaan en nooit meer teruggekomen. Hij was gehuwd met AALTJE HENDRIKS, geboren rond 1765 (?).

(Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Uit dit huwelijk:

1 GAELE JOCHEMS STIENSTRA, koopman en landbouwer te Deinum, geboren in Blessum (Fr) op zondag 27 november 1791. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd op donderdag 5 juni 1817, op 25-jarige leeftijd (1) met GRIETJE O VAN DER VEEN (ongeveer 50 jaar oud), geboren rond 1767 (?), overleden op zaterdag 29 augustus 1818, ongeveer 51 jaar oud. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Menaldum (Fr) op woensdag 15 november 1820, op 28-jarige leeftijd (2) met SIJTSKE PIETERS DIJKSTRA, geboren in Menaldum (Fr) op dinsdag 2 april 1799, zie A-IV-e.

A-IV-a JAN GAELES HOEKSTRA, landbouwer in Finkum, geboren in Jelsum (Fr) op maandag 31 juli 1775, overleden in Finkum (Fr) op vrijdag 25 januari 1811, begraven in Stiens (Fr), 35 jaar oud, zoon van GAELE KLazes HOEKSTRA (A-III-a) en PIETJE JANS VAN DER MEIJ. (Overzicht 1937 van S.J.Hoogland, Leeuwarden.) Hij is getrouwd in Finkum (Fr) op zondag 12 juni 1803, op 27-jarige leeftijd met SIJEUWKE HJLTJES KUPERUS (27 jaar oud), boerin, geboren in Huins (Fr) op woensdag 20 december 1775, overleden in Stiens (Fr) op maandag 7 maart 1853, begraven in Stiens, Kerkhof Rij 11, Graf 23 op vrijdag 11 maart 1853, 77 jaar oud, dochter van HJLTJE SIPPES KUPERUS (A-III-d) en APOLONIA JACOBS. (Zij is later getrouwd in Stiens (Fr) op woensdag 9 augustus 1815 (b), op 39-jarige leeftijd met

baker

Milly's

great grandparents

her grandfather

Dear Bill

Sept. 24/99.

Please find enclosed a number of papers with information about your family, which hopefully will interest you.

The one about the pedigree is in Dutch. I will translate it, but that will take time. This is mostly about the Hockstra side of your family, but about the Wassenaar's I have a bit more. About 35 years ago a book was published about the Wassenaar family. The Wassenaar line itself goes back to 1500. The female lines were not worked out.

What I would like to know from you, is in short, everything you know about the descendants of Jan Hockstra and Jitske Wassenaar. Birth, death, marriage (place - dates) - occupation, lives, special events, accomplishments.

Your Hockstra family, is not related to the Jelsman Hockstra family. At least until now.

I am very distantly related to you through the Wassenaar's and the de Cyroot ancestors. Maybe more, but then too far away. The Beggerman's: as far as I can find from the ^{existing} Norman information: they were living along the Meuse river; N. in the province of Gelderland, South in the province of Noord Brabant. Up or down river a bit. The surname indicates occupation connected with waterways: dredging.

Hope to hear from you soon. Sincerely Tjitay.

6/11/92 - Re-mailed

April 17, 1992

Dr. John W. Wassenaar
2600 Tamiami Trail, North
Venice, FL 34275

Dear Dr. Wassenaar:

In driving to Venice on Highway 41 I've several times noticed your medical office sign along the highway.

My grandmother came from the town of Leuwarden in Holland when she was a young girl. Late in life she returned to visit relatives in Leuwarden. Among the relatives she visited, was a cousin, Ben Wassenaar.

Recently in looking over some family history materials I found several photographs of the Wassenaar family and home, taken in about 1924.

If you are related to the Wassenaar family in Holland, I would be glad to give the photographs to you.

Sincerely yours,



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William F. Baggerman 3814 Ballantrae Drive Sarasota, Florida 34238-2855

July 8, 2002

Dear Ms Piera,

It was kind of you to send the postcard from Holland.

Your earlier sending of history about the Baggerman\Hoekstra family history is greatly appreciated. I have put all the information in my historical file and it will be passed to my grandchildren. On my next birthday I will be ninety so have ended my work on family history.

Not of historical interest, but just a little story. As a small boy I well remember Ben Hoekstra, he was a brother of my grandmother. He owned several hundred acres of fertile Missouri River "bottom land". My father liked to hunt ducks there along the Missouri River. I would help my father carry out the decoys to a blind. All the Hoekstra farm buildings have long ago been removed. Industrial buildings have been built on the land. One of my daughters now sells to these industrial companies.

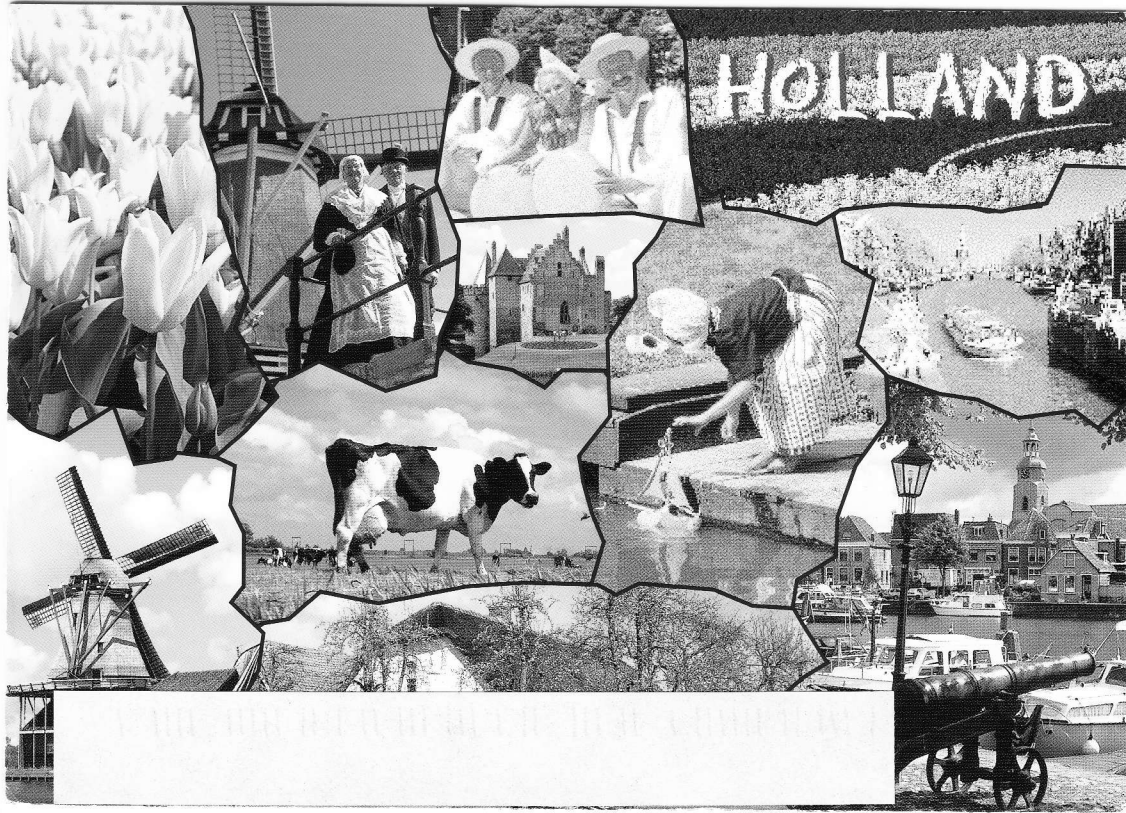
Sarasota is a very pleasant place, especially during winter months. I have not been able do my share of supplying much family history. To match your effort, should you care to visit us and stay with us for a few days this winter, I would like to pay \$150. toward your air-fare.

Best regards,

Wm Baggerman

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Dear Friends,

A hello from the provinces
N. and S. Holland. At the top
there are costumes of 100
years ago. The sale of the
yellow cheeses on the open
town center is also a thing of
the past; it is done now for
tourism.

When I left Calgary on May 22
there was snow on the ground!

Thanks for your phone call.

I'll try to write you soon, maybe in

Ang.

Love,

Titia

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